



OAS

LL.M. PROGRAMS IN International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law International Arbitration & Business Law



- **Covers 50% of the tuition of the LL.M.**
- **All citizens/residents of OAS member countries eligible (except U.S.)**

- **Available each semester for all LL.M. tracks**

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

The OAS General Secretariat (GS/OAS) is the central and permanent organ of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS).

- Through its Department of Human Development, Education and Employment (DHDEE), GS/OAS supports [OAS member States](#) in creating policies and executing programs that promote human capacity development at all educational levels.
- By enabling formative opportunities to citizens, DHDEE strengthens democratic values and security under the framework of regional integration.
- DHDEE does this: (i) by supporting the efforts of OAS member states to improve the quality of and equity in education; and (ii) by assisting the citizens of the Americas in realizing their full potential by giving them access to knowledge and skills through training that improves the standard of living for individuals, families and communities in the region.

American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL)

[American University Washington College of Law](#) (AUWCL) is an leading Washington D.C. institution of higher education with a unique heritage. It was founded over 120 years ago by two pioneering women - Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma Gillett - at a time when women were generally excluded from the legal profession. The Washington College of Law became the first law school in the world founded by women, the first to have a woman dean, and the first to graduate an all-female law school class.

The International Law Program of American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) is ranked #4 among all the law schools in the country according to the 2026 U.S. News & World Report. We provide our students with the critical skills and values to have an immediate impact in the Washington, D.C. region, our nation, and around the world.

LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

[The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law](#) is a leading academic center for education, research, and professional training in international human rights and international humanitarian law, both in the United States and globally. Among its core functions, the Academy promotes practical initiatives in international human rights and humanitarian law and fosters stronger collaboration among human rights organizations, practitioners, and educators worldwide. Through its academic programs, partnerships, and scholarly initiatives, the Academy provides high-quality education and training for academics, legal professionals, practitioners, and students interested in the international human rights system.

In 2015, the **LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** (HRHL LL.M.) became the first hybrid program of its kind, offering virtual and in-residence courses in Washington, D.C. It is also the first American Bar Association (ABA) recognized LL.M. program in the U.S. available in Spanish. The HRHL LL.M. unmistakably addresses the need for specialized training in international human rights law. Students integrate practical knowledge from top experts in the Human Rights field while nourishing their professional careers, positioning the HRHL LL.M. as one of the premier programs institutions in the United States and around the world. The LL.M. brings together a prestigious group of [AUWCL and international faculty](#), including more than [40 world-renowned experts](#). This expert faculty bring their in-depth experience as presidents, and judges from international and regional courts, former presidents of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, UN Special Rapporteurs, members of UN human rights committees, and leaders of civil society organizations.

AUWCL's LL.M. in HRHL program is a multilingual (**English and Spanish**) program offered in three tracks - [in-person](#), [hybrid](#) and [online](#), each Fall and Spring semesters, the program enrolls students from over 40 countries, integrating key global voices and perspectives.

<https://www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/hracademy/llm/>

LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law

The [LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law](#) is a flexible degree program designed for professionals and law graduates interested in commercial cross-border transactions and dispute settlement through arbitration. Participants in this program have the option to take the courses:

- [in-residence](#) (all 24 credits on campus in Washington, D.C.);
- [hybrid](#) (some classes in-residence in Washington, D.C. and some online); or
- [online](#) (an entirely virtual degree).

The faculty include accomplished arbitrators, practitioners, academics, and representatives from international arbitration institutions. The specialized faculty also draws from the prominent [Center on International Commercial Arbitration](#) at AUWCL, directed by Professor [Horacio A. Grigera Naon](#). They bring a broad spectrum of practical experience to the classroom. The direct interaction and engagement with this exceptional faculty enables students in this LL.M. program to build valuable professional relationships.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

PROGRAMS:	• LL.M in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law • LL.M. en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario	LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law
MODALITY:	Onsite (English program only), hybrid or online	Onsite, hybrid or online (English program only)
LANGUAGE:	English and Spanish	English
DURATION:	2-10 semesters	9 – 18 months
DEADLINES:	Admission through AUWCL and scholarship application: Fall 2026: Residential LL.M. – May 1, 2026 Hybrid/Online LL.M. – June 1, 2026 Spring 2027: Residential LL.M. – November 1, 2026 Hybrid/Online LL.M. – November 30, 2026	Admission through AUWCL and scholarship application: Fall 2026: Residential LL.M. – May 1, 2026 Hybrid/Online LL.M. – June 1, 2026 Spring 2027: Residential LL.M. – November 1, 2026 Hybrid/Online LL.M. – November 30, 2026
INFORMATION:	https://www.american.edu/wcl/impact/initiatives-programs/hracademy/llm/ Information requests: humanrightslm@wcl.american.edu	https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/arbitration/ Information requests: arbitration@wcl.american.edu
START DATE:	Classes begin: Fall – August 2026 Spring – January 2027	Classes begin: Fall – August 2026 Spring – January 2027
BENEFITS:	50% Tuition waiver	

Scholarship benefits are subject to the academic performance of the scholarship recipient and based on the availability of funds. In order to receive these benefits, the scholarship recipient should not be reported with an unsatisfactory academic performance due to absences or failing courses.

Neither AUWCL nor the GS/OAS are responsible for the acceptance of the certificate or degree obtained, through the Scholarship for any personal or professional purpose, in the country of origin of the Scholarship Recipient or elsewhere. The Scholarship Recipient is responsible for researching the accreditation and validity of the certificate or degree obtained through this Scholarship for their own desired purpose

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- Before applying for admission, applicants are encouraged to read the program description, and ensure that the study area fulfills their expectations and interests. Please visit: <https://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/degrees/llm/how-to-apply/index.cfm> for the English program.
- **Applicants must hold a Juris Doctor (JD) from a US law school accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) or a first degree in law from a foreign law school with equivalent standards.**
- Submit a completed [application](https://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/degrees/llm/how-to-apply/online.cfm) <https://www.american.edu/wcl/academics/degrees/llm/how-to-apply/online.cfm> through AUWCL's website along with [supporting documents](#) before the application deadline.
- International applicants must meet the [English Language Proficiency Requirement](#) (only for English program).
- **Spanish program does not require English proficiency.**
- Applicants can contact the admissions team at llm@wcl.american.edu for more information about the university's admission process. For program details on the LL.M. in Human Rights, please email humanrightsllm@wcl.american.edu, and email arbitration@wcl.american.edu for the LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law.
- Applicants must provide all documentation requested by AUWCL. Once admitted into the program, AUWCL will issue an Admissions Letter to be considered for the Scholarship.

EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THIS SCHOLARSHIP

Expenses not covered by the scholarship, and which are the sole responsibility of the scholarship recipients, are:

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	✓ Remaining 50% of tuition fees; ✓ Travel expenses (to and from the country of study), if applicable; ✓ Mandatory university fees; ✓ Cost of books and study materials; ✓ Health insurance; ✓ Graduation expenses; ✓ Visa expenses (where applicable); and ✓ any other costs or additional living and study cost not covered by the scholarship.
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- ✓ These above expenses listed as financial responsibility shall be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the scholarship recipients and the scholarship recipients will be responsible for payment of the remaining tuition fees and any other costs as needed to AUWCL.
- ✓ Applicants can also apply for the Rowe Fund, an OAS educational loan program that helps citizens from Latin America and the Caribbean finance their studies in accredited universities across the United States **by awarding interest-free loans** of up to USD 15,000. [Rowe Fund](#)

Table of Programs

Program	Modality	Language	Duration	Total Tuition cost*	Cost to be covered by the scholar
LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law	Residential, online, or hybrid	English	2-3 semesters	USD 61,944	USD 30,972
LL.M. en Derechos Humanos y Derecho Humanitario	Online, or hybrid	Spanish	2-10 semesters	USD 61,944	USD 30,972
LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law	Residential, online, or hybrid	English	9-18 months	USD 61,944	USD 30,972

*Price for the 2026-2027 academic credit is USD 2,581, which is expected to increase 3-5% each academic year.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this scholarship opportunity, an applicant must:

- Be admitted to one of the LL.M programs offered by AUWCL
- This scholarship opportunity is open to new applicants as well as current AUWCL students from an OAS member state, except the United States, and who are not a current OAS scholarship recipient.
- Be a citizen and/or permanent legal resident of any active OAS member state, except the United States.
- Applicants from **Argentina** must fill out a required form through the following link; <http://www.oas.org/en/scholarships/PAEC/2018/NOTA-SOLICITUD-DGCIN-2017.doc> and send it to the [National Liaison Office](#) (ONE) in Argentina.

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The following applicants are ineligible:

- ⊗ Current OAS scholarship holders and Citizens and/or permanent residents of the United States.
- ⊗ GS/OAS staff and their immediate relatives or GS/OAS consultants.
- ⊗ OAS Permanent officials and their immediate relatives.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The merits and overall credentials of the candidate, including his/her academic and professional background;
- Geographical distribution of the applicants, taking into account the greater needs of the smaller and relatively less developed economies;
- Applicants whose essays portray the highest potential for impact upon return to their countries of origin.
- Gender diversity.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection Committee AUWCL and the OAS will select the scholarship awardees, based on the [criteria](#) listed above. The names of the scholarship recipients will be published in August and December at www.oas.org/scholarships.

Notification of selected candidates The OAS will contact selected candidates by email with the scholarship offer and instructions for the scholarship acceptance. **Applicants who are not selected will not be contacted.**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

- This scholarship will be formally awarded only after the selected awardees have signed an OAS/AUWCL Acceptance Form, in which the awardees formally accept the scholarship and agree to its terms and conditions.
- Refrain from activities that are inconsistent with the status of an OAS Scholarship recipient, abiding by the regulations referred to in this Acceptance Form.
- Comply with all the academic guidelines and admission requirements requested by AUWCL and submit to the updates of these guidelines and requirements made by the academic authorities at AUWCL.
- Comply with the provisions indicated in the "Financial responsibilities of awardees"
- To retain the scholarship, recipients should not have low academic performance (GPA must be at least equivalent to 3.0/4.0), due to absence from the program of study and/or course failure.
- The scholarship can be declined by the recipient before the start date of the program of study without financial penalties. However, if a student declines the scholarship after that date without proof of force majeure, the OAS and AUWCL may require the scholarship recipient to reimburse all funding granted to her/him with the scholarship at the time in which the declination is processed.
- Commitment to return to work in their sponsoring country or permanent legal residence in one of the OAS member states, or at an international organization, for at least the length of the duration of the scholarship. Failure to comply with this commitment, the GS/OAS and/or the AUWCL could seek reimbursement for the total value of the scholarship awarded.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions about this scholarship opportunity should be sent to scholarships@oas.org and humanrightslm@wcl.american.edu, or to arbitration@wcl.american.edu with the subject "OAS-AUWCL Scholarship Program"

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



www.oas.org/scholarships



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Note: The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) reserves the right to cancel this scholarship announcement at any time during the process. The GS/OAS and its staff will not be responsible for any action that derives from the information in this announcement.

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