

LLM Degree Program

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About Us

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's LLM program gives international lawyers the opportunity to study at one of the oldest and most prestigious law schools in the United States. Located in the heart of Chicago, a global legal and business hub, the program fully integrates LLM students into the Northwestern Pritzker Law community. Students learn alongside JD candidates, benefit from distinguished faculty and dedicated support, and graduate with the knowledge, networks, and perspective to succeed in legal careers worldwide.

LLM Class Profile: Entering 2026 (As of 7/27/2026)

Students enrolled: **124**

Average years of work experience: **4.5**

Average age: **27**

Number of regions represented: **24**



Advance Your Education in a World-Class City

Located in the heart of downtown Chicago, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law is steps from elite law firms, local and federal courts, major corporations, government agencies, and leading nonprofits. Here you will have a unique opportunity to experience the practice of law, as well as its theory, in one of the most vibrant legal and business communities in the world. Chicago offers endless opportunities to explore U.S. culture, including premier museums, restaurants, the arts, professional sports, and nightlife.

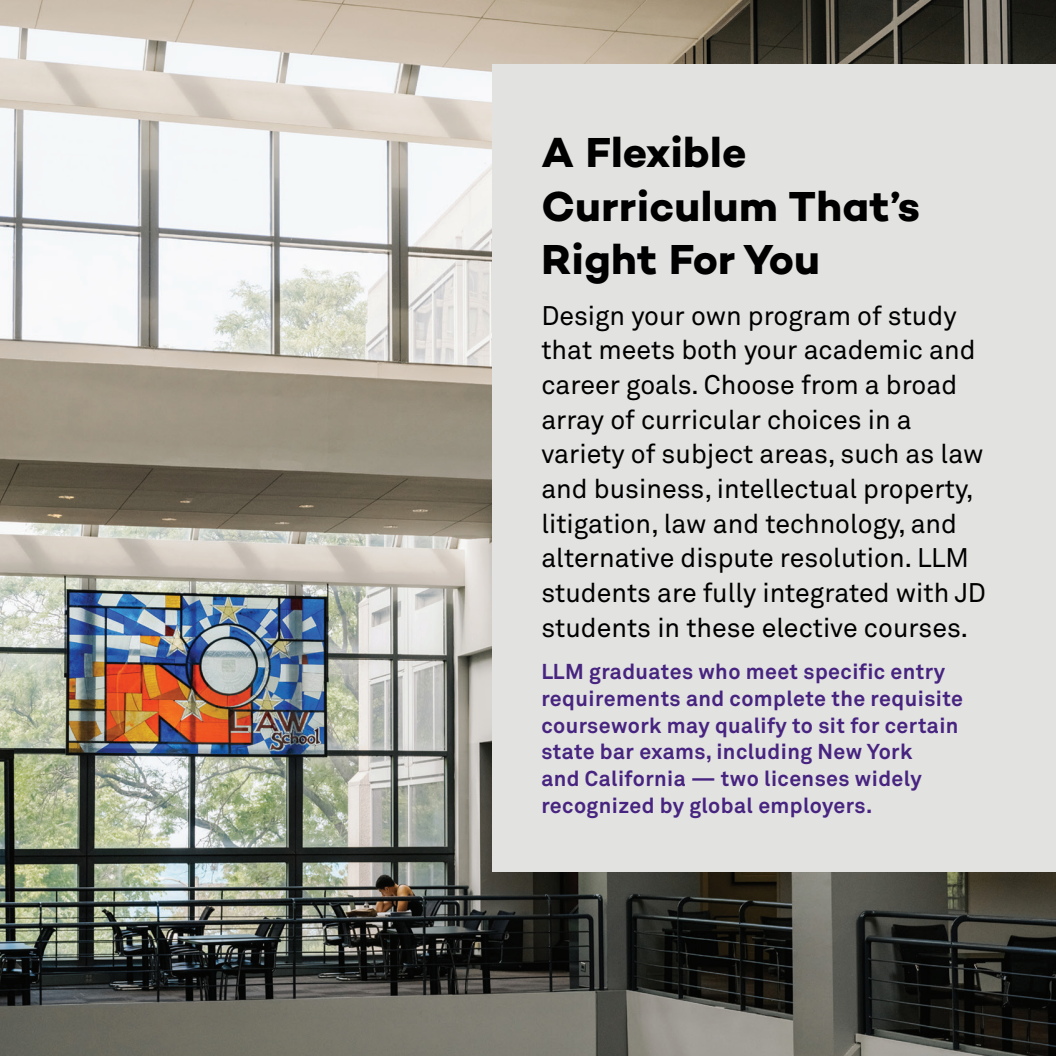


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*The Northwestern Pritzker Law community gave me the confidence to pursue and achieve things I hadn't thought possible. Everyone came from such distinct backgrounds, yet we were all searching for the same sense of connection. **The LLM gave me the academic, professional, and intercultural foundation** to bridge the gaps between our countries in a way that opened many new doors for me.*

KATHARINA HENGST (LLM '26),
Germany





A Flexible Curriculum That's Right For You

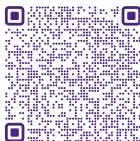
Design your own program of study that meets both your academic and career goals. Choose from a broad array of curricular choices in a variety of subject areas, such as law and business, intellectual property, litigation, law and technology, and alternative dispute resolution. LLM students are fully integrated with JD students in these elective courses.

LLM graduates who meet specific entry requirements and complete the requisite coursework may qualify to sit for certain state bar exams, including New York and California — two licenses widely recognized by global employers.



Kellogg Certificate in Business for Lawyers

The Kellogg Certificate in Business for Lawyers is an intensive program designed for LLM students who want to understand business concepts and principles that impact corporate transactional law. All courses are taught by leading Kellogg School of Management faculty and will be held on alternating Saturdays during the academic year.



[www.law.northwestern.edu/
llm-business-certificate](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/llm-business-certificate)

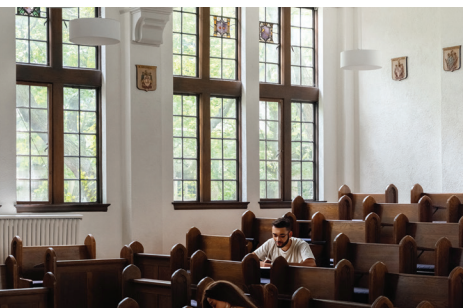


Academic Concentrations

LLM students have the option to pursue a concentration in Tax Law or International Human Rights Law. Concentrations require a minimum of 10 credit hours of coursework, which allows students the flexibility to also qualify for the New York bar examination.



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llm-concentrations](http://www.law.northwestern.edu/llm-concentrations)





Student Life

Our LLM program offers a broad range of support services, including for international students and their families.

Northwestern Pritzker Law has more than 40 student organizations, all of which are open to LLM students.

Global Village celebrates the cultural richness of the Law School.

The LLM Committee plans academic, professional, and social events of interest to LLM students.

Lunch Lectures are a faculty-led speaker series exclusively for LLM students.

Global Conversations give students the opportunity to discuss cross-cultural issues in a fun and relaxed setting.

Legal Field Trips allow LLM students to experience the U.S. legal system firsthand by visiting courts, law firms, government agencies, and corporations.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) invites LLM students to participate in its various committees, and to elect an LLM Representative to sit on the Executive Board.

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*I came to Northwestern Pritzker Law seeking an academic degree, but I found much more: a lifelong community. The LLM program is **thoughtfully structured, with outstanding classes, excellent professors, and many opportunities to engage beyond the classroom** through student organizations, events, and initiatives. It broadened my perspective, exposed me to different cultures, and made me feel part of a community that I will carry with me forever.”*

MARIA CLARA MACIEL (LLM '26),
Brazil





Career Planning

The LLM program has a dedicated career advisor who counsels LLM students and provides career guidance. The Career Strategy Center provides training and workshops on all aspects of a job search in the United States, including **cover letter and resume writing, networking, and interview preparation.**

Students may also participate in job fairs, where American and international employers interview students for positions in the United States and abroad.

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*As a practicing attorney, the LLM program at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law helped me to elevate my skills to the next level. The program combines **a strong international reputation, a prime Chicago location, and an exceptional selection of transactional courses** that focus on practical application directly relevant to **real-world legal practice.**”*

PHILIPP A. RUCHTI-BALTENSPERGER (LLM '26),
Switzerland



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Choosing Northwestern Pritzker Law to better understand the U.S. legal system, I found so much more along the way—a truly global community, a profound legal education bridging theory and practice, and numerous opportunities to connect with the local society, beyond the campus.” — MASAYA GOTO (LLM '26), Japan