UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
School of Law

LLM IN INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS AND COMPARATIVE LAW

A MASTER OF LAWS PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS
With modern facilities situated in a world-class city, there is no better place to study law than at the University of San Francisco. The San Francisco Bay Area’s legal and business markets offer unparalleled training and career opportunities. Home to Silicon Valley’s leading international law firms and corporations, the region is the business and financial capital of the West Coast of the United States and is a rich environment for observing American law in action. Whatever your plans are once you receive your degree, USF will prepare you with the knowledge, skills, and professional networking opportunities to help get you there.

The USF School of Law, founded in 1912 and accredited by the American Bar Association, offers a rigorous education with a global perspective within a diverse, supportive community. Our professors bring to the classroom the highest educational credentials, substantial practical experience, and an underlying dedication to teaching, scholarship, and service. They are respected authors, researchers, and legal theorists who collaborate with students on research and writing. Our students are among the most ethnically diverse in any law school in the United States, and Master of Laws students are integrated into many of the Juris Doctor courses.

The law school is housed in the Koret Law Center, one of the most modern law school facilities in America. The center includes the technically advanced Dorrance Zief Law Library and Kendrick Hall, which is home to classrooms, offices, and student lounges.

WHY JOIN US?
• Immerse yourself in the legal profession in one of the world’s most dynamic cities
• Thrive in an intellectually demanding and intensely personal education experience
• Graduate prepared to be a successful, effective leader inspired to change the world
• Engage in innovative legal programs that provide invaluable practical experience and service communities near and far
“With my LLM degree from USF, I feel well-equipped to embrace the demands of the legal profession in the United States and elsewhere. The program greatly enriched my professional and personal network.”

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USF’s LLM in International Transactions and Comparative Law program is your gateway to a thriving career in American, international, and comparative law. The program equips students with a strong grounding in legal theory and practical skills to pursue gainful employment in the United States and abroad.

Students in the Master of Laws in International Transactions and Comparative Law program choose to specialize in one of two areas. The first option is to focus on the law relating to international business and commercial transactions or international human rights law. Students who select the second option focus on an area of American law as the subject of a comparative law study.
On our faculty, you’ll find seasoned educators, practitioners, and scholars who share a zeal for teaching and are ready to help you define your own career direction.

Constance de la Vega
Professor
JD, UC Berkeley
She writes extensively on international human rights and has participated in United Nations human rights meetings.

Reza R. Dibadj
Professor
JD, MBA, Harvard University
He focuses on corporate and securities law, antitrust, regulation and administrative law, and social welfare theory.

Jack I. Garvey
Professor
JD, Harvard University
He specializes in international law, is published in the premier journals, and is an arbitrator and consultant to law firms.

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS
We enrich our curriculum by engaging adjunct professors who are talented local attorneys with specialized knowledge and unique practical experience. A selected list of adjuncts for 2014-2015 includes:

Thomas Klitgaard
Of Counsel
Dillingham & Murphy LLP

Abby Rubinson
Associate Attorney
Earthjustice

Jessica Morreale Therkelsen
Global Policy Director
Asylum Access

For more about our faculty:
www.usfca.edu/law/faculty
Engaged Learning

The law school provides a supportive environment to help students reach their educational and career goals. Students attend hearings at the California Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and a local jury trial. All LLM students benefit from individual counseling with a faculty member and career planning services. In addition, the unique LLM Mentor Program facilitates mentor relationships between international students and USF law school alumni who are practicing attorneys specializing in a variety of legal fields. The Office of Career Planning offers an array of services to all LLM students, including individual career counseling, resume and cover letter review, networking events, and programs with practitioners regarding diverse areas of the law.

Your Course of Study

Students tailor their education by selecting from many core and elective courses. All students must complete the American Legal System I and American Legal Writing and American Legal System II classes.

The program requires completion of 25 units and can be completed in two full-time semesters, August through May, and a part-time option is available with approval from the program director. Graduates of the LLM program may be eligible to take the bar exam in many U.S. states, and are strongly encouraged to discuss this with their academic advisors at the beginning of the fall semester.

CORE COURSES INCLUDE:
- Comparative Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Human Rights
- Public International Law

ELECTIVE COURSES MAY INCLUDE:
- Administrative Law
- Antitrust Law
- Asian Legal Systems
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Corporate Governance
- Corporations
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- European Union Law
- Evidence
- Immigration Law
- International Advocacy and Research
- International Civil Dispute Resolution
- International Criminal Law
- International Economic Relations
- International Environmental Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Clinic
- Labor and Employment Law in China
- Labor Law
- Maritime Law
- Property
- Regulation of Financial Institutions
- Remedies
- Securities Regulation
- Torts
Apply Now

We seek to admit a diverse group of students who are among the most capable lawyers from countries throughout the world. The **priority application deadline** for August 2015 admission is **February 16, 2015**. The Admissions Committee reviews files in the order they are completed, on a rolling basis. Therefore, it is to your advantage to submit the complete application with supporting materials as early as possible.

**Eligibility**

The LLM program is open to applicants who have obtained a first degree in law, or have completed in a foreign country the university-based legal education required to take the equivalent of the bar examination in that country, or are qualified to practice law in a foreign country, or are otherwise determined sufficiently qualified by the LLM Admissions Committee.

Strong English language ability is a prerequisite to admission. Please visit www.usfca.edu/law/llm/itcl for more information.

The **LLM and English Language Program** is designed for otherwise qualified LLM applicants who want to improve their English language skills and achieve the level of proficiency necessary to be successful in the LLM degree program. After submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores, conditionally admitted students may be required to take one or two semesters of English language development coursework at USF prior to starting their LLM degree. Students will receive some credit towards their LLM degree and a certificate at the completion of the program. More information about the program can be found at www.usfca.edu/law/llm/english.

Apply Online: [www.usfca.edu/law/llm/apply](http://www.usfca.edu/law/llm/apply)

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USF by the Numbers

325
USF LLM alumni worldwide

2nd
Ranked second best quality of life and eighth most diverse faculty by *The Princeton Review*

5th
Tied as the fifth most diverse law student body in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*

85
Countries represented by all LLM program graduates

8th
Ranked the eighth best law school for diversity practices by HispanicBusiness.com

TOP 10
One of ten recommended LLM programs in the U.S. for lawyers of color by *The Black Student’s Guide to Law Schools*

345
Alumni participating in the USF School of Law LinkedIn Mentor Program (as of August 2014) and growing

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Learn more about our application process at www.usfca.edu/law/llm/apply

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