NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) PROGRAM
Stefanny Justinico  LLM ’21

HOME COUNTRY: Colombia
FOCUS: Law and Economic Development
CO-OP: World Bank, Washington, DC (remote)

“I came to Northeastern Law as a Fulbright Scholar, intending to research the overlaps and tensions of investment law and arbitration and human rights-related policy. The faculty provided personalized supervision of my research and valuable feedback, and the staff were enthusiastic supporters who provided essential guidance in my co-op selection process. As a result, I secured a post-graduate job with an international organization in Washington, DC.”
If you like to try things, to really test things out — try us, Northeastern University School of Law. If you want rich, meaningful courses based on industry expertise — try us. If you want a legal experience working in the real world with real cases and clients — try us. If you want to craft your own education, chart your unique career path — again, try us. With decades of experience in integrating theory and practice, Northeastern is the unparalleled leader in providing students with experience-based legal training. Be a leader, too — try NUSL.
Try Us Out

LLM CURRICULUM

Northeastern University School of Law offers a suite of LLM programs that are global, flexible and dynamic. Our LLM offerings allow you to customize the curriculum to meet your particular needs. Whether it’s unlocking the mysteries of the US legal system, working side by side with lawyers honing your expertise in a particular field of law or qualifying for a US bar examination, the Northeastern LLM helps you achieve your personal and professional goals.

ON-CAMPUS LLM
EXPERIENTIAL LLM: 12 MONTHS WITH CO-OP PLACEMENT
LLM: 9 MONTHS WITHOUT CO-OP PLACEMENT

FOCUS AREAS
• General
• Health Policy and Law
• Human Rights and Economic Development
• Intellectual Property and Innovation
• International Business Law

A BROAD CHOICE OF COURSES
As an On-Campus LLM student, you will choose from a wide range of both JD and LLM courses. You may pursue a general course of study or take courses in a specific practice area. We offer courses in a range of subjects, including corporate/business law, health law, intellectual property, and international and comparative law. LLM students who received their first law degree outside the United States are required to take Introduction to American Law and Legal Institutions as well as Legal Research and Writing.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: CO-OP
Academically qualified LLM students in the 12-month On-Campus Experiential LLM program have the invaluable opportunity to complete a full-time legal practice experience through our signature Cooperative Legal Education Program (co-op). Students spend 15 weeks working alongside attorneys on substantive legal matters in a variety of real-world settings throughout the United States and abroad. Co-op employers may include law firms, judges’ chambers, public agencies, private advocacy groups, nongovernmental organizations and community organizations. You’ll receive personal guidance from our dedicated professional development advisor, who will help you define your professional objectives and identify a co-op opportunity. With hundreds of co-op employers as well as the option to develop your own co-op, you’ll have the chance to gain invaluable hands-on experience.
HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE:
CALIFORNIA LEGAL IMMERSION
SUMMER EXPERIENCE

Online LLM students have the opportunity to participate in an optional one-week immersion experience in the San Francisco Bay Area. Students visit legal and governmental organizations and gain real-world insights from legal leaders about the interplay among law, technology and government.

INDUSTRY-INFORMED COURSES

Online LLM students choose from a wide range of courses focusing on industry-informed curricular paths.

SAMPLE COURSES:
• Data Privacy Compliance in the 21st Century
• Intellectual Property and Technology Law
• Introduction to US Law and Legal System

FOCUS AREAS
• Bar Examination Preparation
• Intellectual Property and Technology
• International Business Law

The Online LLM offers a 100 percent online flexible learning format designed for working attorneys to enhance their practical skills and foundational knowledge of the ever-changing US legal environment and the global practice of law. Students take advantage of Northeastern’s global network through lively online discussions based on a wide range of issues, including intellectual property, technology, privacy and international business.

ONLINE LLM
(CAN BE COMPLETED IN ONE YEAR; WITHOUT CO-OP PLACEMENT)
ON-CAMPUS LLM
ACADEMIC/CO-OP SEQUENCE

Experiential LLM (12 months with co-op placement)

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The Northeastern law faculty, second to none in their research and publications, will be your enthusiastic mentors and champions. In addition to being exceptional scholars and researchers, they are authors of trailblazing casebooks and widely read articles in the most prestigious journals. Our faculty includes active litigators, committed advocates, respected consultants and influential policy shapers. Law isn’t simply a subject to them; it’s a tool that they sharpen and wield with authority.

As busy as they are, our faculty members are available, accessible and eager to offer advice and assistance. They are passionate about teaching and take great pride in inspiring the next generation of legal professionals who will make their mark on the world.
“Today’s global lawyer needs an appreciation of the cultural, historical and institutional underpinnings of different legal systems. In my comparative law class, we examine the roles served by law in different regimes, including legitimizing the state, supporting a market economy, settling disputes and giving voice to political participation.”

— PROFESSOR MARGARET WOO

“I am an international lawyer – I was educated and worked in France, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States. While the language of international law may be similar across borders, its cultural understanding varies considerably. These differences can help us devise creative institutions and legal processes to respond to the world’s human, economic and political challenges.”

— PROFESSOR SONIA ELISE ROLLAND

“In my scholarship and my classroom teaching, I try to bring the insights and experience gained from many years as an international corporate lawyer, business executive and entrepreneur together with interdisciplinary analytic methods to explore the diverse local, national, regional and transnational legal regimes that structure economic activity in the global economy.”

— PROFESSOR DAN DANIELSEN
Zhicheng Shen  LLM '18

HOME COUNTRY: China
FOCUS: General LLM
CO-OP: King & Wood Mallesons, Shanghai

“At Northeastern, I had the opportunity to create a global network of peers, which opened new doors both professionally and personally. I really appreciated the individualized guidance I received from the faculty and LLM staff.”
Boston is one of the most sophisticated legal markets in the United States. A center for technological innovation, financial services, education and healthcare, Boston is home to some of the most venerable and prestigious law firms in the country. Massachusetts has a long history of producing distinguished jurists, and its courts are respected across the US and around the world. For your introduction to the cutting edge of US legal practice, you couldn’t be better positioned than at Northeastern University, located in the heart of Boston.
ABOUT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
Founded in 1898, Northeastern University is a world leader in experiential learning, urban engagement and interdisciplinary research meeting global and societal needs. The university offers a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs in nine colleges and professional schools leading to degrees through the doctorate.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT
LLM students are invited and encouraged to participate in more than 40 student organizations at the law school and to take advantage of amenities such as state-of-the-art fitness facilities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT
Northeastern’s Office of Global Services is an active resource to over 20,000 international students and scholars from 147 different nations across the world. The office provides the professional expertise and support you need to maintain compliance through immigration, academic and employment experiences – helping you remain a valuable member of the Northeastern community.
"I came to Northeastern Law with medical and legal degrees, but it wasn’t until my co-op in medical research oversight that I found my dream job. Every day was different. Every case was different. By taking advantage of Northeastern’s unique co-op program, I opened up a whole new world of opportunities for myself."
The Northeastern LLM program admits students who already hold a first professional degree in law. For international applicants, that requirement may be fulfilled by a bachelor of laws or equivalent degree from an accredited or comparably recognized law school outside the United States. For domestic applicants, a JD from an ABA-accredited law school is required.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Northeastern University School of Law application (available at lsac.org or directly at law.northeastern.edu/llm)
- Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)
- Personal statement
- One letter of recommendation
- Official transcripts
- For applicants whose first language is not English, a score report for the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT®) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Details about the LLM application process may be found at law.northeastern.edu/llm.

**FUNDING**

**LLM Scholarship Program**

All applicants to the LLM program are automatically considered for scholarship support. Scholarship awards are determined after a thorough review of a candidate’s application and credentials.

A limited number of merit scholarships up to the entire value of tuition are awarded to On-Campus LLM students who demonstrate academic distinction. Close to 100 percent of the incoming LLM class in 2023 received some level of scholarship support.

**LLM Co-op Stipend**

A stipend of up to $2,000 is available for students who accept unpaid or underpaid co-ops as part of the On-Campus Experiential Program.

**Double Husky Scholarship**

The Double Husky Scholarship helps graduates with a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern finance their graduate education by providing a 25 percent tuition discount for the LLM program. Those with a bachelor’s degree from Northeastern are automatically considered for the scholarship when they apply.

**LLM Tuition 2023-2024**

On-Campus: $60,408  
Online: $1,449 per credit hour
Anita Akwa  LLM ’18

HOME COUNTRY: Ghana

FOCUS: International Business Law

CO-OP: Velcro Corporation, Boston

“I chose Northeastern because of the co-op program and the international business law concentration. On co-op, I was able to apply what I learned in international business law classes and to test my assumptions about this field of law. The experience was invaluable.”
AT A GLANCE

LLM STUDENT PROFILE 2023–2024

Total number of on-campus LLM students: 30
Women: 66%  Men: 33%
Average age: 29
LLM students’ countries of first law degree:
Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Ecuador, India, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Nigeria, Turkey, United Kingdom

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(9 MONTHS WITHOUT CO-OP; 12 MONTHS WITH CO-OP)

• General
• Health Policy and Law
• Human Rights and Economic Development
• Intellectual Property and Innovation
• International Business Law

ONLINE LLM
(WITHOUT CO-OP)

• Bar Examination Preparation
• Intellectual Property and Technology
• International Business Law

ON-CAMPUS LLM/MBA
(20 MONTHS WITHOUT CO-OP; 24 MONTHS WITH CO-OP)

2022–2023 LLM CO-OP PRACTICE SETTINGS

- NGO/Nonprofit Organization 50%
- Corporate/In-house 30%
- Government 10%
- Judicial 5%
- Law Firms 5%