“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
**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*

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**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
Our tradition of excellence in global practice began in 1785, when noted German jurist Siegmund Cohn arrived at Georgia Law seeking refuge from the rise of Prussian War I. 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 in Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Baines. Johnson. Louis “Bol” Sohn, a scholar and American Society of International Law professor who helped draft the Charter of the United Nations and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and Gabriel M. Weiner, a dispute settlement expert who was one of the first American arbitrators in international law.

To this day, superb faculty prepare Georgia Law students to practice in areas as varied as business and trade, arbitration and dispute settlement, environment and sustainable development, human rights and children’s rights, and global governance and collective security. Adding them is the University’s Louis S. Boht Library on International Relations as well as the Dean Rusk International Law Center, since 1977 a nucleus for global research, education, and service.

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


By the numbers

University of Georgia

Gainesville 30607

*25 LLM candidates

*47% women; 52% men (2016)

*1130-seat value-law schools (National Jurist 2015)

$8 million in annual support from the Supreme Court clerk, 10,000 strong alumni/alumnae network.


Qualifications

To apply for our LLM program, you must hold a degree equivalent to the J.D. or J.S.D. 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 work consistently among the best-value law schools in the United States, and among the most affordable public universities in the United States. Each of our select group of LLM students benefits from the resources of a top-ranked American institution, and he or she pursues a one-year, individualized plan of courses, taught by highly credentialed faculty. Moreover, Georgia Law LLM students may prepay to all the bar examinations in Georgia, New York, California, or Washington, D.C.

Career Development

We are one of just 32 US law schools taking part in the International Student Interview Program (ISIP). We are one of just 25 US law schools taking part in the Student Success Initiative (SSI). All ISIP LLM candidates have the opportunity to be considered for internships and permanent positions at more than 150 law firms and legal employers from the United States and abroad. You also may apply to take our ABA-approved US legal path through Online/Practical Training (OPT), for up to 12 months after receiving your LLM degree.

As a world-class educational institution, 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-ranked American institution, and he or she pursues a one-year, individualized plan of courses, taught by highly credentialed faculty. Moreover, Georgia Law LLM students may prepay to all the bar examinations in Georgia, New York, California, or Washington, D.C.

"I grew personally and professionally in a stimulating environment. Strong mentorship from my LLM law student led me throughout the academic pursuit, all the way to my career path." — Yili Zhao (LLM 2016)
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. We’re proud to 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 varied part of Georgia Law’s vast network of approximately 10,000 JD and LLM alumni.

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION

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A CLASSIC CITY

As an LLM student, you’ll benefit from the array of programs and special 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 (HSIP) that enables foreign students to interview at the top law schools in the United States. You also have the opportunity to sit for the LSAT if you have not previously taken the exam in your home country. Georgia Law LLM students benefit from the resources of a top-ranked law school, and you are encouraged to pursue a one-year, individualized plan of courses, taught by highly credentialed faculty. Moreover, Georgia Law LLM students may prepay to fill all the law examinations in Georgia, New York, California, and Washington, D.C.

Qualifications

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Key LLM Application Dates

1 August 2015 Georgia Law’s LLM application available at lsac.org
1 February 2016 Application deadline for priority scholarship consideration
31 May 2016 Final application deadline

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Labor Law Attorney, KPMG Law, Dresden, Germany, and President, Georgia Law Association 2013

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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

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GLOBAL PRACTICE PREPARATION

A CLOSER LOOK

Visit us in Athens. E-mail us at LLM@uga.edu or call us at +1 (706) 542-5211 to schedule a tour of our LLM program, Georgia Law, and the Dean Rusk International Law Center.

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