“My experience at Northeastern was better than I could imagine. The LLM program was very well-organized, the staff were helpful and the professors were completely engaged with the students. I completed my co-op at an immigration firm where I worked directly with clients on a range of legal matters. My co-op was a wonderful experience that resulted in a post-graduate job offer.”
At Northeastern University School of Law, we believe the best way to learn the law is by practicing it. Northeastern’s unique approach to training lawyers features not only outstanding classroom teaching but also simulation courses based on real-world legal issues, clinical programs working with real-world clients and legal placements (co-ops) in real-world law firms, clinics, courts, corporations and governmental and nongovernmental organizations in the United States and around the world.

Northeastern’s LLM program lets you customize the curriculum to meet your particular needs. Whether it’s unlocking the mysteries of the US legal system, working side by side with lawyers honing your expertise in a particular field of law or qualifying for a US bar examination, the Northeastern LLM helps you achieve your personal and professional goals.
LLM CURRICULUM

ON-CAMPUS LLM
(9 MONTHS; 12 MONTHS WITH CO-OP)

• General
• Health Policy and Law
• Human Rights
• Intellectual Property and Innovation
• International Business Law
• Law and Economic Development

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: CO-OP

All academically qualified LLM students have the invaluable opportunity to complete a full-time legal practice experience. Co-op opportunities may include law firms, judges’ chambers, public agencies, private advocacy groups, nongovernmental organizations and community organizations. We will help you explore your personal and professional interests and find an experience that meets your unique goals.

A BROAD CHOICE OF COURSES

As an LLM student, you will choose from a wide range of both JD and LLM courses. You may pursue a general course of study or focus on a specific practice area.

ONLINE LLM
(NO CO-OP)

• Bar Examination Preparation
• Intellectual Property and Technology
• International Business Law

The Online LLM offers a 100 percent online flexible learning format designed for working attorneys to enhance their practical skills and foundational knowledge of the ever-changing US legal environment and the global practice of law. Students take advantage of Northeastern’s global network through lively online discussions based on a wide range of issues, including intellectual property, technology, privacy and international business.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: CALIFORNIA LEGAL IMMERSION SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Online LLM students have the opportunity to participate in an optional one-week immersion experience by visiting legal and governmental organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area and gaining real-world insights from legal leaders about the interplay among law, technology and government.

INDUSTRY-INFORMED COURSES

Online LLM students choose from a wide range of courses focusing on industry-informed curricular paths.
“Northeastern’s innovative NuLawLab and co-op program have given me confidence to succeed in the legal profession. By taking advantage of the law school’s unique opportunities, I’ve positioned myself for the next step in my career.”
“At Northeastern, I had the opportunity to create a global network of peers, which opened new doors both professionally and personally. I really appreciated the individualized guidance I received from the faculty and LLM staff.”
A WORLD-CLASS PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK

Boston is one of the most sophisticated legal markets in the United States. A center for technological innovation, financial services, education and health care, Boston is home to some of the most venerable and prestigious law firms in the country. Massachusetts has a long history of producing distinguished jurists, and its courts are respected across the US and around the world. For your introduction to the cutting edge of US legal practice, you couldn’t be better positioned than at Northeastern University, located in the heart of Boston.
Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a world leader in experiential learning, urban engagement and interdisciplinary research meeting global and societal needs. The university offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs in nine colleges and professional schools leading to degrees through the doctorate.

LLM students are invited and encouraged to participate in more than 25 student organizations at the law school and to take advantage of amenities such as state-of-the-art fitness facilities.
“Today’s global lawyer needs an appreciation of the cultural, historical and institutional underpinnings of different legal systems. In my comparative law class, we examine the roles served by law in different regimes, including legitimizing the state, supporting a market economy, settling disputes and giving voice to political participation.”

— PROFESSOR MARGARET WOO

“I am an international lawyer — I was educated and worked in France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States. While the language of international law may be similar across borders, its cultural understanding varies considerably. These differences can help us devise creative institutions and legal processes to respond to the world’s human, economic and political challenges.”

— PROFESSOR SONIA ELISE ROLLAND

“In my scholarship and my classroom teaching, I try to bring the insights and experience gained from many years as an international corporate lawyer, business executive and entrepreneur together with interdisciplinary analytic methods to explore the diverse local, national, regional and transnational legal regimes that structure economic activity in the global economy.”

— PROFESSOR DAN DANIELSEN
FUNDING

LLM Scholarship Program

All applicants to the LLM program are automatically considered for scholarship support. Scholarship awards are determined after a thorough review of a candidate’s application and credentials.

A limited number of merit scholarships up to the entire value of tuition are awarded to students who demonstrate academic distinction. Over 90 percent of the incoming LLM class in 2019 received scholarship support.

LLM Co-op Stipend

A stipend of up to $2,000 is available for students who accept unpaid or underpaid co-ops.

Double Husky Scholarship

The Double Husky Scholarship helps graduates with a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern finance their graduate education by providing a tuition discount of up to 25 percent for the LLM program. Those with a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern are automatically considered for the scholarship when they apply.

ADMISSION

The Northeastern LLM program admits students who already hold a first professional degree in law. For international applicants, that requirement may be fulfilled by a bachelor of laws or equivalent degree from an accredited or comparably recognized law school outside the United States. For domestic applicants, a JD is required.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Northeastern University School of Law application (available at lsac.org or directly at northeastern.edu/law/llm)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Personal statement of purpose
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- For applicants whose native language is not English, a score report for the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT®) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Details about the LLM application process may be found at northeastern.edu/law/llm.
ANITA AKWA
LLM ’18

Home Country: Ghana
Focus: International Business Law
Co-op: Velcro Corporation, Boston

“I chose Northeastern because of the co-op program and the international business law concentration. On co-op, I was able to apply what I learned in international business law classes and to test my assumptions about this field of law. The experience was invaluable.”
AT A GLANCE

LLM STUDENT PROFILE
2019–2020

Total number of on-campus LLM students: 31
Women: 68%     Men: 32%

LLM students’ countries of first law degree:
Argentina, Azerbaijan, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Germany, Guatemala, India, Macau, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela

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2018-2019 LLM CO-OP PRACTICE SETTINGS

- Law Firms 37%
- Legal Services 10%
- Government 28%
- NGO 10%
- Academia 1%
- Judicial 1%
- Corporate/In-house 13%

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