WHY A GLOBAL HEALTH LAW LL.M.?

Law—the statutes and regulations that express public policy as well as public institutions, including courts, legislatures and agencies, responsible for creating, implementing, and interpreting the law—plays a fundamental and increasingly important role in providing solutions to health challenges.

Health is impacted by law developed at differing levels of government—at the international, national, and sub-national levels—through a variety of legal tools and diverse legal subjects. National and international laws relevant to global health are deeply intertwined, creating norms that can be mutually reinforcing. Despite the integral role of law as a tool to safeguard and promote health at the national and global level, there is a dearth of legal capacity in health in the world.

To respond to this need, Georgetown Law, through the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, established the Global Health Law LL.M. program.

WHY GEORGETOWN LAW?

A superb faculty with hundreds of course offerings—and all of this just steps away from the Capitol and Supreme Court—Georgetown Law is an exceptional institution in an enviable location. Located in the heart of Washington DC, with unrivaled access to policymakers, scholars, and practitioners from around the world, our students learn the law in the place where laws are made.

Georgetown Law’s Global Health Law LL.M. program, the first and currently the only one of its kind, 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, economics, biotechnology, and science. Two LL.M. degrees are currently available through the programs listed at right.

GLOBAL HEALTH LAW

Georgetown’s LL.M. in Global Health Law brings together lawyers and academics from around the world for a unique opportunity to study 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.

GLOBAL HEALTH LAW AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

The program brings together two institutions at the cutting edge of global health law and diplomacy: Georgetown Law and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition to superior course offerings, students are afforded the opportunity to intern at institutions working at the forefront of global health, such as the World Health Organization, UNAIDS, the World Trade Organization, and the International Labor Organization.
"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 RAMIFICATION FOR THE WORLD’S POPULATION."

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CURRICULUM AND COURSES
Georgetown offers an unparalleled curriculum in Global Health Law with over 30 courses in domestic and global health law. In addition to the core course in Global Health Law, a number of intensive seminars are offered, such as:

- Bioethics & the Law
- Food and Drug Law
- Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and International Human Rights Law
- Health and Human Rights
- Health Information Technology and the Law
- Health Law and Regulation
- International Assistance for Global Health
- International Trade and Health
- Law and Healthy Lifestyles
- Public Health and International Investment Law
- Research on Human Subjects
- Trade, IP Rights and Public Health

EXTERNSHIPS AND GRADUATE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
Students may elect to participate in an externship or supervised Graduate Independent Research in their second semester. Externship opportunities have included placements at:

- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Human Rights Watch
- Médecins Sans Frontières
- Public Citizen
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- U.S. National Institutes of Health
- World Health Organization

Students may also pursue Graduate Independent Research with individual faculty members.
The O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law

As part of their program, Global Health Law LL.M. students are given the unique opportunity to engage with the O’Neill Institute, a premier research institution working at the intersection of health and the law. Students are integrated into the O’Neill Institute in many ways and may work on the institute’s projects as research assistants, enroll in its practicum courses, and attend the many symposia and events hosted by the institute. A mentorship program partners students with O’Neill Institute Directors, Associates, and Law Fellows to help provide guidance in career development and build a network of global health lawyers. For more information on the O’Neill Institute, please visit www.oneillinstitute.org.

Global Health Law Scholarships

The Global Health Law LL.M. program offers a limited number of Global Health Law scholarships per academic year. Global Health Law Scholars, in addition to the title, will receive full or partial tuition awards. Please go to http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oneillinstitute/academics/LLM.cfm for more information.

Where Are Our Graduates Now?

Our graduates move on to prominent positions with U.S. government agencies, including the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; international organizations, such as the World Bank and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization; civil society organizations, such as Health Justice, the McCabe Center for Law and Cancer and United Way Worldwide; and the private sector, such as Eli Lilly and Company. Many of our graduates also pursue academic careers in health law and are teaching at distinguished academic institutions.