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Home Country:  United States
Focus:  General LLM
Co-op:  Suffolk Country District Attorney’s Office, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, Boston

“I chose Northeastern because of the co-op program. I had been out of the country for a few years and wanted to build my résumé with as much US experience as possible. The combination of hands-on experience and compelling classroom lectures and discussions was unrivaled. I also enjoyed being part of a cohort with people from all over the world and with a wealth of legal and life experience.”
EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

When it comes to giving students the opportunity to learn by doing, there’s simply no place like Northeastern University School of Law. Our signature Cooperative Legal Education Program (co-op) equips you for the global practice of law with knowledge, competence and confidence. The co-op program gives you the opportunity to practice in a real-world legal setting — virtually anywhere in the United States or abroad. Our LLM students have participated in co-ops in private firms, government agencies, NGOs and corporate legal departments. Students who enter with substantial work experience use co-op to specialize or branch out. Those with less experience use co-op to explore their options. All students use co-op to propel themselves professionally to the next stage in their legal careers.

HOW IT WORKS

Even before you arrive on campus, you’ll receive guidance from your LLM professional development advisor. Beginning with orientation, you will work together to lay out a personal learning path for gaining the relevant knowledge, skills and experience you’ll need to get the most out of the program. With access to Northeastern’s extensive co-op employer database, you will be in a position to jump-start your search for the right co-op. You may also develop your own co-op with the encouragement and guidance of your advisor.

CO-OP COMPENSATION/FUNDING

Not all co-ops provide financial compensation, but we don’t want that to be the reason you pass up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So, we’ve established the LLM Co-op Stipend Program, which guarantees up to $2,000 to students who accept an unpaid or underpaid co-op, to defray living expenses.

WORLDWIDE BENEFITS

The benefits of co-op extend far beyond graduating with an enhanced résumé. You will carry the lessons you learned on co-op back into the classroom, where you’ll speak with newfound confidence about comparative legal practice. What you take away from co-op can also serve to advance your career as a global lawyer, as you benefit from the mentorship of professionals and forge invaluable connections with legal colleagues around the globe. Most importantly, you will have the credentials and the experience to pursue your career goals with newly gained confidence.

Learn more about the Northeastern University School of Law LLM program at northeastern.edu/law/llm.