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Congratulations on your decision to pursue an LLM degree. Now you must decide where to spend this important year. You actually have two choices to make – the country where you will study and the law school. Legal education in the United States is rigorous and engaging, offering you an opportunity to immerse yourself in the law that is used around the world. Duke offers the best of U.S. legal education: faculty who are not only great teachers but also collaborators and mentors; classmates from around the world who will become lifelong friends and colleagues; a wide choice of subjects and courses, including legal clinics; world-class facilities located in a vibrant and affordable city; and a global alumni network that is second to none. With our distinctive combination of intellectual engagement and extraordinary collegiality, it’s easy to see why so many of our LLM graduates call their time at Duke Law the best year of their lives. I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our community.

David F. Levi
Dean and Professor of Law
Lectures that I took at Duke were so interesting and intellectually engaging that, for the first time in my life, I was sad when the school year ended. I thought I would never say this, but school can be fun.

Dragan Gajin, Serbia
Senior Associate, BDK Advokati/Attorneys at Law (Belgrade)
Duke LLM Requirements
The Duke LLM program requires two courses: Distinctive Aspects of American Law, focusing on decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and core principles of American law; and U.S. Legal Analysis, Research and Writing for International Students, a small-section course focusing on U.S. legal research and writing skills. To complete the remainder of the required law credits, you will select from the full catalog of JD courses — see it online at law.duke.edu/courselist/.

Duke SJD Requirements
Duke also offers a Doctor of Juridical Science degree for exceptional applicants who already hold a U.S. or common law LLM degree. The program involves a minimum of three years of study, including one to two semesters of course work recommended by the faculty supervisor. Following completion of course work, candidates must pass a qualifying examination and submit a research proposal in order to be approved for full candidacy. The final stage is completion and defense of a dissertation.

For more information on Duke Law degree programs, see law.duke.edu/internat/degrees/.

Duke Law is a great school — not only is it highly ranked and prestigious, but it is also very welcoming of its students. Students have the flexibility to make selections from a large number of courses. This ensures that a student is able to develop the expertise she desires in fields of law of her choice.”

Simone Reis, India
Co-Head M&A Practice, Nishith Desai Associates (Mumbai)
The LLM program taught me the basic structure and interesting dynamics of the U.S. legal framework and inspired and cultivated my intellectual curiosity to learn more about it. Even with a few years under my belt as a practitioner, the program solidified my expertise in international business law and greatly enhanced my legal career.

Shinichi Yoshiya, Japan
Legal Manager, Davis Polk & Wardwell (Tokyo)
Focus on Practical Skills

Before spring semester starts, many Duke Law students choose to participate in Wintersession. Through short, intense courses such as Drafting Pleadings in International Law Disputes and The Practice and Strategic Development of International Transactions, all taught by outstanding law practitioners, students develop specific skills and build their professional networks.

Curriculum

LLM Certificates
Duke Law offers three certificate programs for LLM students to further refine their research and career focus by maximizing their exposure to outstanding courses and instructors in their fields of interest.

The Certificate in Environmental Law provides the opportunity to study with outstanding scholars and teachers across the university through our partnership with the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions and other interdisciplinary programs. Duke prepares students for careers as lawyers and policy-makers in a world facing increasing pressure on natural resources and the environment.

The Certificate in Business Law, through a partnership with the Fuqua School of Business and other disciplinary programs, provides LLM students an opportunity to study business law and policy by choosing from a deep and varied assortment of courses taught by outstanding scholars and practitioners.

The Certificate in Intellectual Property builds on the deep commitment to the study of intellectual property law at Duke Law School and Duke University, as evidenced by the work of our Center for Innovation policy, the Institute for Genome Sciences & Policy, and the Center for the Study of the Public Domain.

Certificate programs are open to applicants with a minimum of two years’ practical experience in related fields. Learn more at law.duke.edu/internat/certificate/

Find Your Focus
Duke professors and students tackle complex, real-world problems in and out of the classroom. In courses such as Big Bank Regulation, Intellectual Property, Public Domain, and Free Speech, or Sentencing & Punishment, students and faculty are deeply engaged. Duke is highly regarded for its leadership in many fields, but it is particularly known for its strength in business and finance law, environmental law, comparative and international law, and several areas of intellectual property law. Duke’s practical skills courses also are among the country’s best; some LLM students have participated in the Guantanamo Defense Clinic or the AIDS Legal Project. In highest demand is Duke’s excellent Negotiation course.
LEARN FROM EXPERTS

Duke Law professors are nationally and internationally renowned for their work. Here are just a few whose interests and expertise reflect some of Duke Law’s academic strengths and illustrate the timely and exciting work in which Duke Law faculty engage.

TO MEET MORE OF OUR FACULTY AND READ THEIR SCHOLARSHIP, SEE LAW.DUKE.EDU/FACSCHOL/.

Professor Neil Vidmar is a social psychologist whose expertise is the empirical study of law. His research focuses on the jury system, dispute resolution, medical malpractice, and the social psychology of retribution and revenge. He has consulted and testified around the world on issues such as jury prejudice in civil and criminal trials. His book, *American Juries: The Verdict* (with Valerie Hans, 2007), examines the efficacy of the U.S. jury system.

**SETTLING LEGAL DISPUTES**

“While formal law defines the parameters of a legal dispute and judges, juries, or arbitrators decide some of the cases, the overwhelming majority of civil and criminal disputes are settled around the negotiation table. Lawyers are heavily involved in resolving these disputes and need to develop skills that help the parties address the issues, attempt to find points of compromise or equitable exchange, and bring the dispute to a conclusion.”

Professor Steven Schwarcz specializes in commercial law, bankruptcy, and international finance and capital markets. Prior to joining Duke, he represented some of the world’s leading banks and other financial institutions in his law practice. He helped to pioneer the field of asset securitization, and his book, *Structured Finance: A Guide to the Principles of Asset Securitization* (3d edition 2002), is one of the top texts in the field.

**CRAFTING FISCAL REFORM**

“In response to [another] year of multi-billion-dollar budget deficits, states in the United States have been turning to austerity measures, tax increases, privatization of services, and renegotiation of collective bargaining agreements. There is a rising consensus, however, that states will also need debt relief. The goal of debt relief would not be to undermine the responsibility of states to engage in appropriate fiscal reform.”
Professor Arti Rai is an expert in patent law, law and the biopharmaceutical industry, innovation policy, and health care regulation. She has recently served as head of external affairs for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. She is co-director of the Duke Law Center for Innovation Policy.

“There is no question that our patent system needs further improvement. It takes at least 34 months for the Patent and Trademark Office to finalize a patent application. A backlog of more than 700,000 patent applications awaits review. This creates uncertainty for inventors, investors, and entrepreneurs, and dampens innovation. The America Invents Act may not go as far as one would like, but it is certainly a step forward.”

Professor Jonathan Wiener is an expert in U.S., European, and international environmental law, and risk regulation. He has developed U.S. and international environmental policy in positions at the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of Justice, in the administrations of both George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton.

“Through years of research and policy experimentation, we have learned a great deal about regulatory design. We know how to make the regulatory system better, stronger, and less costly than it was before. Climate policy offers the biggest challenge — and the best opportunity yet — to achieve systematic reforms that protect the environment more at less cost through better regulation.”

Professor Laurence Helfer is an expert in international law. His research focuses on the intersection of intellectual property law and human rights and the design of international institutions. The author of a 2009 edition of a casebook on human rights, his recent work examines the effectiveness of international tribunals in developing countries.

“Climate policy offers the biggest challenge — and the best opportunity yet — to achieve systematic reforms that protect the environment more at less cost through better regulation.”
The most valuable aspect of my time at Duke was learning from both engaged professors and incredibly smart classmates, many of whom have become lifelong mentors and friends.

Daragh Murphy, Ireland
Associate, WilmerHale (New York)
Faculty Advisors

Every LLM student is assigned to a faculty member or administrator who serves as an advisor. Some students also serve as research assistants to faculty, helping with that professor’s scholarship or course preparation. Faculty are eager to collaborate with and learn from their students, especially those who, like Duke international students, bring new perspectives and professional experience to their work.

GET TO KNOW YOUR PROFESSORS

Duke Law works hard to facilitate and support faculty-student interaction. We even designed our building with that goal in mind — faculty offices are located near classrooms to encourage discussions that continue after class. In such a close-knit community, you are likely to find

yourself chatting with faculty at pre-football game parties (known in American slang as “tailgates”) or striking up an impromptu conversation about a class assignment when you see your professor at the market. Duke professors are colleagues, mentors, and friends to students — during your time at Duke Law and long afterward.

I edited Professor Paul Carrington’s book about great lawyers throughout the history of the United States. It was a fruitful experience as I had to understand the three governmental branches in a way that advanced my own research, which covers the interplay between the three. I learned a lot from his experience during our long formal and informal talks.”

Nir Shnaiderman, Israel
SJD Candidate, Duke Law School
The classrooms, Star Commons, and the library are perfectly built, taking into consideration the needs of the activities that take place there. All of them are complemented with enormous windows that allow for natural light to come in and interact with the surrounding nature.

Ignacio C. Furfaro, Argentina
Junior Associate, Estudio Beccar Varela (Buenos Aires)
A Library to Love

Duke Law School’s J. Michael Goodson Law Library is consistently recognized as one of the most technologically advanced and innovative legal research institutions in the United States. Duke Law was the first law school to guarantee free online access to all faculty scholarship, and professors often make creative use of technology in their teaching. A student multi-media lab is available for special projects, and students can seek research aid from the school’s top-quality library staff. Learn more about Duke’s library and technology offerings at law.duke.edu/lib/.

The Law School building is amazing, and it is a pleasure to come to every day for your courses and to meet your classmates. The library is very spacious, you have incredible resources and facilities, and many people are there to assist you if you need some help. There is also a great dynamism in everyday life: many events are organized every week, and you can always go to talks given by professionals and professors at lunchtime.”

Marie-Amélie Simon, France
Associate, Bredin Prat (Paris)
Distinguished and Devoted

More than 10 percent of all Duke Law alumni live and work abroad, giving the school’s alumni community a distinctly international flair. Many international graduates build careers in the United States as well. All share a devotion to Duke Law that outlasts their year in Durham. Duke alumni regularly serve as mentors and advisors to students, visit the campus frequently to attend social and academic events, and welcome Duke colleagues into their homes and offices around the world.

**Lin Chua ’00** is a managing director with GE Capital, where she manages a global team of lawyers covering GE Capital’s Working Capital Solutions business in the Americas and Asia. She speaks five languages and has lived in all corners of the globe. Born in Singapore, Chua moved to Sydney, Australia, for her double degree in commerce and law at the University of Sydney. She practiced as a tax attorney before relocating to Duke for her LLM and later joined Simpson Thacher in New York as a corporate attorney in leveraged finance and mergers and acquisitions. She also lived in the Netherlands for several years, specializing in pan-European and cross-border finance transactions before moving back to New York as general counsel of the Americas for GE Capital’s Working Capital Solutions. Chua is a co-leader of GE Capital’s Asian Women Initiative and supports mentoring programs for young women, in addition to her roles on Duke Law School’s Law Alumni Association and International Advisory Board.

**Xiqing Gao ’86** was Duke Law School’s second Chinese student and the first Chinese citizen to pass the New York bar exam. He is the former vice chairman and president of the China Investment Corp. After earning his JD at Duke and working for two years on Wall Street, he returned to China in 1988 to teach law in Beijing. He helped write the laws that created China’s stock exchanges, served as general counsel and later as vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, and was vice chairman of the National Social Security Fund, where he laid the groundwork for a national pension fund for China’s aging population. A member of Duke University’s Board of Trustees, Gao visits Duke Law often and regularly speaks to students. His participation in a 2010 panel discussion on the global economy drew a standing-room-only crowd.
Fatima Hassan ’02 is a human rights lawyer, activist, and pioneer in public interest litigation, education, training, and legal reform on behalf of people with HIV/AIDS in South Africa. A former research clerk with the Constitutional Court of South Africa, she attended Duke Law under the court’s Franklin Thomas Fellowship. When she returned home to Cape Town, she was charged with monitoring South Africa’s HIV/AIDS treatment program, bringing together more than 20 organizations to provide oversight. She played a leading role in forming the Western Cape Civil Society Task Team to coordinate humanitarian and legal support to thousands of people displaced by xenophobic strife in the Western Cape. Selected by the Mail & Guardian as one of the nation’s 20 most influential “under-40-year-olds,” she is currently working as a global consultant to the nonprofit sector on human rights and the law.

Manuel Sager ’85 is head of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the foreign ministry office in charge of Switzerland’s international cooperation. He previously served as the Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States from 2010 to 2014. After earning his LLM from Duke Law, Sager worked as an associate attorney practicing insurance defense law for two years before joining the Swiss Foreign Service. He was first posted as a diplomat in training in Bern and Athens and has worked for the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in a number of positions, including as the head of the political affairs division coordinating foreign policy, head of communications, and head of the political affairs division. Sager also worked in the FDFA’s Directorate of International Law in Bern, specializing in international humanitarian law. Sager also teaches Development Finance at Duke Law School.

Carlos Jose Valderrama ’08 is chair of the Commission Representing the Republic of Peru in International Investment Disputes and is responsible for planning and coordinating the state’s defense in international investment arbitrations, working closely with international law firms from the U.S. and Europe. He also chairs the Working Group of Senior Experts on Investor-State Dispute Resolution of UNASUR, the assembly in charge of drafting the Constitutive Protocol of a Regional Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, and acts as panelist in several International Seminars and other academic events. Before working for the Peruvian government, he worked as a consultant for the World Bank and the OAS on the implementation of the Judicial Reform, Justice Sector Modernization and Tax Administration Reform Projects.
With superb professors and a magnificent program located in the heart of a major banking city in Asia, Duke Law’s Summer Institute in Hong Kong provided me with the best summer experience I’ve ever had!

Risnay Yosal, Indonesia
LLM Candidate
SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

Many LLM students attend one of Duke Law’s transnational institutes during the summer prior to the start of their studies at Duke. Attendees can earn up to six academic credits. The Duke Institute in Transnational Law in Geneva and the Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law in Hong Kong each enroll about 60 students, some from Duke and other U.S. universities, as well as legal professionals from around the world. Faculty from Duke and partner institutions live in residential quarters with students and teach comparative courses in areas such as emerging markets, the environment and climate control, human rights, international business, and tax policy. The courses are demanding, but students find time to explore and make friends from many countries.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Summer at Duke

For students who need special assistance with their English skills, Duke’s Summer Institute on Law, Language and Culture is a four-week intensive course that provides an introduction to legal English, the U.S. legal system, and the law school experience. Through small-group class interaction and instruction, students develop skills that prepare them for their LLM experience. (No credit toward the LLM degree is awarded.)

The four-week program in Geneva allowed me to get accustomed to the American teaching style and to benefit from an astounding mix of European and American faculty members. Furthermore, the six credits I earned in Geneva facilitated the transition to Duke Law School.

Frédéric Pilorget, Germany/France Senior Associate, Stibbe (Luxembourg)

For more on Duke’s summer institutes, see law.duke.edu/internat/institutes/.

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WORLD OF IDEAS
Duke Law is a hub of activity, and international programs are at the heart of it all. Whether you work on one of the journals or volunteer with a pro bono project, you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy a world of ideas right here at Duke.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW
The Center for International and Comparative Law (CICL) coordinates and supports Duke Law School’s international and comparative law programs, including conferences, symposia, special courses, speaker series, and partnerships with other schools and organizations. law.duke.edu/cicl

RESEARCH AND WRITING OPPORTUNITIES
Duke Law is a leader in electronic publishing of legal scholarship. The Law School is home to nine student-edited journals where student editors hone writing skills and work with some of the most prominent legal scholars in the world. A number of LLM students also work with Duke Law faculty members each year on research projects in the professors’ areas of expertise. Student research assistants analyze data, attend court hearings, and contribute to publications. Students often form lifelong connections and continue to collaborate with professors long after graduation.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Duke Law hosts approximately 15-20 international visitors annually, including academics, judges, prosecutors, and PhD candidates, from countries such as Denmark, Japan, Italy, South Korea, Germany, Taiwan, Switzerland, Brazil, China, Serbia, France, and Tanzania. Their academic interests range from intellectual property law to international commercial arbitration, environmental law to securities law, and more. Visiting scholars spend their time pursuing individual research projects and auditing classes at Duke Law.

DUKE LEGAL CLINICS
The Duke Legal Clinics allow students to build an experiential bridge between law school and practice. Operating collectively as a public interest law firm with 10 distinct practice areas and housed in its own wing of the Law School, the Duke Legal Clinics provide students challenging opportunities to deepen their substantive legal knowledge, strengthen their lawyering skills, and build their professional identities. law.duke.edu/clinics

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
Duke Law School has more than 50 student organizations, many of which — such as the International Law Society, the Latin American Business Law Association, and the International Human Rights Law Society — focus on international issues. All groups are open to LLM and JD students and often host social as well as academic events. law.duke.edu/students/orgs
"My year at Duke was undoubtedly one of the best experiences in both my professional and personal life. The opportunity to learn from outstanding professors, accomplished JD students, and my fellow LLM students who came from many different legal systems provided a highly motivating and intellectually challenging environment."

Johanna Roldan, Ecuador
Associate Field Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
LIFE IN DURHAM
FAVORITE SPOTS

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<td>Homemade popsicles — try Mango Chili</td>
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<td>Motorco Music Hall</td>
<td>Great bands and craft beer in a converted auto shop</td>
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<td>Taqueria La Vaquita</td>
<td>Try tacos al pastor</td>
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<td>Sushi Love</td>
<td>Best sushi in town, half-priced rolls</td>
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<td>The Green Room</td>
<td>Lots of pool tables, cheap beer, great jukebox</td>
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<td>Mad Hatter’s</td>
<td>Sandwiches, soups, salads — and tasty cookies</td>
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<td>Durham Performing Arts Center</td>
<td>Broadway quality, off-Broadway prices</td>
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<td>Washington Duke Inn</td>
<td>Walk from Duke Law to this luxury hotel and golf course</td>
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<td>Whole Foods</td>
<td>Grocery store with organic and ethnic fare</td>
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<td>Bull McCabes Irish Pub</td>
<td>Best trivia night in the Triangle</td>
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<td>Blue Point Yoga</td>
<td>Find your kundalini, just off campus</td>
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<td>Durham Farmer’s Market</td>
<td>Year-round offerings from local farmers</td>
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<td>Duke Performances</td>
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<td>Maple View Farms</td>
<td>Enjoy homemade ice cream in a rocking chair overlooking the farm</td>
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<td>Nana’s, Four Square, Rue Cler, Vin Rouge, Revolution</td>
<td>Top five fancy restaurants</td>
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<td>Foster’s</td>
<td>LLMs’ favorite for coffee, brunch, and sandwiches</td>
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<td>Durham Bulls Athletic Park</td>
<td>Some of the best minor league baseball in the U.S.</td>
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THE GOOD LIFE

At Duke, you’ll find a community of people who are as enthusiastic about life as they are about their studies. We are lawyers, learners, leaders, community servants, runners, baseball fanatics, basketball extremists, food lovers, filmmakers, musicians, parents, partners, entrepreneurs, idealists, skeptics, teachers, and artists — and everything in between. Duke students balance hard work with fun, intellectual engagement with purposeful living. At Duke Law, we firmly believe you can “have everything.”

If you are looking for an eclectic, comfortable, mid-size American city with great restaurants, abundant entertainment, and easy access to the beach, mountains, parks, and forested running trails, Durham is the place for you.
The cost of living is more advantageous in Durham than in most of the regions where the other well-known schools are located. And there’s the weather: You are not going to be frozen out of your car when you roll down the windows during the winter months!

Michael Kucher, Germany
Attorney, Alater & Matsil (Dallas/Fort Worth)
LIVE BETTER ON A BUDGET

Choosing a place to live in Durham will be a pleasant process, a nice change from living in a large, crowded city. Housing options and the amenities of urban life are plentiful near Duke: You can choose from traditional apartment complexes (most come with pools, exercise facilities, and on-site laundry), urban lofts in transformed tobacco warehouses (usually within steps of restaurants, coffee shops, and retail shops), and homes and condominiums for rent. Many say they live better here — on a budget — than they ever have.

BRING THE FAMILY

Many LLM students find Durham to be the ideal place for their families to live. Durham and nearby communities offer ample child-care options, high-quality schools, and endless opportunities for family fun and entertainment, including Durham’s Museum of Life and Science, Chapel Hill’s Kidzu, Raleigh’s Marbles Museum, and myriad parks, lakes, forests, pools, and sports clubs — to name just a few.

WHAT IS RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK?

- A region in which scientists, mathematicians, and techies mysteriously disappear.
- An amusement park celebrating geometry.
- A 2,800-hectare campus in Durham County, devoted to collaborative research and development among academics, policy makers, and business leaders. RTP is home to more than 170 high-tech organizations.
EASY LIVING

North Carolina regularly ranks among the nation’s best states to live for many reasons: It offers a temperate climate, affordable cost of living, pristine natural resources, close proximity to the major cities of the Atlantic Coast, and a refreshing mix of urban life and outdoor activities.

Durham and surrounding areas are quite cosmopolitan, with a high concentration of researchers from around the U.S. and the world who work for one of the area’s many universities or high-tech companies in the Research Triangle Park. You’ll also experience the famous “southern charm” and hospitality that is unique to this region of the United States.

Get Out of Town

It’s easy to head out of town for a weekend getaway or a job interview. You can drive to the beach or the mountains within a few hours, and the Raleigh-Durham airport (RDU — just 20 minutes from Duke) is quite pleasant compared to most major airports.

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Enjoy the Sun

North Carolina offers four distinct seasons, all temperate and gorgeous. Except for a couple of too-cold weeks and a couple of too-hot weeks, you’ll find yourself enjoying the sun most of the year.

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You have to experience what the graduate student ‘camp-out’ is all about and definitely go to Duke basketball games – once you experience what it is to be a ‘Cameron crazy,’ you will remember it forever. Cameron is the place where everyone – from Coach K and his ‘kids’ to students and fans alike – feels as one big Duke family.
Duke University is one of the world’s premier research institutions. It is also a world in itself, offering an abundance of activities and programs that will help you balance your law studies. Enjoy our vibrant campus in the midst of Duke Forest; sample our wide range of campus eateries and sports facilities; enjoy world-class arts and music programs; partake in our diverse spiritual community; and cheer (or weep) for our venerated teams.
At Duke, we found home far from home and family away from family. Very soon you’ll realize that Duke is where you belong. #ForeverDuke.

Noor Al-Fawzan, Saudi Arabia
Counsel, MIGA, World Bank Group (Washington, D.C.)
BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

The American Bar Association credits Duke Law with having one of the strongest student cultures in the United States. It’s easy to see why: Duke Law attracts students who want to work with others, students who share a passion for intellectual curiosity and problem solving as well as a deep interest in learning about one another’s perspectives and experiences. Each class develops its own character, but one thing remains constant: Students develop quick and lasting friendships across cultures, ages, and experiences.

When you join the Duke Law community, you join a family and a network of colleagues that will be with you for life.

Meet Duke’s International Students

Recent LLM students have come from Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Kosovo, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Nigeria, Oman, Palestine, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

After completing their degrees, many Duke LLM graduates take the New York bar exam. Some have gone to work for law firms in the United States and around the world; others have become business leaders, consultants, professors, judges, doctoral students — and, of course, devoted members of the Duke Law alumni community.

Duke Law regularly hosts international events and programs around the world. Events like the annual boat cruise on Lake Geneva and dinner in Hong Kong, Oktoberfest gathering in Munich and Tokyo’s admitted student send-off party, and Board of Visitors trips to Latin America and the Middle East, are opportunities for Duke Law alumni to gather, meet students, and celebrate their connection to Duke Law School.
We cheered on the football team at Wallace Wade Stadium, had fun camping out to get basketball tickets, ate ice cream in sunny Duke Gardens, and went out to try different restaurants and bars in the city. You work hard at Duke Law, but you also get to enjoy the company of your classmates in a vibrant setting — and that’s really important after a long day of classes or a bunch of exams!  

Ian Mok, United Kingdom  
Financial Crime Consultant Manager, Deloitte UK (London)
You will work very hard on your studies as an LLM student at Duke, but you will also find the opportunity to enjoy your time in the United States. LLM students always seem to have something to do outside the classroom, whether it’s a student-organized tennis tournament, weekly golf dates at one of Durham’s excellent courses, or meeting up with fellow LLM and JD students for Thursday night “Bar Review” — a social event, not a study session. Many LLM students organize weekend or holiday break trips to tourist destinations around the United States, such as the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, the Great Smoky Mountains, New Orleans, Savannah, Ga., Washington, D.C., and, of course, New York City.
It was a truly rewarding experience for me to devote my time and skills where my help was most needed. At Duke Law, pro bono work prepared me for my future legal career, which evolved into a lifelong commitment.

Beibei Sun (China, Global Leaders Scholar, JD Candidate) participated in a pro bono trip to work with the Disaster Law Clinic of the Touro Law Center assisting victims of Hurricane Sandy. A number of LLM and JD students participate each year in various clinical and community service projects, both locally and abroad.
Many Duke Law students engage in a significant amount of pro bono work through Duke’s student-led pro bono groups. A number of Duke Law projects are attorney-supervised and count toward the New York bar pro bono requirement. Read more about on campus opportunities at law.duke.edu/publicinterest/

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

Moot Your Case

Duke Law has one of the most active moot court programs of any top law school in the United States. LLM students may participate in Duke’s international moot court teams, refining litigation skills and building international networks of friends and colleagues. The Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is organized by the International Law Students Association and takes place each spring. Winners of regional rounds head to Washington, D.C., for a final competition at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL). A Duke Law team recently received honors in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna, placing second overall out of 254 teams from all over the world.

Yesterday I went to listen to the grand finale of the WTO Moot Court Competition. I witnessed the extraordinarily excellent performance of the ‘Dukies.’ The team was well prepared, expertly addressed their arguments, and responded well to the judges’ questions. Duke’s performance was well recognized.”

Andrew Lin
Taiwan (LLM and SJD graduate now an associate professor at National Taiwan University)
As Dean Levi predicted, my year at Duke Law was the best year of my life. I was able to learn from, and work with, professors at the top of their fields, including sports and entertainment law, which is why I chose Duke. Because of the close-knit law school community, I developed friendships with both JDs and LLMs, and now have a network that spans across the U.S. and the world. Going to Duke also enabled me to have access to the Duke alumni network, which is a priceless resource.

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