

University of California Hastings College of the Law

LL.M. IN U.S. LEGAL STUDIES

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Welcome to UC Hastings.

We welcome you to the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco.

UC Hastings is at the forefront of legal innovation. We are located in the center of San Francisco, just blocks from the courts and administrative agencies of the local, state, and national governments. Also, just blocks from our front door are some of the largest technology companies in the world, and many of the most innovative startups that are just now bursting onto the scene.

UC Hastings emphasizes practical skills training to prepare professionals for a changing marketplace. An international perspective informs our understanding of the needs of the legal profession, and our curriculum embraces an interdisciplinary approach to solving legal challenges. UC Hastings itself embodies the entrepreneurial spirit that surrounds us, including programs such as the UCSF-UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy, LexLab, and the Startup Legal Garage.

Every law school will offer you a basic education. Better law schools provide respected credentials, social networks that support their members, and the opportunity to pursue a course of study that will empower you to excel. In the pages that follow, you will learn about the compelling strengths that make UC Hastings one of the best law schools in the United States for the study of law in the 21st Century.

I look forward to welcoming you to the study of law at UC Hastings next year and to San Francisco, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.



Engaging. Stimulating. Unique.

San Francisco is among the most beautiful and exciting cities in the world. Combine that with one of the most distinguished law schools in the United States, and you have a truly extraordinary LL.M. program.

Part of the prominent University of California system, UC Hastings offers international students a welcoming and supportive intellectual community committed to the innovative, interdisciplinary study of law. Our LL.M. graduates hold a wide variety of appointments in law, business, and education, both abroad and in the United States.

The UC Hastings LL.M. program is fully integrated with our exceptional J.D. program. With LL.M. students taking all but

two of their courses alongside the J.D. students, our classes offer an engaging atmosphere dedicated to critical thinking. Our courses are taught by top law professors and legal scholars who have created a relevant and unique curriculum designed for the needs of international law students.

All of this takes place in San Francisco, which has been at the heart of some of the most groundbreaking contemporary legal issues in the world. San Francisco is also one of the most diverse and inclusive cities in the United States. We invite you to discover more about the LL.M. program at UC Hastings. Join us for a year in San Francisco. You will gain valuable legal and academic skills while creating friendships and professional contacts that will last a lifetime.



"The UC Hastings LL.M. program is a perfect destination for professional leaders seeking to advance globalized legal careers in the digital age. Our law school has a long tradition of global outreach and exchange, and our internationally recognized faculty are passionate about working with LL.M. students to advance their academic and professional goals. At UC Hastings, you will find a close-knit academic community; cutting edge programs in business, IP, technology, health, and dispute resolution; and an ideal gateway to opportunities in Silicon Valley, the Pacific Rim, and beyond."





UC Hastings LL.M. Program.

We offer approximately 175 courses covering all aspects of the law. Our classes are intentionally small, typically consisting of 25–40 students. LL.M. students may take advantage of a number of our nationally acclaimed learning opportunities, including experiential clinics and a thriving pro bono program. Qualified LL.M. students may also apply for transfer to the UC Hastings J.D. program without having to sit for the LSAT exam after they have completed course requirements for the LL.M. program.

Our faculty are approachable and eager to speak with students. In addition to having authored more than 20 of the principal textbooks used by law schools, they are engaged leaders in a wide range of fields both internationally and in the United States.

UC Hastings staff and faculty are here to help. The Associate Dean for Global Programs and the Global Programs Advisor serve as academic advisors and counselors to our LL.M. students. Our Career Development Office offers resources and programs tailored to our LL.M. students, including workshops on résumé and cover letter writing, networking, and other practical skills to enhance your law practice in your home country. Furthermore, to address the

challenges of an increasingly competitive job market, LL.M. students and alumni have a dedicated career counselor to provide individualized assistance to help you achieve your professional goals.

CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION

In addition to earning an LL.M. degree, LL.M. candidates may choose to pursue a Certificate of Specialization in one of the following areas:

- Science, Technology and Intellectual Property
- International Business and Trade
- International Law and Human Rights
- . Dispute Resolution and Legal Process
- · Health Law and Policy
- Criminal Law
- Taxation
- Environmental Law

Vibrant. Diverse. Inspiring.

Many regard San Francisco as the heart and soul of American ingenuity and digital technology. UC Hastings is right in its center—just steps away from City Hall, courthouses, and the technology epicenter of the city. San Francisco has approximately 150 theaters, more than 60 museums, and some 3,500 restaurants, many of which are just blocks from our campus.

San Francisco is also the gateway to Silicon Valley and the incredible Northern California landscape, with parks and beaches within close proximity. In addition to many UC Hastings-sponsored social events, students have the luxury of being able to organize trips to Sonoma, Napa, Monterey, and Yosemite National Park. For more information on student life in San Francisco, please visit our website.



"The faculty at UC Hastings is incredible. All of my professors have been available and willing to help. During my time in the LL.M. program, I improved my legal skills and acquired new ones while enjoying the beautiful city of San Francisco. From volunteering to student organizations and team sports, there is something for everyone here. You will easily become part of the UC Hastings community."

Thomas Ditrych LL.M. '16



Become a Part of the UC Hastings Community.

If you are a foreign attorney or hold a degree that qualifies you to practice law from a school outside of the United States, the University of California Hastings College of the Law invites you to apply for a one-year LL.M. degree in U.S. Legal Studies. Learn more at UCHastings.edu/LLM.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from September 1 through June 1. The priority deadline for applications and scholarships is March 1. If you have any questions, please contact us at 1-415-565-4817 or email LLM@UCHastings.edu.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Applicants must submit an application, personal statement, transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a résumé through LSAC. Please visit www.lsac.org to create an account.
- Applicants must use the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- UC Hastings strongly recommends (but does not require) that applicants register for the LSAC CAS LL.M. International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation service.
- A minimum iBT T0EFL score of 90 or a minimum IELTS score of 7 is strongly preferred.
- \$75 Application fee payable through LSAC (fee waivers are available).

GLOBAL REACH

Our students have come from over 50 jurisdictions to study and experience life in San Francisco.

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Canada	Italy	Spain
Chile	Jamaica	Sudan
China	Japan	Sweden
Colombia	Kenya	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Mexico	Taiwan
Denmark	Netherlands	Thailand
Egypt	Nicaragua	Turkey
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