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# LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE LAW

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The LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law is designed for lawyers interested in the international law of trade, investment, finance, and other business transactions. Students will acquire the knowledge and practical skills needed for future careers in legal practice, consulting, and policy-making. Taught in Washington D.C. by prominent academics and practitioners, the LL.M. presents unique experiential learning and career opportunities.

The LL.M.'s core courses cover the fundamentals of trade regulation and negotiations under U.S., WTO and other international trade agreements, as well as international sales, transfer of technology, and other cross-border transactions. The key electives complement the core courses and cover certain focus areas, including U.S. trade remedies, sanctions and export controls, trade and investment, bilateral and regional trade agreements, e-commerce, trade in services and intellectual property, and currency and financial transactions. Students may also explore the linkages between trade, business and other areas of law, such as environment, human rights, labor, and gender.

### SELECT FACULTY AND ADVISORS

**Padideh Ala'i**, AUWCL Professor of Law and Director of International & Comparative Legal Studies; Executive Council Member, Society of International Economic Law; Associate Member, International Academy of Comparative Law

**Kenneth Anderson**, AUWCL Professor of Law

**Michael Cavanaugh**, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP

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**Aluisio De Lima-Campos**, Trade Policy Expert

**Susan Franck**, AUWCL Professor of Law; Executive Committee Member, American Society of International Law; Member, American Law Institute

**Desiree Ganz**, Director for Labor Affairs, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

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**John Magnus**, President of TradeWins LLC, Trade Law and Policy Consultancy

**Kaveh Miremadi**, Enforcement Section Chief, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Treasury Department

**Martin Molinuevo**, Senior Counsel, World Bank

**Matthew Nicely**, Partner, Hughes Hubbard & Reed

**Fernanda Nicola**, AUWCL Professor of Law; Director, Program on International Organizations, Law and Development

**Hal Shapiro**, Partner & Chair of the Regulatory Practice Steering Committee, Akin Gump

**David Snyder**, AUWCL Professor of Law and Director of Business Law Program; Elected Member, American Law Institute

### QUICK FACTS

- Ranked 9th in international law specialty by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Graded A+ by *Prelaw Magazine* for international law
- Top 25 best schools for foreign-trained lawyers, *International Jurist*
- 100+ full-time and adjunct faculty specialized in various areas of international law
- Students from 50+ countries and 4,000+ alumni worldwide
- 90% of LL.M. students participate in internships
- 200+ conferences, symposia, and networking events annually

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Outstanding Trade Practitioner Scholarship**  
(full tuition scholarship)

**Alumni Fund Scholarship**  
(full tuition scholarship)

**Global Talent Development Scholarship**  
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

**Summer Programs Participant Scholarship**  
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

**Merit Based Scholarship**  
(up to 40% of tuition discount)

## LL.M. CURRICULUM

24 credits of coursework, with at least 12 credits in core and key elective courses related to international trade and business law.

### Core Courses (min. 6 credits):

International Trade Law I (3 credits)

The United States Trade Regime (3 credits)

International Business Transactions (3 credits)

International Contracts and Sales (3 credits)

### Key Electives (min. 6 credits):

#### Trade law-related courses:

International Trade Law II (2 credits)

U.S. Export Controls & Economic Sanctions (2 credits)

Trade Remedies (2 credits)

Trade and Environment (2 credits)

International Investment Law (3 credits)

International Rule Making and Dispute

Settlement - WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System (3 credits)

International Trade Agreements and Workers' Rights (1 credit)

Trade and Diplomacy (2 credits)

Trade & Development (1 credit)

#### Business law-related courses:

Anti-Corruption Law (2 credits)

Banking and Financial Institutions: International Regulations (2 credits)

Banking and Financial Institutions: U.S. Regulation (3 credits)

International Business & Human Rights (2 credits)

International Business Negotiations (3 credits)

International Project Finance (2 credits)

Legal Drafting: International Contracts (2 credits)

U.S. Business Law (3 credits)

World Bank, IMF and Financial Institutions (2 credits)

#### Dispute-resolution courses:

International Commercial Arbitration: US & Comparative Perspective (3 credits)

Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration (2 credits)

International ADR: Global Sovereign Disputes Practicum (3 credits)

### General Electives:

The remaining credits may be chosen from among the 100+ general elective courses, including New York bar courses.

## The Program on Trade, Investment and Development

Directed by Professor Padideh Ala'i, AUWCL's Trade, Investment and Development Program (TID) promotes research and experiential learning of international trade law. TID invites **world-renowned experts** to teach in the LL.M. in International Business and Trade Law, or speak at AUWCL's **high-profile lectures and symposia**. TID brings together trade alumni, practitioners, and policy-makers at networking events. TID offers a **summer course on WTO law** at the WTO headquarters in Geneva. The course is taught by WTO staff, and provides unique insight into the organization's trade-related activities.

## Externships & Careers

Together with our **LL.M. Career Counselor**, TID's faculty and staff are dedicated to assist students in locating trade-related **externship and career opportunities**. Students have in the past externed at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the International Trade Commission, the U.S. Court of International Trade, trade law firms in the U.S. and abroad, the WTO in Geneva, the World Bank, and other international organizations.

## Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Eligible international LL.M. students may apply for an OPT permit. This training will provide students with the possibility of obtaining practical work experience in the U.S. for up to one year after graduation.

## New York Bar Track

This LL.M. program provides foreign-educated law students with the courses required to qualify to sit for the New York bar exam. Foreign-trained LL.M. students must complete at least 12 credits of New York bar courses of the 24 credits needed for the LL.M. degree.

## TESTIMONIAL

Ricardo Ramírez Hernández '95, Former Appellate Body Member of the World Trade Organization

*"I was not sure that I wanted to be a trade lawyer, but after attending American University Washington College of Law, I knew. My time in the LL.M. program and the really great exposure I had to trade were so influential. In the end it helped me get my job with the [Mexican] government."*

## APPLICATIONS

Applications are accepted for both fall and spring admissions. To apply, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm) and submit the following:

- Application Form & Fee
- Official Copies of Academic Records
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Proof of Competency in English (for non-native speakers) sent from testing agency

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

<b>Fall</b>	International	<b>May 1</b>	U.S. Citizen/PR	<b>July 1</b>
<b>Spring</b>	International	<b>October 1</b>	U.S. Citizen/PR	<b>November 1</b>

## APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>Fall</b>	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	<b>March 1</b>	Merit-based Scholarships	<b>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis</b>
<b>Spring</b>	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	<b>October 1</b>	Merit-based Scholarships	<b>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis</b>



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