GLOBAL HEALTH LAW

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Global Health Law at Georgetown Law

Georgetown University Law Center offers an unparalleled opportunity for lawyers to broaden and deepen their understanding of law. Our extraordinary faculty combines leading scholars with experienced lawyers, judges and government officials, allowing us to offer more than 300 courses and seminars. Our talented LL.M. students bring exemplary academic credentials and practice experience from throughout the United States and around the world.
Georgetown Law: The Premier Center for the Study of National and Global Health Law

Georgetown Law brings together an extraordinary faculty and diverse curriculum in the field of national and global health law. The O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, housed at Georgetown, features centers on global health, disease prevention and health outcomes, health regulation and governance, and health care financing and organization. Georgetown is also home to the Centers for Law and the Public’s Health, which is the only center of its kind to be designated as a World Health Organization (WHO) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Collaborating Center.

Georgetown’s curricular strengths include not only health law and policy, but also the related fields of public health law, health care finance, food and drug regulation, international human rights, environmental law, bioethics, intellectual property, access to health care, and trade. Georgetown also offers an LL.M. degree in Global Health Law and International Institutions, jointly offered in partnership with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Together with an LL.M., students can earn certificates in International Human Rights, WTO (World Trade Organization) Law, and National Security Law.

For a small number of highly qualified students who desire to enter law teaching outside the U.S., Georgetown also offers the S.J.D. degree.
Georgetown University Law Center offers graduate students a unique opportunity to study health law — including both global and domestic health law issues. The Global Health Law program offers lawyers working nationally and internationally the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills through focused studies in core legal and policy courses on global health, individual and public health, human rights, bioethics, international economics, biotechnology and science.
Issues of health are increasingly transnational in scope and involve complex legal issues. Georgetown’s LL.M. in Global Health Law is the only program to bring together lawyers and academics from around the world for a unique study opportunity focused on this growing field of law. Students come from multiple countries with differing cultural backgrounds, and from existing positions in government, international and private organizations, health care or pharmaceutical industries, private law practice, health care services, public health systems, and universities. Georgetown’s renowned faculty includes some of the world’s leading experts and scholars on health and related fields.

In addition to their coursework, students can pursue independent research projects with individual faculty members. Many students also secure externship placements at national and international organizations, such as the Pan American Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health and the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Students in the Global Health Law LL.M. program spend the full year (or up to 3 years on a part-time basis) at Georgetown and have the option of combining their Global Health Law degree with a certificate in a related field.
The Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M.: Jointly Offered by Georgetown Law and the Graduate Institute in Geneva

The Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. program brings together two institutions at the cutting edge of global health law and diplomacy: Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.

Protecting the public’s health and improving individual health outcomes requires international innovation and collaboration through legal systems. International institutions play an important role in global health governance and in the development of global health law and policy. A comprehensive approach to global health law involves multiple, interrelated fields including health, trade, economics, intellectual property, human rights, ethics, and national security.

Georgetown University Law Center and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland have partnered to offer an LL.M. in Global Health Law and International Institutions. The program brings together two institutions at the cutting edge of global health law diplomacy to offer graduate students an unmatched opportunity to further their careers in a rapidly growing field of law.

Students benefit from unparalleled course offerings from some of the world’s leading experts and scholars in global health law, public health law, health and human rights, bioethics, intellectual property law, international trade law, international environmental law, and international affairs and development studies. In addition, students participate in a unique internship program. Between completing their coursework at Georgetown (either in one full-time fall semester or three part-time semesters) and beginning their full-time spring semester at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, students intern at institutions working at the forefront of global health governance, such as the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, the World Trade Organization, and the International Labor Organization.
Global Health Law LL.M. students also have the opportunity to earn one of two new certificates in Food and Drug Law or U.S. Health Law.

Certificate in Food and Drug Law
The Certificate in Food and Drug Law is designed to encourage LL.M. students to attain extensive knowledge in the regulation of products subject to the jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration, including food and dietary supplements, drugs, biologics, medical devices, cosmetics and tobacco. Our renowned full-time faculty teach a variety of courses in the food and drug law area and provide advice on the development of the curriculum. Our adjunct faculty, with years of practical and teaching experience, come to the Law Center from a variety of organizations, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Institutes of Health, non-governmental organizations and private practice. The Certificate in Food and Drug Law may be completed as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with an LL.M. in Global Health Law, LL.M. in Environmental Law, or the General/Individualized LL.M. program.

Certificate in U.S. Health Law
The Certificate in U.S. Health Law is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of health care law and regulation in the U.S., including U.S. public health programs and regulations, health care access and financing, and the myriad changes to the private insurance market and Medicaid that are being made through the Affordable Care Act. Our renowned full-time faculty members teach a variety of courses in U.S. health law and provide advice on the development of the curriculum. Adjunct faculty, all leading experts in domestic health law and policy, draw on their wealth of practical experience to equip our students with the skills to practice in this growing field. The Certificate in U.S. Health Law may be completed as a stand-alone program or in conjunction with an LL.M. in Global Health Law or the General/Individualized LL.M. degree program.
Georgetown’s health law program benefits in many ways from its collaboration with the O’Neill Institute, which is housed within the Georgetown University Law Center. By contributing to a more powerful and deeper understanding of the multiple ways in which law can be used to improve health, the O’Neill Institute hopes to advance scholarship, research, and teaching that will encourage key decision-makers in the public, private, and civil society sectors to employ the law as a positive tool for enabling more people in the United States and throughout the world to lead healthier lives.

The O’Neill Institute’s research program is currently organized around seven thematic areas: food and drug law, global health governance, healthcare, health and human rights, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, and trade and investment. The O’Neill Institute responds to urgent health problems by engaging in projects with external partners (such as international organizations and NGOs), and by developing world-class research and scholarship using a comprehensive, interdisciplinary, and transnational lens which extends beyond a narrow vision of health law that focuses solely on health care as an industry or scientific endeavor.

Global Health LL.M. students are integrated into the O’Neill Institute in many ways and have the opportunity to work on the Institute’s projects as research assistants, enroll in its experiential learning classes and attend the many symposia and events hosted by the Institute. The O’Neill Institute also offers an annual Summer Program in Global Health Law and Governance. The Summer Program brings together practitioners, policy-makers, advocates and leading academics in global health to study emerging areas in global health law and governance. Specific topics include non-communicable diseases and food and drug law. For more information, please see www.oneillinstitute.org.
As a premier research center at the intersection of health and law, the O'Neill Institute provides LL.M. students with the unique opportunity to explore cutting-edge issues in national and global health law with our faculty, staff, law fellows, and partner organizations and the enriching experience of working on real world health law and policy projects.

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The Georgetown Law Experience: Washington, D.C.

Georgetown Law’s campus is located in the heart of Washington, D.C., a premier location to study law in a global context. Washington is a beautiful, international city that is the seat of U.S. government and is also home to major international organizations. Georgetown Law regularly hosts lectures, symposia, and informal meetings with national and international policymakers and lawyers from around the world. The law campus includes two libraries, state-of-the-art classrooms, a student residence hall, a sport and fitness center, and dining facilities. There are ample open spaces for students to gather for study or social occasions.

Georgetown’s LL.M. program is one of the most diverse graduate legal programs in the world, each year attracting lawyers from six continents and more than 60 nations with a wide range of interests, backgrounds, and experiences.
Our Global Health Law LL.M. programs present students with the unique opportunity to work with Georgetown’s preeminent faculty on some of the most pressing problems in global health — problems with economic, political, and security ramifications for the world’s population.

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Georgetown is educating future generations of students who will become — upon their graduation — leaders in many private, public and nonprofit fields of endeavor. The Global Health Law LL.M. program is helping prepare graduates to engage in multidisciplinary conversations about national and global health law and policy and to rigorously analyze the theoretical, philosophical, political, cultural, economic, scientific and ethical bases for understanding and addressing health problems.”

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Alternative and Complementary Medicine: Legal Issues Seminar
Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the Law
Bioethics and the Law Seminar
Biotechnology and Patent Law Seminar
Comparative Reproductive Technologies and “Reproductive Tourism”
Disability Discrimination Law
Drug Abuse and the Law: Policy, Politics and Public Health
Economic Analysis of Health Care Law
Epidemiology for Lawyers
Food and Drug Law
Food Law Seminar
Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and International Human Rights Law
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Health and Human Rights
Health Care Compliance, Fraud and Abuse
Health Law and Policy
Health Law and Regulation
Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility
Human Rights Obligations of Non-state Actors: Implications for Global Health
Intellectual Property in World Trade
International Bioethics
International Organizations and Global Health Lawmaking
International Protection of Intellectual Property through the WTO
International Trade and Health
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Law and Healthy Lifestyles and Business Regulation
Law and Regulation of Drugs, Biologics and Devices
Law and Regulation of Global Health Technologies
Medical Malpractice for Nonphysicians Seminar
Medical Law Seminar
Mental Disorders in International and Human Rights Law
O’Neill Colloquium: National and Global Health Law
O’Neill Institute Experiential Practicum Course
Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Law Seminar
Public Health Law and Ethics
Public Health and International Investment Law
Research with Human Subjects
Trade, IP Rights & Public Health
The Mind and the Law
Women in the Affordable Care Act

✩ Not all courses are offered every year. Some courses offered only in the spring term.
The Graduate Institute Experience:
Geneva, Switzerland

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is a leading institution of research and higher education dedicated to the study of world affairs. The Institute gathers a cosmopolitan community located in the heart of Geneva.

Students in the Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. program will complete half of their degree requirements at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. The semester in Geneva provides participants with a unique opportunity to explore the world of international institutions and the relationship that it shares with global health governance. The Graduate Institute’s campus is located in Geneva, Switzerland. No other European city has such a strong international organization presence. With scores of official agencies and organizations and dozens of international non-governmental organizations based in and around Geneva, it is truly an international city, bringing together policymakers, diplomats, advocates, and many other professionals whose work focuses on the most challenging issues of global health law, policy, and governance.

The Institute’s student body is composed of more than 800 Master’s and Ph.D. students from all over the world. In addition to its disciplinary and interdisciplinary degree programs, the Institute hosts numerous events, lectures, conferences, and symposia that attract leading authorities on international relations and development studies from across the globe. The Institute operates in two official languages, English and French, which allows students to express themselves and prepare written work in their preferred language. The Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. program is held in English.
At the Graduate Institute, the Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. program is directed by Professor Cédric Dupont and Professor Andrea Bianchi. Professor Dupont is a renowned political science scholar in the field of global governance and international negotiation. Professor Bianchi is Head of the International Law Department and also provides significant support and mentoring to LL.M. participants.

The Graduate Institute’s faculty includes a number of professors working in related fields of political science, international history, human rights, security, etc. They include:

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“The partnership between Georgetown Law and the Graduate Institute underlines the increasing importance of linking international health law with other approaches to global health governance. The time spent in Geneva — which is frequently called the “health capital of the world” — will allow students access to many of the key players and organisations and help them gain an understanding of the dynamics of global health diplomacy, human rights and humanitarian assistance.”

In addition, the Graduate Institute’s faculty includes a number of prominent professors working in related fields such as:

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Courses at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, are taught by professors from all over the world, who bring to students the methodological tools and necessary knowledge for a rigorous analysis of the main contemporary issues. Curriculum at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, includes one mandatory course and a series of elective courses:

- Advanced Seminar on WTO Jurisprudence
- Advanced Topics in International Environmental Law and Policy
- Corporate Responsibility in Transnational and International Law
- Gender and Development
- Global Environmental Governance
- Global Health Diplomacy
- Global Political Economy
- Global Public Health: Current and Emerging Issues
- Human Rights Obligations of Non-State Actors
- International Health Law (compulsory course)
- International Institutions and Regulation
- International Migration
- International Organisations
- Trade and Investment Law Clinic

Not all courses are offered every year.

At the Institute, LL.M participants are integrated within the cohort of regular students in the Master programmes in International Law and can also attend a selection of seminars reserved to advanced PhD students. Support from the International Office and the Career Office is designed specifically for LL.M participants.
Global health law and policy is a constantly evolving field, in which a multiplicity of actors interact in myriad different ways. Multilateral negotiations and transnational decision-making processes call into question long-established modes of international governance and transcend the traditional dichotomies of public vs. private, international vs. national regulation. In Geneva, at the very heart of multilateral law and policy making, the Graduate Institute’s programme on global health law provides its participants with the theoretical and practical skills that are necessary to understand the functioning and the dynamic of all these new processes. If you want to become a global health professional, this is the place where you want to be trained.”
Health law and policy are increasingly global and interdisciplinary and our students’ backgrounds and interests reflect that. They come from careers in the public and private sector where they have worked in health law and policy and related fields at the international level or at the national level in a global context. In addition to first law degrees, many of them also hold degrees in public health, public policy, the basic sciences, or medicine.

Georgetown Law’s Global Health Law programs are open to highly qualified candidates with a J.D., LL.B., or other first law degree and strong interest or background in global health law and policy. Students in the Global Health Law LL.M. Program spend one full academic year (or up to three years on a part-time basis) at Georgetown. Students in the Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. Program spend the fall semester (or up to three part-time semesters) at Georgetown Law and the spring semester at the Graduate Institute, Geneva.

Post-graduate law students at Georgetown Law and at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, are extraordinarily diverse, talented, and committed. They come from the U.S., Europe, Canada, Latin and South America, Africa, Asia, and Australia and from distinguished careers in government service, law teaching, research, and advocacy. They bring a wealth of experience in health law and related fields to the classroom and their research interests cover a broad range of health law and policy topics, including intellectual property law and access to medicines, the health policy implications of international trade law, health and human rights, HIV/AIDS law and policy, environmental health and the law, product safety, tobacco control, bioethics, and global health governance. For more information, please see www.law.georgetown.edu/graduate/globalhealth.htm.
Each year Georgetown invites particularly meritorious candidates to be Global Health Law Scholars. In addition to their title, Scholars may receive full or partial tuition awards.

Scholars are selected on the basis of:
1. Academic qualifications in the fields of law/ethics and public health, health policy, health economics, bioethics or other relevant disciplines;
2. Public or private sector work experience on global or domestic health law issues; and
3. Demonstrated potential for excellence within the field of global health law.

Students’ financial needs may also be considered.

Admissions

For details on the application process for the Global Health Law LL.M. program, to apply online, or to request that a printed admissions brochure be mailed to you, please visit our website at: www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions