



"The experience, exposure, knowledge, and professional skills that Georgia Law imparted opened up new vistas and made many academic, professional, and even personal pursuits possible and successful. I would do it again if I were once again young."

– **Dr. Kannan Rajarathinam** (LLM 1988)

Head of Office, UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, Basra



MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) DEGREE



Dean Rusk
International
Law Center

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

GLOBAL PRACTICE PREPARATION



WELCOME

As someone who once was a student (and later a professor) in a foreign land, I can appreciate the excitement and apprehension you must feel about studying away from your home country—and about deciding which law school to attend.

At Georgia Law, you will find a community dedicated to helping you realize your professional and personal goals. Many of our professors have taught, lived, or studied in foreign countries, and thus are keenly sensitive to your needs. They follow in the tradition of great professors like the late Dean Rusk, a member of the Georgia Law faculty for many years after serving as US Secretary of State, and Louis Sohn, one of the 20th century's finest international lawyers.

Your classmates in Athens will share this global awareness. Many studied abroad before attending law school. They, and many others, take part in Georgia Law's study abroad in Brussels and Oxford and in its Global Externships.

When you graduate, you will join the ranks of a diverse array of Georgia Law LLM alums with ties to more than two dozen US states and 75 countries. This dedicated group meets annually around the world, and returns for an Athens reunion every five years. As a proud graduate of Georgia Law, you will help shape a global legal community that, for nearly a half-century, has been a crown jewel of this great institution.

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge

Dean & Herman E. Talmadge Chair of Law
Fulbright Professor, University of Vienna, Austria (2010-2011)
Degrees include M.Litt., University of Aberdeen, Scotland
Author/co-author, *Arbitration and the Constitution* and
International Civil Litigation in United States Courts

LEADING FACULTY

Georgia Law faculty lead in scholarship, teaching, and professional service. Their books examine issues ranging from the US Supreme Court to inequality in financial services. They lead groups like the American Society of International Law, and have won prestigious awards like the American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal. Some have testified before Congress, while others consult for institutions like the International Criminal Court. Most importantly, our faculty are eager to enrich our students' education. See law.uga.edu/faculty.

"The welcome extended by the UGA family has made it possible for literally hundreds of international lawyers to become very successful in their chosen fields around the world and, at least in our case, also to live the American Dream!"

– **Shiyami M. Siva Subramaniam** (LLM 1989)
& **Siva Subramaniam** (LLM 1988), Partner,
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, New York City



A STORIED TRADITION

In 1973, Edward de Jaegher of Brussels, Belgium, became the first foreign-trained lawyer to earn a Master of Laws, or LLM, degree at the University of Georgia School of Law. In the ensuing 40-plus years we've produced more than 400 LLM graduates. They have ties to 75 countries, on every continent in the world. They include judges and law firm partners, leaders in governments and in intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, heads of corporate legal departments, and university professors. They form a valued part of Georgia Law's vast network of approximately 10,000 JD and LLM alumni/ae.

"The LLM program at UGA provides a unique opportunity for foreign legal professionals to understand law practice in the US. Because of its limited number of LLM students, the program allows them to have classes together with JD students, giving a real perspective on the American legal system."

– **Honorable Felipe Forte Cobo**

(LLM 2013), Judge and Professor at the School of Magistracy, State of Paraná, Brazil



INDIVIDUALIZED LEARNING IN A TOP-RANKED LAW SCHOOL

Georgia Law is a core unit of the 35,000-student University of Georgia, among the oldest and most respected public universities in the United States. Each of our select group of LLM students benefits from the resources of a top research institution even as he or she pursues a one-year, individualized plan of courses, taught by highly credentialed faculty. Moreover, Georgia Law LLM students may prepare to sit for the bar examination in Georgia, New York, California, or Washington, D.C.

QUALIFICATIONS

To apply for our LLM program, you must hold a degree equivalent to the Juris Doctor, or JD, from a recognized non-US law school, and you must have fulfilled the educational requirements for admission to the practice of law in a country other than the United States. You also must demonstrate proficiency in English, by scoring at least 90 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or 6.5 via the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

COSTS & FINANCIAL AID

We rank consistently among the best-value law schools in the United States, and Athens is among the more affordable US college towns. You're encouraged to apply for financial aid sources in your home country; US citizens and permanent US residents may apply for federal student aid through the US Department of Education. LLM candidates who demonstrate financial need and outstanding merit also may be eligible for Georgia Law scholarships, in the form of student assistantships or out-of-state tuition waivers. Apply early to assure priority consideration for such aid.

KEY LLM APPLICATION DATES

1 August 2015
1 February 2016
15 May 2016

Georgia Law's LLM application available at lsac.org/llm
Application deadline for priority scholarship consideration
Final application deadline



WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

Our tradition of excellence in global practice preparation began 75 years ago, when noted German-Jewish judge Sigmund Cohn arrived at Georgia Law seeking refuge from the ravages of World War II. Other professors reinforced the tradition he began; for example: Dean Rusk, who joined our faculty after a decade of service as the Secretary of State to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines Johnson; Louis B. Sohn, a scholar and American Society of International Law president who helped draft the Charter of the United Nations and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; and Gabriel M. Wilner, a dispute settlement expert who mentored decades of LLM students.

To this day, superb faculty prepare Georgia Law students to practice in areas as varied as business and trade, arbitration and dispute settlement, the environment and sustainable development, human and children's rights, and global governance and collective security. Aiding them are the law school's Louis B. Sohn Library on International Relations as well as its Dean Rusk International Law Center, since 1977 a nucleus for global research, education, and service.

A CLASSIC CITY

As an LLM student, you'll benefit from the array of programs and international student resources in Athens, Georgia's "Classic City," and also from Athens' proximity to Atlanta, a global social, economic, and cultural hub.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

We're one of just 32 US law schools taking part in the International Student Interview Program held every January in New York City. At ISIP, LLM candidates have the opportunity to be considered for internships and permanent positions at more than 150 top legal employers from the United States and abroad. You also may apply to work in the US legal field, through Optional Practical Training (OPT), for up to 12 months after receiving your LLM degree.



"I grew personally and academically in a stimulating environment. Strong mentorship from senior law students led me throughout the academic pursuit, all the way to my commencement."
– Yili Zhao (LLM 2015)



BY THE NUMBERS

GEORGIA LAW

founded 1859
≈600 law students
< 25 LLM candidates
47% women, 53% men
#13 public law schools (US News 2016)
#11 best-value law schools (National Jurist 2013)
5 professors who served as US Supreme Court clerks
10,000-strong alumni/ae network

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

state-chartered 1785
> 35,000 students
≈7,000 graduate & professional students
> 2,600 international students from 125 countries
759-acre Athens main campus
#21 public universities (US News 2016)
8 medals won at 2012 London Olympics

ATHENS

incorporated 1806
#3 American college towns (MSNBC 2010)
120,000 residents
70 miles from Atlanta

GEORGIA

4th state to ratify US Constitution, in 1788
> 10 million residents
95 million passengers/year at ATL, world's busiest airport
2-hour flights ATL to D.C., New York, Chicago, Miami
32 Fortune 1000 HQ; e.g., Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines
79 full/honorary consulates/trade offices
38 binational chambers of commerce
1 international arbitration center

CURRICULUM

Georgia Law awards the LLM degree following the successful completion of 24 credit hours, typically within one academic year. All LLM students take a special legal research and writing course; all other courses are pursued side by side with JD students.

Aided by an LLM advisor, you'll choose either the All-Courses or Courses-Plus-Essay track, and draw on our array of offerings to craft a curriculum tailored to your personal career goals. Concentrations may include: preparation toward sitting for a US bar examination; business law; criminal justice or other public law; and international and transnational law. Georgia Law courses are listed at law.uga.edu/course-offerings; LLM students also may seek approval to take some courses in other University of Georgia units.

ALL-COURSES

- Legal Research & Writing for LLM Students (3 credit hours)
- Constitutional Law I or Civil Procedure I (3)
- Law & the Ethics of Lawyering (3)
- Additional courses chosen by student (15)

COURSE-PLUS-ESSAY

- Legal Research & Writing for LLM Students (3)
- Constitutional Law I or Civil Procedure I (3)
- Law & the Ethics of Lawyering (3)
- Essay of at least 60 pages, written over 2 semesters under supervision of full-time faculty member (6)
- Additional courses chosen by student (9)

LLM/MBA DEGREE

Students interested in a business law career may pursue a Master of Laws/Master of Business Administration (LLM/MBA) degree. Georgia Law offers this dual degree in partnership with the Terry College of Business, another highly ranked University of Georgia unit.

TRANSFER TO JD STUDY

LLM students who demonstrate a high level of achievement may seek to transfer to Georgia Law's JD program.



"The flexibility of the LLM program at the University of Georgia School of Law enabled me to select courses of interest and relevance in preparation for my career as an in-house commercial law attorney."

– **Bolanle Meshida** (LLM 2004)
Regional Legal Head for Lagos & Southwest, Ecobank Nigeria Limited, Lagos, Nigeria



"Very honorable and highly reputable professors were able to break down the most complex legal issues and always made sure to point out the practical relevance. Studying at UGA School of Law prepared me thoroughly for my legal career."

– **Andreas Kuntzsch**
(LLM 2010)

Labor Law Attorney, KPMG Law, Dresden, Germany, and President, Georgia Law LLM Association

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A CLOSER LOOK

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