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MASTER OF LAWS
IN THE
AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia
Within the limits of its facilities and its obligations as a state university, The College of William and Mary opens the possibility of admission and participation in its educational programs, educational policies, financial aid or other school administered programs to all qualified persons without illegal discrimination based on sex, race, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. The University will seek to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. This policy is enforced by federal law under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Inquiries regarding compliance with the College's equal opportunity and affirmative action programs and procedures may be directed to the Assistant to the President, Director of Affirmative Action, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, Old Dominion Hall, College of William and Mary, Post Office Box 8795, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795; Phone: (757) 221-2615, (757) 221-2613 TDD.
Message from the Dean

William and Mary is committed to maintaining a diverse and open community of students and scholars. Each year we welcome new students who bring to the College a variety of scholarly, ethnic and cultural backgrounds from across the United States and from around the world. This mixture of talented students enriches our campus and the lives of those who study here.

The Law School is not only one of the most historic but also one of the best places to learn the law of the United States in all its breadth and majesty. International students will find our comparatively small student body most friendly and accessible; this is an excellent place to experience United States legal education as a fully integrated member of our student body. In recognition of the importance of international legal issues in modern law practice, we have expanded our international law curriculum to touch the subjects of human rights, business and the environment.

We are pleased to offer our LL.M. degree candidates, who are lawyers from outside the United States, the flexibility of an American Legal System program fully integrated with our Juris Doctor degree program and composed of courses in the J.D. curriculum along with resources for a creative and scholarly year of study in the United States. This booklet has been prepared to inform you of the opportunities for lawyers from other countries for studying American law at William and Mary. If this graduate program corresponds with your academic goals, we encourage you to apply and will be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Krattenmaker
Dean and Professor of Law
Message from the
Director of the Graduate Program

THREE ARGUMENTS FOR WILLIAM AND MARY!

Congratulations on your decision to consider William and Mary's prestigious graduate legal education program. I know from my experience as an international student in 1984-86 that choosing to study overseas is a difficult, uncertain process. I would like to highlight three reasons why William and Mary should be your top choice at which to pursue graduate legal education: our rich curriculum; our personable atmosphere; and our superb location.

Our Rich Curriculum: Training the Global Lawyer of the 21st Century

William and Mary is committed to training the global lawyer of the 21st century, that is, to preparing students for legal practice in an increasingly international, high-technology economy. Therefore, William and Mary boasts a rich curriculum for you to explore. There are more courses covering more areas of law than you can possibly hope to take in one year. As you consider this curriculum, take note of two key points. First, William and Mary maintains an active curriculum with courses offered on a regular basis. Thus, you can be virtually certain the courses that interest you will be offered. Second, William and Mary offers a unique curriculum of advanced specialty courses and seminars that go far beyond offering just a conventional survey course to train the global lawyers of the 21st century. Additionally, William and Mary's rich curriculum is not limited, but includes international law, constitutional law, corporate law, criminal law, and environmental law.

Our Personable Atmosphere: Individualized Attention and High-Quality Teaching

By design, William and Mary's graduate program is limited to a small number of highly qualified students. Almost all classes have fewer than 50 students, and many have between 10-20 students. The professors not only know the students by name, but also spend considerable time mentoring and socializing with the students.

This personable atmosphere is not simply a nice feature of William and Mary, it reflects a deep-seated commitment among the faculty to the quality of teaching. To be sure, many faculty members are nationally and internationally renowned scholars
in their fields. But, at William and Mary research and teaching are symbiotically related to one another where classes are energized by the latest developments in legal scholarship. In turn, these developments are shaped by new ideas from the classroom.

Our Superb Location: The Perfect Balance

Williamsburg, Virginia is a superb place to spend a year of graduate legal study. Students coming to the United States for a brief period often wonder what is the best way to get a "real" American experience. My answer is to find a nicely balanced community. Williamsburg is one such community.

William and Mary offers unparalleled natural beauty and space. You may find trees, rivers, creeks or lakes outside your apartment or house door, and the Shenandoah mountains and Atlantic Ocean beaches are within a short drive. William and Mary has, however, a cosmopolitan atmosphere. You will find plenty of globally-minded people, ethnic restaurants, and cultural events at your doorstep. Norfolk, Richmond, and Washington, D.C. are within an easy drive.

Williamsburg is a balanced location in another sense — the weather. No doubt you will spend a great deal of time indoors, in the classroom and law library, during the August-to-May academic year. But, you may wish to enjoy frequent outdoor study breaks. Virginia offers a sunny, mild climate with long autumn and spring seasons. Williamsburg's highly attractive climate may even test your fidelity to the law!

As you will learn in the next few pages, William and Mary has a well-deserved 200-year tradition of producing lawyers who become senior government officials, leading practitioners, and renowned academics. I hope you can join this tradition. Please feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Raj Bhala
Director, Graduate (L.L.M.) Program
Associate Professor of Law

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THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Founded in 1693 as the second institution of higher education in the country, the College of William and Mary in Virginia is today a small, residential, full-time, coeducational university. While it is a state university, it is also national and international in character and contribution, enrolling students from throughout the nation, many countries and varied backgrounds.

William and Mary is a college community, small enough to provide for relationships that allow true teaching and learning, large enough to have the resources to achieve excellence. An important aspect of this community is the location of the College in the beautiful and historic city of Williamsburg, where it constitutes an integral part of the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg. There is a genuine partnership between the College, the City and the restoration area. The educational, cultural and recreational opportunities afforded to all students at the College by this partnership adds to the quality of life and the quality of education at William and Mary.

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
SCHOOL OF LAW

The study of law at William and Mary rests upon venerable tradition. Antedated only by the Vinerian Professorship at Oxford, held by Sir William Blackstone, and by the Chair at Trinity College at Dublin, the Chair of Law at William and Mary is one of the oldest in the English speaking world and the oldest in the United States. The first university based law courses in America were offered at the College of William and Mary and the School of Law thus has a rich tradition.
Through the efforts of Thomas Jefferson, the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary created a professorship of Law and Police on December 4, 1779. They chose as the first occupant of the Chair, George Wythe, in whose offices studied Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, James Monroe and Henry Clay. Wythe, who had been a leader in the struggle for independence, both as a signer of the Declaration of Independence and as a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention, proved to be an inspirational force in the development of legal education. During the decade of his professorship, he developed a comprehensive course of study including courses in legislative drafting and moot court.

Today, the William and Mary School of Law enrolls approximately 500 students from all regions of the nation and abroad. It has a rapidly growing reputation for excellence and is a leading center for legal education. Prospective applicants may wish to go online for additional information. The College of William and Mary School of Law information is located at the following address: http://www.wm.edu/law/.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

The graduate program in the American Legal System provides advanced training for students from outside the United States who are interested in careers in legal education or who wish to increase their familiarity with the American legal system. The program is designed for lawyers from outside the United States who have demonstrated an intent to return to contribute to the academic or legal professions of their home country.

Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary are ideal venues for graduate education in American legal studies. The College has exceptional strengths in American constitutional law and human rights through the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, and in the historical foundations of the American republic under the auspices of the Institute of Early American History and Culture as well as the Commonwealth Center for the Study of American Culture. These programs are strongly reinforced by the unique setting of Colonial Williamsburg. There is no place in the nation better equipped to provide law students with specialized training in the American legal system. The establishment of the Reves Center for International Studies has stimulated courses available to graduate students throughout the university, allowing for inter-disciplinary study in areas such as African Studies, East Asian Studies, International Relations, Latin American Studies, and Russian/Soviet Studies. A substantial number of courses are also available in environmental studies throughout the College, including the Law School and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

The graduate program is designed to provide students with a range of opportunities, from obtaining a basic knowledge of the legal system of the United States to undertaking original research on a particular aspect of law. The individual programs of study of American Legal System graduate students are drawn from the courses and seminars in the Law School curriculum, and with approval of the director of the program and course instructor, other courses in the College. One objective of the graduate program is to integrate American and international students at various levels of study. Therefore no separate or special courses specifically for graduate students are offered. The Law School does not prescribe study programs for particular legal specializations or offer degrees which specify an area of concentration.
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Degree candidates must be in residence as a full-time student for two semesters while earning a minimum of 24 credit hours with a cumulative quality point average of at least 2.5. At least 15 credit hours must be earned in law school courses; nine credit hours, if approved by the director of the program and the course instructor, may be taken in other schools and departments. From three to six credit hours can be earned for graduate legal research and writing projects supervised by a member of the law faculty. Courses in the Law School generally carry two to four units of credit, varying with the number of hours of class meetings per week.

In the week prior to the start of the fall semester classes a series of classes on the American legal system is required of all degree candidates. LLM candidates must complete a major research paper in a seminar or class which requires a major research paper or by successfully completing Law 610 Independent Legal Writing.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

A. Qualification for Admission

The LLM program is designed for a student who meets each of the following four criteria:

1. The applicant has obtained a basic law degree in a country other than the United States from a college or university that is fully accredited and recognized by the relevant educational authority in that other country.
2. The applicant is either (a) not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or (b) a citizen or permanent resident of the United States who does not presently live and work in the United States.
3. The applicant intends to reside and work outside of the United States (for example, in the student’s home country or in a third country) after completing the program.
4. The applicant does not already hold an LLM degree from an American law school.

The LLM program seeks to assist in the development of the practicing bars and legal academic communities of other countries. Therefore, the program is not an entree for students intending to reside and work in the United States. Such students should apply to the J.D. program.

Because the LLM program is limited in size to allow for individual attention on the advanced level, William and Mary cannot admit all qualified applicants. Admission is based on a careful evaluation of the applicant’s prior academic record, personal statement, letters of recommendation, employment experience, and other relevant factors.

B. Application Procedures

LLM applicants are responsible for submitting all required documents by February 1 for fall entry. Applications and supporting materials received after February 1 will be accepted and considered on a space-available basis.

1. Application Form
   Submit signed application forms and essays with all questions answered.
2. Application Fee
Submit a non-refundable application fee in the amount designated in the accompanying letter made payable to the College of William and Mary.

3. Academic Records
Submit original or certified (notarized) copies of all original language official transcripts/academic records from all post-secondary institutions attended. Where the official original documents are issued in a language other than English, certified English translations must also be submitted.

4. Letters of Recommendation
Applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation. Letters are generally requested of law professors, employers or other significant persons relating to the applicants’ academic or professional career. Recommendation forms or letters must be submitted in envelopes sealed by the individual completing the recommendation. Provide those persons from whom you seek recommendations with a stamped envelope addressed to the Law School Admission Office (at the address on page 9).

5. LSAT or TOEFL Score
As explained below, depending on an applicant’s native language and medium of legal instruction, it is necessary to take either the LSAT or TOEFL.

a. LSAT
An applicant must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) if the applicant’s (1) native language is English (regardless of the language of instruction at the applicant’s law school), or (2) native language is not English but the applicant earned a law degree from a law school in which English is the language of instruction.

The LSAT is administered by:
Law Services
Box 2002
Newtown, PA 18940-0982  
U.S.A.  
Phone: (215) 968-1001  
FAX: (215) 968-1119

Applicants should advise Law Services to submit their LSAT score to the Law School Admission Office (at the address on page 9). The William and Mary institution code is 5115.

William and Mary recognizes that the LSAT is not offered in every country of the world. William and Mary also recognizes that in some countries the LSAT is offered infrequently at only one location that is very difficult and expensive to reach. If for these reasons, or because of some other extraordinarily compelling circumstance, the applicant cannot take the LSAT, then the applicant must submit a letter to the Law School Admission Office (at the address on page 9). The applicant must explain in detail the reason an LSAT score cannot be submitted. The applicant should understand that mere inconvenience is not an acceptable reason for failing to submit an LSAT score.
b. TOEFL
An applicant need not be perfectly fluent in English to be eligible for admission to the LL.M. program. However, a student with serious language limitations will be severely challenged in the study of law in the United States, which requires strong oral and written proficiency in English. Such a student may not benefit fully in a new cultural and social environment. Because oral participation and a research paper are requirements for the LL.M. degree, and because integration into the academic community is an inevitable part of the LL.M experience, only those students who are confident of their command of English should apply.

An applicant must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if (1) the applicant’s native language is not English and (2) the applicant did not obtain a law degree from an educational institution in which the language of instruction is English.

This requirement includes applicants from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. No other examination of English proficiency will be accepted in lieu of the TOEFL. TOEFL scores more than two years old at the time of application cannot be considered; applicants should register to re-take the TOEFL.

The TOEFL is administered at testing sites throughout the world. Information regarding test dates and registration procedures is available at most universities and American consulates, or by writing directly to:

TOEFL
Educational Testing Service
Box 6151
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151
U.S.A.
Phone: (609) 951-1100
FAX: (609) 951-1300

Applicants should advise the Educational Testing Service to submit their Official Score Reports of the TOEFL to the Law School Admission Office (at the address on the following page). The William and Mary institution code is 5115.

An applicant’s confirmation record or photocopy of TOEFL scores is not acceptable in lieu of the Official Score Report.

The minimum acceptable score for admission on the TOEFL is 600. In certain exceptional cases, William and Mary may accept a TOEFL score slightly below 600. An applicant with such a score should attempt to re-take the TOEFL to obtain a higher score. If it is not possible to re-take the TOEFL, then the applicant must submit a letter to the address on the following page. The applicant must explain in detail why the sub-600 score should be accepted. The applicant also should submit other evidence, such as letters of recommendation, attesting to the applicant’s ability to engage in intensive legal study in English.
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK

1. Full Name: ___________________________ Last ___________________________ First ___________________________ Middle ___________________________

2. Sex:* Male □ Female □

3. Date of Birth:* Year Month Day

4. Social Security, or LSDAS Assigned Number:* ___________________________

5. Racial/Ethnic Category* □ Asian or Pacific Islander Ethnicity: ___________________________
   □ Black/African American Ethnicity: ___________________________
   □ Hispanic Ethnicity: ___________________________
   □ Native American or Alaskan Native Tribal Affiliation: ___________________________
   □ White, not of Hispanic Origin ___________________________

6. Country of Citizenship: ___________________________

7. Visa Code: ___________________________

*Note: Provision of this information is not required. You are assured both by school policy and by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that the information will be confidential and accessible only to school officials, government agencies and others with a legitimate educational interest in the information.

8. PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS:
   (where you wish correspondence mailed)

   Street or Box ___________________________

   City ___________________________
   State ___________________________
   Country ___________________________
   Zip Code ___________________________
   Complete Telephone Number ___________________________
   FAX ___________________________
   Email ___________________________

9. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS:
   (through which you can be reached at any time)

   Street or Box ___________________________

   City ___________________________
   State ___________________________
   Country ___________________________
   Zip Code ___________________________
   Complete Telephone Number ___________________________
   FAX ___________________________
   Email ___________________________

10. After what date should correspondence be sent to your permanent address:
     Year Month Day ___________________________

11. Have you been admitted to the Bar? □ Yes, where ___________________________

12. Have you previously made application to this Law School? □ Yes, year(s) and decision: ___________________________

13. List the two individuals from whom you have requested letters of recommendation. The application will not be complete until receipt of the recommendations listed here. Notify us in writing of any change.

   1. ___________________________

   2. ___________________________
14. Identify the Law School from which you received (or expect to receive) a degree:

Name: ___________________________ Location: ___________________________

Attended: from (mo/yr) ________ to (mo/yr) ________ Title of Degree Received: __________________________

Rank in Class: ________ out of ________ (If class rank is not available, provide best estimate.)

15. List in chronological order all other colleges and universities attended:

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Name: __________________________ Location: __________________________

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Major: __________________________ Minor: __________________________ Rank in Class: ________ out of ________

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Major: __________________________ Minor: __________________________ Rank in Class: ________ out of ________

16. Were you employed during any academic year while an undergraduate? ________ If yes, describe positions held:

17. State your last four positions of full-time employment, including summer employment in the space below. Submit a supplementary sheet of all additional employment. Those with military service may provide positions held.

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18. List any dates on which you have taken (or expect to take) the LSAT and the score(s): ________________________________

19. List any dates on which you have taken (or expect to take) the TOEFL and the score(s): ________________________________

If you have taken the TOEFL, please indicate the TOEFL Registration #: ________________________________

20. List all scholastic or academic honors you have received after secondary school including scholarships, fellowships, prizes and honor societies.

QUESTIONS 21-26 MUST BE ANSWERED. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 21-26 IS YES, EXPLAIN FULLY ON A SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET.

21. Were there any personal, cultural or economic factors which, in your opinion, adversely affected your academic performance?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐

22. Has your college, university, graduate or professional school attendance been interrupted for any reason for one or more terms while you were enrolled in a degree program?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐

23. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate or professional schools you have attended?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐

24. Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐

25. Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a felony charge, or to a misdemeanor charge, including any charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicants or other self-administered drugs, but not including a minor traffic charge?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐

26. Are there any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?  

CHECK ONE:  
Yes ☐ No ☐
27. Please attach essays responding to the following information requests.

A. Provide a brief account of your personal history, with emphasis on the development of your interest in law. Include mention of any academic distinctions or honors you have received or publications or other matters indicative of your abilities.

B. Identify the extracurricular or community activities that you have been involved with and discuss one or more non-academic activities that have taken up a significant amount of your time while in college. Describe the positive effects of these activities.

C. State your legal interest and the particular research project you intend to undertake as a graduate law student. Further, indicate your professional plans following completion of your study at William and Mary School of Law. Please state when you plan to return to your country and your professional goals.

I certify that I have read the foregoing document and have answered all questions fully and frankly. I will notify the William and Mary School of Law of any changes with regard to the information given in answer to questions on the application. Any omission or misstatement of a material fact on the application may be the basis for denial of admission, or if admitted, dismissal from the Law School.

Date ___________________ Signature ___________________

IT IS THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT THE ADMISSION OFFICE RECEIVES ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS.

Summary for Mailing

I have enclosed:

1. The completed and signed application form and my personal essays.
2. The non-refundable application fee made payable to the College of William and Mary (fee amount is designated in accompanying letter).
4. Two sealed envelopes with letters of recommendation.
RECOMMENDATION FORM
WILLIAM & MARY SCHOOL OF LAW
TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE CANDIDATE
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE LAW SCHOOL PRIOR TO FEBRUARY

Name of Applicant

Social Security Number or LSDAS Assigned Number

TO THE APPLICANT:
Recommendations in support of your application for admission may be submitted on, or attached to, this form. You must complete the waiver statement below, by checking either box, prior to giving the form to the person asked to submit the recommendation. In the event your school uses a composite form, we will substitute a waiver signed by you, if one accompanies the composite recommendation. Ask your recommender to enclose the letter he/she has written on your behalf in their own envelope, seal the envelope, sign across the seal, and return it to you. DO NOT OPEN the envelope or break the seal. Submit the sealed envelope with your application. If your recommender prefers, the letter may be mailed directly to the Law School.

☐ I authorize release of a candid evaluation to assist in the admission selection process and, should I enroll, for counseling or other educational purposes of the William and Mary School of Law. I understand that the material will be kept confidential both from me and the public and I waive any right of access that I might have by law. I further understand that William and Mary School of Law does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application without such a waiver.

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DATE

SIGNATURE

TO THOSE ASKED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS:
It is important that recommendations be frank and detailed. Brief letters in general terms are of little value. The letter should state the extent of the writer's acquaintance with the applicant and the writer's opinion of the applicant's aptitude for the study and practice of law. Any specific knowledge concerning the applicant's intellectual ability, character or personality should be discussed.

Provided this applicant has signed the above waiver, you may be assured that your letter will be kept confidential from both the applicant and the public. If the applicant has chosen not to waive his/her right of access, please be advised that following enrollment as a student at this law school, he or she, upon request, may have access to your letter.

Your recommendation may be written directly on this form using the reverse side or on additional sheets, if necessary. Should you choose to write a letter, this form should be attached when the letter is mailed to us.

Please place this form with your recommendation in an envelope, seal the envelope and sign the back flap of the envelope. Return directly to the applicant or notify the applicant that you will send it directly to: The College of William and Mary, School of Law Admission Office, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. Recommendations are due to the Office of Admission by February 1.

Recommender:
If you would like confirmation of the receipt of this letter by the School of Law Admission Office, please record your name and address on the card below and on the reverse side, the name of the applicant. Do not detach.

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY
School of Law Admission Office
P.O. Box 8795
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795

Recommender's Name

Address

City

State

Country

Postal Code
Thank you for your recommendation of

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Recommender’s Name ___________________________

Address ___________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________

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All of the above materials must be submitted to:

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### VISAS

All students must satisfy the United States governmental requirements for admission into the United States and for permission to remain in the United States for the necessary duration of study for the LL.M. degree. An admitted student will normally come to the United States on a F-1 student visa or a J-1 exchange visitor visa. After applicants have been accepted they will receive instructions to obtain a certificate of eligibility document to present at a U.S. embassy or consulate.

### TUITION AND FEES

Students entering the Law School are strongly advised to plan carefully to meet the costs and financial obligations of their legal education. Students applying for F-1 or J-1 visas are required to show that they have sufficient funds to provide for educational and personal expenses for each year they plan to study in the United States before the university will issue the necessary immigration forms. While subject to change, the tuition and general fee is a payment toward the general maintenance and operating costs of the College including recreational and health facilities. Board and room charges are additional. Any student registered for nine hours or more is considered to be a full-time student and will be charged the full-time rates.

Section 23-7.4 of the Code of Virginia sets out the statutory test for domicile to be eligible for in-state tuition rates. As a general matter, very few international applicants can meet the statutory criteria. Questions involving individual domicile situations should be addressed to the Office of the Registrar, College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795. Phone: (757) 221-2809.
FINANCIAL AID

Law School financial aid funds are limited. In exceptional circumstances partial awards in the form of scholarships or tuition waivers may be available. The probability of receiving aid through the Law School depends on several factors: the number of applicants seeking aid, availability of funds, and the extent of an individual's qualifications and financial need in comparison to others. Students must be prepared to pay necessary travel, living and educational expenses from outside sources.

International applicants, with the exception of those having permanent United States residency, are not eligible for federally insured loans. Applicants seeking financial assistance should investigate funding sources in their home countries well in advance. Examples of sources may be employers, governments or foundations. The United States Embassy or consulate in the applicant's home country may have information on United States government grants under the Fulbright program and other information on fellowship opportunities.

BAR ADMISSION

The LL.M. program is designed for students intending to practice or teach law in a country other than the United States. Therefore, the program is not intended to qualify students to take a bar examination in the United States and practice law in the United States. Indeed, in many American states an LL.M. degree is not sufficient to enable an individual to take the bar examination. Accordingly, students seeking to practice in the United States should apply to the J.D. program and consult the bar examination authority in the state in which they are interested in practicing law.

In certain cases, an LL.M. student intending to practice in the student's home country or a country other than the United States seeks to take the Virginia bar examination before leaving the United States. Such a student must submit to the Virginia bar examination authority an advisory opinion from the Dean certifying the student as eligible to take the examination. The Dean will not provide this opinion unless (1) the Dean has specific personal knowledge of the student's prior legal education program; (2) the student has taken an appropriate selection of courses while in the LL.M. program; and (3) the Dean receives assurances from the student of the student's bona fide intent to return to the student's home or another country.

OFFICE OF CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

The Law School Office of Career Planning and Placement provides a full range of career services to students, including preparation of resumes and cover letters, interviewing techniques, individualized job search strategies, and career counseling. Consistent with the objectives of the Master's program, the office is happy to assist students interested in summer internships before returning to their native countries but is not available for assisting with long term or permanent employment in the United States.
CURRICULUM

William and Mary offers a rich curriculum, and (subject to any applicable prerequisites or limitations) LL.M. students are eligible to enroll in most courses or seminars offered to J.D. students. The curriculum is divided into three parts: first-year courses and the Legal Skills Program; upper-level courses; and upper-level seminars. LL.M. students are fully integrated into the curriculum and participate in classes alongside J.D. students. After arriving at William and Mary, the Director of the Graduate Program meets with all LL.M. students to assist them in selecting classes tailored to meet their needs and interests.

First-Year Curriculum

The first-year curriculum is designed to introduce first-year J.D. students to the essential analytical skills they need for upper-level courses and seminars and, ultimately, the practice of law. Thus, students develop the ability to read, analyze, and interpret cases, statutes, and regulations. Of course, an LL.M. student is expected to possess these abilities before entering the LL.M. program as a result of the student’s prior legal education.

Nevertheless, there are features of the first-year curriculum that may make certain courses attractive to an LL.M. student. For example, through the first-year curriculum students develop a mastery of the fundamental principles of the foundational areas of American law: Contracts, Property, Torts, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Civil Procedure. These courses emphasize the three principal sources of American law: judge-made common law; statutory law as enacted by legislatures; and regulatory law as developed by governmental agencies. The courses also highlight the two major systems of law in the United States: the civil justice system and the criminal justice system. An LL.M. student may want to take one or more of these courses not only to develop expertise in a particular field, but also to study the field from a comparative and international perspective. Indeed, such perspectives are encouraged in the first-year curriculum.

First-year J.D. students are required to enroll in William and Mary’s Legal Skills Program. This nationally renowned, award-winning Program integrates ethics and professional responsibility with training in practical lawyering skills. LL.M. students are eligible to participate in the first year of this Program.

Upper-Level Courses

Undoubtedly, LL.M. students will find the array of upper-level elective courses to be overwhelming. In a typical academic year, between 60-80 such courses are available to second- and third-year J.D. and LL.M. students. The courses cover areas of specialty as diverse as International Law and Family Law.

Upper-level courses serve two goals. First, they allow each student to explore the breadth of law by studying many different subjects. Second, they allow each student to develop expertise in a specialty field the student anticipates pursuing in practice. LL.M. students are welcome to select courses in pursuit of either or both of these goals.
Implicitly, upper-level courses also serve a third goal. They expose students to a range of teaching styles and approaches. Teaching styles include the Socratic method, the problem method, lectures, guided discussion, student presentations, and student role playing. Teaching approaches vary from highly theoretical to very practical. L.L.M. students are certain to find their exposure to different styles and approaches a stimulating intellectual experience.

**Upper-Level Seminars**

Seminars differ from upper-level courses in that they are even smaller than such courses. Seminars are limited to no more than 15 students, and many have between 6 and 10 students. The small size is designed to encourage maximum student participation. In addition, many seminars include the preparation of a substantial research paper. Thus, a seminar student is assured of close interaction with fellow students and careful supervision by the teacher.

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The following is a list of upper-level courses and seminars (S) grouped according to broad areas of specialty. Note that the curriculum actively changes, therefore, the following list is subject to revision.

**Business Law:**
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Antitrust
- Corporations
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Partnership, Agency and Fiduciary Obligation
- Real Estate Transaction Practice
- Selected Problems in Corporate Governance (S)
- Small Business Planning

**Commercial Law:**
- Advanced Bankruptcy
- Bankruptcy
- Consumer Law
- Payment Systems
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Selected Problems in Commercial Law (S)

**Constitutional Law:**
- Civil Rights Legislation and Enforcement (S)
- Constitutional Decision Making (S)
- The First Amendment
- Mass Media Law
- Property and the Constitution (S)
- Religion and the Law (S)
- Selected Problems in Constitutional Law (S)
- Supreme Court (S)

**Criminal Law:**
- Criminal Procedure I: Pretrial Investigation; The Right to Counsel
- Criminal Procedure II: Adjudication and Beyond
- Criminal Procedure Survey
- Selected Problems in Criminal Justice (S)
- White Collar Crime
Environmental Law:
   Environmental Law
   Environmental Law (S)
   Environmental Regulation of Land Use (S)
   Selected Problems in Environmental Policymaking (S)

Family Law:
   Domestic Relations Practice
   Family and the State
   Family Law
   Family Mediation

Financial Law:
   Banking Regulation
   Corporate Finance
   Securities Regulation I
   Securities Regulation II

Intellectual Property:
   Copyright Law
   Intellectual Property Survey
   Law of Online Communications (S)
   Patent Law

International Law:
   Admiralty
   Conflicts of Law
   European Union Law
   International and Comparative Criminal Law and Procedure (S)
   International Banking Law (S)
   International Business Planning
   International Commercial Law
   International Environmental Law (S)
   International Protection of Intellectual Property Rights (S)
   International Tax
   International Trade Law
   Law and Development (S)
   Public International Law

Labor and Employment Law:
   Employment Discrimination
   Employment Law
   Labor Law

Legal History:
   American Legal History
   American Legal History (S)
   European Legal History

Litigation and Dispute Resolution:
   Case Preparation and Pre-Trial Procedure
   Evidence
   Federal Courts and the Federal System
   General Mediation
   Injury Compensation Systems
   Products Liability
   Remedies
   Virginia Procedure
Perspectives on Law:
- Advanced Research Techniques
- Economic Analysis of the Law
- Entertainment Law
- Independent Legal Research
- Independent Legal Writing
- Jurisprudence
- Law and American Literature (S)
- Law and Economics (S)
- Law and Literature
- Law and Medicine (S)
- Law Office Management
- Legislation (S)
- Legislative Drafting and Public Policy (S)
- Military Law (S)
- Sexuality and the Law (S)
- Women and the Law

Regulatory Law:
- Administrative Law
- Disability Law (S)
- Economic Regulation of Business
- Education Policy and Law (S)
- Government Contracts (S)
- Health Law and Policy
- Legal Foundation of American Social Programs
- Local Government Law
- Telecommunications Regulation

Tax Law:
- Employee Benefit Law
- Family Wealth Transactions
- Federal Income Tax
- Taxation of Business Organizations
- Trusts and Estates
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