



THE PITT LAW LLM

“My LLM year was a year like no other.”

Natalia Valencia Mejia (LLM '15)

“CILE ... provided me with a personalized legal education and an invaluable internship, enhanced my legal knowledge and life experience, and worked hard to reach out to me and others in my home country.”

Shafiq Jamoos (LLM '11)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The University of Pittsburgh School of Law Master of Laws (LLM) program for foreign law graduates provides lawyers who have completed a law degree outside the United States with an opportunity to study the common law legal tradition and the U.S. legal system.

The University of Pittsburgh offers a general LLM degree that gives students the freedom and flexibility to choose their courses from the law school's full curriculum. Students can focus their course work on a particular field or take a generalized approach and incorporate multiple subject areas. With the exception of a handful of required courses for the LLM degree, students take courses side by side with Pitt Law's JD students. The International Law Society also takes an active role in putting together social events for LLM and JD students to enable them to mingle and form relationships beyond the classroom.

Find out more about getting your LLM at Pitt Law by visiting the LLM program Web page at law.pitt.edu/academics/foreign-lawyers/llm-degree.

Read more about other educational opportunities through the Center for International Legal Education (CILE) at law.pitt.edu/cile.



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“Most memories fade with time, but the year spent at the Pitt LLM program will always be close to my heart.”

Aleksandra Jurewicz (LLM '05, JD '07)



THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Length of program: One academic year (fall–spring)

Minimum credit hours for graduation: 24

Part-time option: Case by case

Required courses:

- **Introduction to American Law** is a three-credit course designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to the legal system of the United States of America.
- **U.S. Legal Analysis and Writing** is a yearlong four-credit course that conveys the essential attributes of the common law legal order while it develops common law case-based legal writing skills.
- **LLM Colloquium** is a one-credit course in which students are introduced to specific aspects of the practice of law and those doing independent study papers present their research to the class. The course includes a three-day trip to Washington, D.C., with a day at the U.S. Supreme Court.

Electives: Choose from the wide range of courses offered to Pitt Law JD students (see law.pitt.edu/academics/courses).

OUR STUDENTS

LLM students per year: 15–25

Home countries represented: Almost 70 to date, with recent classes spanning four continents and cultures as diverse as those of Ecuador, Kenya, Poland, Syria, France, and Iraq

Postgraduation internships: A strong track record of LLM graduates placed with U.S. hosts; recent hosts include Alcoa Inc.; Cohen & Grigsby, P.C.; Ernst & Young; and Nathan Associates Inc.



ADMISSIONS

Admissions deadline: Rolling

Minimum TOEFL/IELTS scores:

TOEFL: 100 (IBT), 250 (CBT) or 600 (PBT)

IELTS: 7.0

Application: Either via LSAC or direct application (download application at law.pitt.edu/academics/foreign-lawyers/llm-degree)

TUITION AND COST OF LIVING

Tuition and fees for the LLM program at Pitt Law have historically compared very favorably to those at many competing LLM programs. Up-to-date information on tuition and fees for the LLM program is posted at law.pitt.edu/academics/foreign-lawyers/llm-degree.

Pittsburgh is regularly ranked as one of the most affordable metropolitan areas in the United States. For example, the average monthly rent for an apartment in Pittsburgh is less than half the average in Los Angeles, Calif., or Boston, Mass., and close to a quarter of what you would spend in New York, N.Y. Other living costs are similarly reasonable.

“My two years in the Pitt LLM program and as a visiting scholar at CILE [were] the best time ... in my life as a student and researcher.”

Yong Gan (LLM '09)