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GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES



GEORGETOWN LAW



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WELCOME TO THE IDEAL PLACE TO STUDY LAW



"From our campus in Washington, D.C.—just minutes from the U.S. Capitol and Supreme Court—our students have unlimited opportunities to experience the law in action. We offer more courses than any other U.S. law school, taught by premier faculty. Our graduates go out across the world, shaping policy, advancing global enterprise, and serving as advocates for justice. I invite you to join our exceptional community."

— *William M. Treanor*

*Executive Vice President and
Dean of the Law Center*

Paul Regis Dean Leadership Chair



GEORGETOWN LAW

GLOBAL REACH

(2017 – 2022)

67 + 47

COUNTRIES &
U.S. STATES
REPRESENTED
(Class entering 2021)

58

LANGUAGES SPOKEN
(Class entering 2021)




306

U.S. & INTERNATIONAL
LEGAL INSTITUTIONS
REPRESENTED
(Class entering 2021)

40,000+

GEORGETOWN LAW
GRADUATES
WORLDWIDE

A portrait of a young woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a black blazer over a red top. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a building and a tree branch.

"I chose Georgetown Law because of its strong reputation in my home country of India. While I started the LL.M. program at an extremely uncertain time due to the pandemic, Georgetown's faculty and staff made the whole experience more wonderful than I could have imagined. My professors have been so welcoming and approachable; it has really been a pleasure to not only learn from them but to get to know them as mentors. Georgetown has exceeded my expectations in every way — from the amazing friends I've made to the marvelous professional development and leadership opportunities I've been provided with." — Tulsi Bhatia LL.M. '22

THE GEORGETOWN ADVANTAGE

Georgetown Law's unique combination of strengths provides you with countless advantages as you take the next important step in your legal career.

UNMATCHED ACADEMIC BREADTH AND DEPTH

Our curriculum is the largest among U.S. law schools, giving you the flexibility to design an individualized program based on your interests and goals. Each specialization for our LL.M. degrees grows out of an area of excellence at Georgetown—most ranked among the Top 10 law schools in the nation. Our 22 internationally renowned centers and institutes—laboratories for legal innovation—provide further opportunities for intellectual challenge.

PREEMINENT SCHOLARS AND PRACTITIONERS

Georgetown's faculty members are actively engaged in interpreting and shaping the law. You'll frequently see them testifying before Congressional committees and speaking in the national media. More than 50 current professors have served in U.S. presidential administrations and federal agencies.

WASHINGTON, D.C. LOCATION

Our students have an unparalleled vantage point—just minutes away from the U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, federal agencies and the headquarters of institutions including the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Top legal experts and thought leaders from around the globe regularly visit campus, and students have access to externships throughout the city.

A DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Our **Office of Graduate Careers**, staffed by a group of experienced attorneys, provides one-on-one professional advising for LL.M. students. Faculty, administrators and our 40,000-plus alumni worldwide serve as ongoing resources for students seeking advice on career advancement.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LL.M.

- Environmental & Energy Law
- General/International Legal Studies
- Global Health Law & Governance
- International Business & Economic Law
- National & Global Health Law
- National Security Law
- Taxation
- Technology Law & Policy
- Two-Year LL.M. with Certificate in Legal English

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.)

At Georgetown Law, we offer an array of options for graduate study, including one- and two-year full-time programs, part-time programs and online programs.

ELIGIBILITY

Our LL.M. programs are open to both U.S.- and foreign-educated lawyers. U.S.-educated candidates must have received a J.D. degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. Students educated outside the United States must have already completed the university portion of their legal education and received the degree required for admission to practice law in their country.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LL.M. STUDENTS

For all foreign-educated students, we offer the highly popular LL.M. Summer Experience, a program that enables students to earn up to four academic credits that count toward the New York Bar.

The LL.M. Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowship Program is designed to provide opportunities to Georgetown Law LL.M. students who are interested in gaining experience post-graduation with a public interest employer or international organization.

DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE (S.J.D.)

Our Doctor of Juridical Science program enables students who have already earned an LL.M. degree from the U.S. or another common law country (such as the U.K., Canada or Australia) to further their individualized legal scholarship while developing, researching and writing a doctoral-level dissertation.



"At Georgetown Law, we take special pride in the support we provide to our graduate student community. Professors relish their role as mentors, helping students to stretch their intellectual capabilities and think big in terms of their future. There's nothing more satisfying than following the career trajectories of our stellar graduates." — Madhavi Sunder, Associate Dean for International and Graduate Programs; Frank Sherry Professor of Intellectual Property

GENERAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

Our General Legal Studies and International Legal Studies LL.M. programs are highly flexible degree programs available to lawyers educated outside of the United States.

A CURRICULUM TAILORED TO YOUR GOALS

The General Studies LL.M. has no specific course requirements, allowing you to assemble a program of study from Georgetown Law's unrivaled selection of courses. The International Legal Studies LL.M. is similarly flexible, providing you the opportunity to choose courses from one of the largest international law curricula of any U.S. law school, while still having room to take elective courses.

You can also establish strong foundations in the U.S. legal system and its research and communication methods through courses specifically designed for these purposes, including Introduction to U.S. Legal Systems and U.S. Legal Research, Analysis and Writing.

Dedicated academic advisors are available to assist you in selecting courses to meet your individual professional goals and interests.

NEW YORK BAR ELIGIBILITY

You may be able to fulfill the course requirements for New York Bar eligibility while pursuing either of these degrees.

SPECIALTY CERTIFICATES


You can further specialize by completing a certificate program in International Human Rights Law, International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution, Food and Drug Law, Securities & Financial Law, U.S. Health Law, Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies or World Trade Organization (WTO) & International Trade Studies.

INNOVATIVE TWO-YEAR LL.M.

Established more than a decade ago as the first program of its kind in the U.S., Georgetown Law's Two-Year LL.M. with a Certificate in Legal English offers foreign-educated lawyers the opportunity to focus more intensively on a specific area of law while achieving mastery in written and oral legal English. All classes are taught by Georgetown Law faculty and Legal English faculty.

You begin as a member of the LL.M. class, completing required courses in the Legal English curriculum in your first year, along with courses from the LL.M. curriculum. During the summer, you can continue your legal studies in a number of ways, such as participating in the Georgetown LL.M. Summer Experience in Washington, D.C., taking classes in the Georgetown London Summer Program or pursuing an internship. In the second year, you select your own course of study from Georgetown Law's 300+ graduate course offerings.





"Attending Georgetown Law for my LL.M. in taxation has proven to be one of the best decisions I have ever made. There is an unmatched sense of community—from the administration to the students. At Georgetown, you will benefit from some of the brightest scholars and most helpful professors in all of academia. And the quantity and quality of courses available are unsurpassed."
— Nicholas Combs LL.M. '22

TAXATION LAW

Widely recognized as one of the preeminent programs in tax law, Georgetown Law's Taxation LL.M. is open to both U.S.- and foreign-educated lawyers and can be pursued in person or online.

65+ COURSES

Our location in Washington, D.C. allows us to offer among the most comprehensive tax curricula of any graduate tax program in the country, comprising more than 65 courses and seminars. You can also develop special expertise through our certificate programs in Employee Benefits Law, Estate Planning, International Taxation, and State and Local Taxation.

100+ FACULTY

At Georgetown, you have the opportunity not only to learn from world-renowned scholars, but also to be taught by those who are actually creating tax policy and enforcing and interpreting U.S. tax laws.

The full-time faculty has expertise in the technical issues of taxation as well as the intersection of tax law and public finance, international trade, fiscal policy, behavioral economics, and civil rights. Our adjunct faculty includes practitioners at major law and accounting firms, top government officials from the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Justice, and judges at the U.S. Tax Court.

PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Georgetown has a full-time professional development staff devoted exclusively to helping students with academic and career planning. Our externship program allows you to receive hands-on experience and academic credit by working for major international law firms, the national offices of the Big 4 accounting firms, and governmental agencies.

Over the past five years, 90-99 percent of Georgetown Law Taxation LL.M. students had secured employment by graduation.



TAX LL.M. CLASS OF 2022

144

Students

50%

Identify as diverse

30/16

U.S. states/
countries represented

30

Median age

83

Universities of
first law degree

56%

Post-JD work
experience

20+ TAX SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Georgetown Law offers a variety of prestigious graduate tax scholarships and fellowships to incoming Tax LL.M. students.

GEORGETOWN GRADUATE TAX SCHOLARS

Each year the Law Center chooses a small number of exceptional full-time Taxation LL.M. students as Graduate Tax Scholars. Scholars receive tuition awards and participate in an enrichment program with leading tax scholars, practitioners and government officials. Selection is based on demonstrated interest in tax policy and potential to excel in tax scholarship. Scholarships are available to both U.S. and foreign-trained Tax LL.M. students.


GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION

In conjunction with the Council on State and Local Taxation (COST), the Law Center invites applications for two annual fellowships in State and Local Taxation. Fellows receive a \$7,500 stipend and an internship at COST.

NAMED TAX LL.M. SCHOLARSHIPS

- Akin Gump–Robert Rothman Scholarship
- Albert G. Lauber Endowed Scholarship
- KPMG Foundation Tax Scholarship
- Leonard B. Terr Memorial Scholarship

SECURITIES AND FINANCIAL REGULATION LAW

 ur **Executive Securities and Financial Regulation LL.M.**, established in 2012, is offered as a part-time online program and is available to both U.S.- and foreign-trained lawyers.

The program is designed for lawyers already employed in a related field who wish to deepen their expertise in securities, financial and/or business law and appreciate the flexibility of the online format. Students receive the same high-quality instruction and learning experience as the traditional LL.M. and Certificate programs, but have the flexibility to attend class and complete assignments at times and in locations that are convenient to them.

A rotating selection of courses is offered each year. Sample courses include Financial Market Reform and Innovation, International White Collar Crime, and Essentials of Fintech Law. Students generally complete their degree requirements within eighteen months to three years.

Many of our expert faculty members have direct experience in the regulatory sector, including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LAW

Georgetown's LL.M. in International Business and Economic Law (IBEL) enables students to gain a deeper understanding of how national and international law shapes trade, finance and world markets.

FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM

As an IBEL student, you take a class in corporations, at least one class related to international regulation, and at least one class related to international business. You then choose the remainder of your specialized classes from more than 70 courses related to business and international law, and elective credits from Georgetown Law's entire curriculum.

GLOBAL EXPERTISE

Our faculty include renowned scholars in areas ranging from sovereign debt to cryptocurrency, who are involved in real-world policymaking and advocacy. Many have worked for U.S. and international economic organizations, such as Professor Anne Marie Whitesell, former secretary general of the ICC International Court of Arbitration.

Faculty members are also highly involved in organizing international conferences and symposia on cutting-edge issues involving international law and business. Professor Chris Brummer, faculty director of the Institute of International Economic Law (IIEL), is the founder of DC Fintech Week, a global forum on financial technology.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

IBEL students are eligible to apply for specialized fellowships and scholarships related to their interests. The IIEL Fellowship Program, for example, brings together a select group of Georgetown J.D., LL.M. and doctoral students with scholars, policymakers and practitioners to discuss new policy developments in international economic law.



“After earning legal degrees in London and Paris, I chose to continue my studies at Georgetown Law because of the quality of education here. The curriculum is amazing, with so many classes to choose from. I also fell in love with Washington, and the law campus is at the heart of the city! You have so many opportunities here—I’m currently working as a legal extern at the World Bank Group. Georgetown Law is a close community, with students of all ages from all around the world. It feels like a family. Everyone is always trying to help.” — Inès Briand, International Business & Economic Law LL.M. ’22



THE GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER

As a student in the Environmental and Energy Law LL.M. program, you have the opportunity to become involved in the cutting-edge work of the Georgetown Climate Center, a leading think tank shaping state and national environmental policies.

The Climate Center played a central role in developing the EPA's Clean Power Plan and facilitates the Transportation and Climate Initiative, a regional collaboration of 12 states and the District of Columbia. The center's founding director, Victoria Arroyo, was recently appointed Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY LAW

The Environmental and Energy Law LL.M. degree program encompasses environmental, energy, natural resources, land use and food law. Our students gain practical skills and first-hand insights into some of the most compelling environmental issues facing the U.S. and the world.

MELDING THEORY AND PRACTICE

The curriculum combines diverse and rigorous pedagogy with practical, real-world opportunities available only in Washington, D.C. In the first semester, all students are enrolled in a specialized Environmental Lawyering Seminar, giving you the opportunity to engage in high-level idea exchange and relationship building with your classmates. You will also hone your legal skills through a required practicum or internship.

Beyond these requirements, you design a curriculum tailored to your areas of interest, taught by the nation's leading scholars and practitioners. Courses range from our Federal Environmental Litigation Seminar, in which students draft their own civil enforcement complaint, to Energy Trading and Market Regulation.

UNRIVALED ACCESS

Georgetown's location at the heart of the U.S. capital gives you unique opportunities for internships and professional networking. You have ready access to the U.S. Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency and other governmental agencies, federal courts, private legal and energy firms and international organizations such as the World Bank.

UNEP FELLOWSHIP

Georgetown has teamed with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to establish the Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellows Program for public sector lawyers from developing countries. The program provides tuition support and postgraduate training at UNEP, and is the only program of its kind in the world.

TECHNOLOGY LAW AND POLICY

19

Full-time faculty
members

70

Technology law
courses

The business and public interest worlds alike demand advocates who can address new legal, ethical and societal challenges as they arise alongside rapid advances in technology. In response, Georgetown has created two master's level programs—one for lawyers, the other for non-lawyers.

Home to the nation's leading academic programs in technology law and policy, Georgetown Law is the ideal place for these innovative degrees.

TECHNOLOGY LAW & POLICY LL.M.

Georgetown's LL.M. in Technology Law & Policy is designed both for recent law school graduates interested in entering technology-related fields and for mid-career lawyers and policymakers seeking to hone their expertise in this specialty. The extensive curriculum includes courses ranging from First Amendment Law in a Digital Age to Information Privacy Law to Technology and Election Integrity.

MASTER OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY

The laws and policies related to technology are increasingly relevant to those outside the legal field, including policy advisors, journalists, product developers, entrepreneurs, civil society advocates and others. Georgetown's Master of Law and Technology (M.L.T.) program is designed for non-lawyers who need to understand this quickly evolving area of law. In addition to required courses in Foundations of American Law and Digital Law & Policy, the curriculum includes a wide selection of courses such as Competition Policy Challenges in Tech and Policing in the 21st Century: Law Enforcement, Technology & Surveillance.



INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGY LAW & POLICY

Georgetown’s Institute for Technology Law & Policy is dedicated to training students, educating policymakers, and informing the public about the key challenges and opportunities at the intersection of law and technology.

The institute provides a uniquely valuable forum in Washington, D.C., for policymakers, academics and technologists to discuss the most pressing issues and opportunities in technology law today — sponsoring an annual calendar of international conferences, and symposia. Recent events have included “Intellectual Property and COVID-19,” co-sponsored by the University of Hong Kong, and “Towards Inclusive Digital Trade,” featuring keynote speaker Ambassador Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative.



O'NEILL INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW

Georgetown is home to the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, one of the world's premier institutions working at the intersection of health and law. Founded in 2007, the institute is led by renowned scholar Lawrence O. Gostin, a major voice in shaping national and international health policy.

National and Global Health Law LL.M. students have the unique opportunity to engage with the institute, working as research assistants, enrolling in practicum courses, attending symposia and events, and participating in career and professional development programs—including a mentorship program that partners students with O'Neill Institute staff and program alumni.

HEALTH LAW

We offer two LL.M. programs in health law, which can be pursued full-time or part-time. Our innovative programs explore the intersections of health and law, including global health governance, health and human rights, food and drug law, access to health care, and legal interventions to prevent and control infectious and non-communicable diseases.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVANTAGE

As a student you can draw on Georgetown's world-class resources at the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and Health Studies, McCourt School of Public Policy, School of Foreign Service and more. You also have the opportunity to pursue a joint LL.M./M.P.H. degree with the top-ranked Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL HEALTH LAW LL.M.

This degree program features a specialized Global Health Law course that explores the roles that law, lawyers, and legal institutions play in public health across the globe. You work with a dedicated academic advisor to select additional courses from Georgetown Law's extensive health law curriculum.

GLOBAL HEALTH LAW AND GOVERNANCE LL.M.

In this unique program, you spend the fall semester at Georgetown Law and the spring semester at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition to coursework, you complete either an approved internship or a dissertation.

As a degree candidate, you are eligible to apply for a Global Health Law scholarship. Global Health Law Scholars receive full- or partial-tuition awards.

200

Program graduates
since 2007

30

Countries in which
alumni are currently
working

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

Georgetown's program in national security law offers an unmatched combination of strengths: faculty with real-world experience in the field, unique opportunities such as our annual National Security Law Crisis Simulation, and an alumni network of high-level practitioners, including current U.S. Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines (L'01).

THE LL.M. PROGRAM

The National Security Law LL.M. program at Georgetown is a boutique specialization designed for mid-career national security law practitioners interested in developing specific expertise, seasoned lawyers transitioning to the field, foreign-trained attorneys with knowledge of international and U.S. law, and a small number of recent law graduates.


PROSEMINAR IN NATIONAL SECURITY

The Proseminar in National Security Law serves as the gateway course for National Security Law LL.M. students, and is one of the distinguishing features of the program. The Proseminar prepares you to engage in direct dialogue among different parts of the national security community, including civilian and military government agencies, human rights organizations, law firms, contractors and civil liberties organizations.

A WEALTH OF RESOURCES

Georgetown's Center on National Security Law brings a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to addressing some of the most pressing concerns in national security law and policy. The center recently launched a new 360 Innovation Incubator, a problem-solving lab for complex real-world security problems.

If you are interested in national security scholarship, the Journal of National Security Law & Policy offers the opportunity to serve as an LL.M. Peer Reviewer, vetting and reviewing manuscripts for the renowned publication.



“Georgetown has a massive reservoir of knowledge and expertise — we have 20 full-time faculty who do national security law, and nearly 50 adjuncts. It means we can do more. We have the national security law simulation, the Guantanamo Bay observer program, and so many more opportunities. You just can’t get this anywhere else.”

— Professor Laura Donohue, Director, Center on National Security Law



DESIGN YOUR OWN PROGRAM

CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION ACCOMPANYING THE LL.M. DEGREE

- International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
- International Human Rights Law
- Securities & Financial Law
- World Trade Organization (WTO) & International Trade Studies
- Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies

STAND-ALONE CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION

- State and Local Taxation*
- Employee Benefits*
- Food and Drug Law
- International Taxation*
- Estate Planning*
- U.S. Health Law

*Certificate which can also be completed through our Executive/online program.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

- LL.M./M.B.A from HEC (Paris)
- LL.M./Master's in Management from HEC (Paris)
- LL.M./LL.M. in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution from Tsinghua Law School (Beijing)
- LL.M./Master's in International Affairs from Sciences Po (Paris)
- LL.M./Master's of Public Health from Johns Hopkins (Baltimore)

JOINT LL.M. PROGRAMS

- Joint LL.M. in Global Health Law and Governance from Georgetown/Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Joint LL.M. from Georgetown/Center for Transnational Legal Studies (London)



APPLY

The Office of Graduate Admissions is here to help at every step of the application process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us via email at lawllmadmis@georgetown.edu or by phone at 202-662-9010.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Every year we receive thousands of applications from more than 100 countries. We review each application in a holistic manner, considering academic and professional qualifications along with many other qualitative factors. We understand that there is more to an applicant than just numbers.

Georgetown Law has a rolling admissions process, which means it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Georgetown Law strongly prefers that applicants apply online via the LSAC electronic application. LSAC needs time to process materials once received at its offices, so applicants should send their materials to LSAC well in advance of application deadlines.

If you want to apply with a traditional paper application or are unable to apply via LSAC, you may do so.

Please note that there are separate applications for those applicants who received their first degree in law in the United States (i.e., Juris Doctor) and for those who received their first degree in law from another country.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents may apply for financial aid in the form of loans. For more information please visit our Financial Aid webpage.

As part of the student visa application process, international students admitted to Georgetown Law must be able to demonstrate the ability to finance their entire course of study. We encourage international students to begin the search for financing as early in the process as possible, by exploring loan and scholarship options that may be available through your home country government or other scholarship organizations.

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgetown Law offers numerous fellowships and scholarships to admitted LL.M. students. For more information, please visit our Scholarships & Fellowships webpage. Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis, and priority is given to applicants who apply by the published deadlines.

DATES AND DEADLINES

DEADLINES

OCTOBER 3, 2022

First Day Graduate Applications Accepted for Fall 2023

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Early Action Deadline for Foreign-Trained Attorneys

JANUARY 5, 2023

Early Action Deadline for U.S.-Trained Attorneys

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

Regular Action Deadline for Foreign-Trained Attorneys

FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Regular Action Deadline for U.S.-Trained Attorneys

MARCH 10, 2023

Regular Action Deadline for Non-Lawyer Programs

FOR MORE INFORMATION

ADMISSIONS

<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/scholarships-fellowships/>

FINANCIAL AID

<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/>

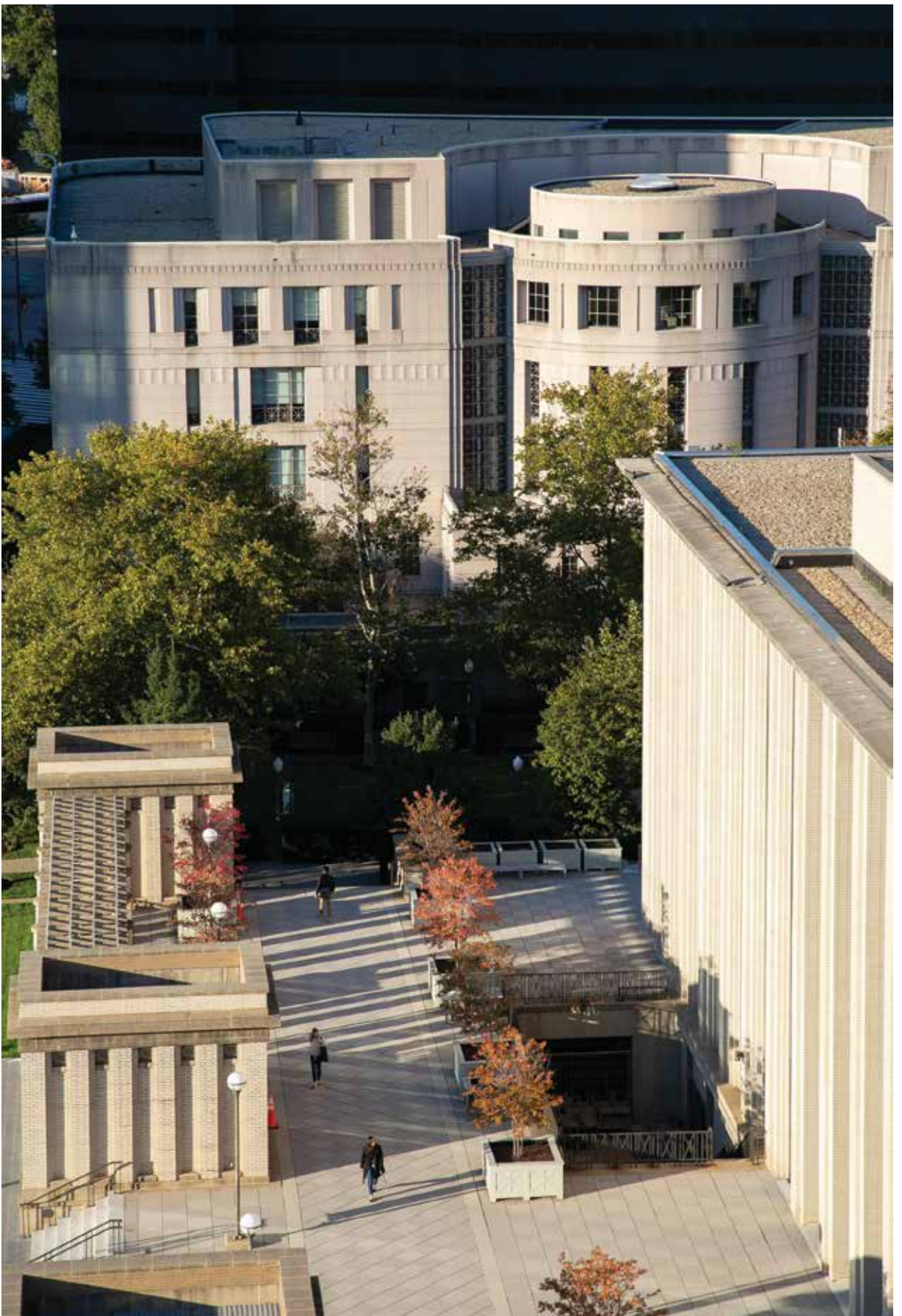
GRADUATE CAREERS

<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/your-life-career/career-exploration-professional-development/for-ll-m-students/>

VISA SERVICES

<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/admissions-aid/international-students/>

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