



EMORY LAW

# Master of Laws (LLM) Degree





Emory's Master of Laws (LLM) is a highly customizable 24-credit-hour program designed for individuals with a first degree in law who are seeking to build upon their legal background for professional and scholarly advancement.

Students can structure a curriculum around their interests, either through a general course of study or by focusing on one of Emory Law's many areas of strength.

Emory Law is a top-ranked US law school, offering a world-class faculty, a diverse student body, a sophisticated and dynamic urban setting, practical opportunities to apply legal theory and skills, and a global alumni network. Emory Law also offers an abundance of academic and community resources including an English as a Second Language (ESL) specialist. Additionally, LLM students have full access to our Center for Professional Development and Career Strategy and the Emory Library system, which has more than 4.6 million print and electronic volumes.

Emory Law's academic rigor, combined with practical learning opportunities, affords both foreign- and US-trained lawyers an unparalleled LLM experience.

#### Program details

- Full-time, two semesters, with August and January enrollment. A part-time program is available for students who do not need a student visa.
- Open to individuals with a foreign law degree or those who have earned a juris doctor (JD) in the US.
- A diverse and collegial class experience, where LLM students enroll in courses with JD and other graduate students.
- Experiential opportunities, such as simulation courses, externships, "Doing Deals" courses, and a focus on building practical legal skills.
- After successful completion of the LLM, foreign-trained lawyers may be eligible to sit for any US state bar open to foreign-trained lawyers with an LLM, including the New York and Georgia bars.

## Opportunities for legal and professional advancement

Whether you are a practicing attorney seeking to enhance your skill set or change directions in your career, a recent graduate hoping to build on your legal foundation and strengthen your network, or an individual with scholarly aspirations, Emory Law's LLM program will empower you to take your legal career to the next level. Our resources include an

extraordinary breadth of faculty expertise, theoretical and hands-on training opportunities, and a friendly yet ambitious student body. Many of our foreign-trained LLM students are preparing for careers at global corporations or law firms where knowledge of the US legal system is relevant and beneficial. Emory's LLM program offers a solid grounding in US law and can serve as a significant differentiator for students upon return to their home countries.



*“Emory is an ideal law school because of its academic reputation and well-developed programs for international students. Moreover, Atlanta is a multicultural city where you can enjoy both dynamic city life and a peaceful residential environment. I’m convinced that you can actualize your professional goals at Emory.”*

### **JIN HYUK PARK**

LLM, CLASS OF 2015

FOCUS: GENERAL LAW

GRADUATE OF CHUNG-ANG  
UNIVERSITY; SEOUL, SOUTH  
KOREA



Incoming students work with an advisor to develop a curricular path, choosing from a full range of courses that will suit their goals and desired outcomes.

Students may design a course of study, drawing widely from Emory's many areas of expertise—including intellectual property law, international law, global health/health law, tax law, transactional law, and labor and employment law—to align their coursework with their goals. All courses are taken at Emory Law.

#### **Areas of strength at Emory Law**

**Transactional Law:** Establish a solid foundation in business and commercial law with our unparalleled transactional law curriculum.

**Law & Religion:** Explore the religious dimensions of law, the legal dimensions of religion, and the interaction of legal and religious ideas, institutions, norms, and practices.

**Human Rights Law:** Study the theory and practice of human rights law in the national and international context.

**Vulnerability & the Human Condition:** Undertake an in-depth exploration of the various manifestations of vulnerability in both human beings and the societal institutions they create. Students pursue either a theory or a policy track.

**Public Law & Regulation:** Examine legal practice and theory in the modern regulatory state and the political, legislative, and administrative processes that create and control regulatory bodies of law.

**Child Law & Policy:** Develop advanced skills in the formulation and application of policies and laws affecting children. Students pursue either a theory or a policy track.



*“Emory’s reputation as a top-ranked law school was important to me, and so was its wide selection of courses. I was also pleasantly surprised to see how green the city is. It reminds me of my home in Jamaica.”*

**SHARIAN HANSON**

LLM, CLASS OF 2015

FOCUS: PUBLIC INTEREST LAW AND REGULATION

GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF WEST INDIES; CAVE HILL, BARBADOS



Emory Law's faculty is comprised of leading scholars from around the world who are widely published and renowned for innovative and dynamic teaching. Select faculty include:

### **Abdullahi An-Na'im**

*Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law; Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion*



An internationally recognized scholar of Islam and human rights, as well as human rights in cross-cultural perspectives, Professor An-Na'im teaches courses in international law, comparative law, human rights, and Islamic law. His research interests include constitutionalism

in Islamic and African countries, and Islam and politics.

Education: PhD, University of Edinburgh (Scotland); LLB and Diploma in Criminology, University of Cambridge (England); LLB, University of Khartoum (Sudan)

### **Margo Bagley**



*Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law*

Professor Bagley's scholarship focuses on comparative issues relating to patents and biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and technology transfer. She has published numerous articles and book chapters, as well as two

books on issues of international patent law.

Education: JD, Emory University; B.S. Ch.E., University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **Laurie R. Blank**



*Clinical Professor of Law; Director, Center for International and Comparative Law; Director, International Humanitarian Law Clinic*

Professor Blank's areas of expertise include international humanitarian law, law of armed conflict, international criminal

law, and national security law. She works directly with students to provide assistance to international tribunals, non-governmental organizations and militaries around the world.

Education: JD, New York University; MA, Johns Hopkins University; AB, Princeton University

### **Martha Fineman**

*Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law*



Professor Fineman is a leading authority on family law, feminist jurisprudence, and law and society. The author of several books and the recipient of many teaching awards, Professor Fineman teaches courses on family law, feminist jurisprudence, law and sexuality, and

reproductive issues.

Education: JD, University of Chicago; BA, Temple University

### **Tim Holbrook**

*Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs; Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law*



Professor Holbrook is a prominent US patent law scholar with expertise in intellectual property, international patent law, patent litigation, property law, and trademark law and policy. He has delivered over one hundred presentations around the world on patent law. Professor

Holbrook has also been an advocate for the rights of the LGBT community.

Education: JD, Yale University; BS, North Carolina State University

### **Kay L. Levine**

*Associate Dean of Faculty; Professor of Law*



Professor Levine is an empirical scholar who examines how criminal law works in the real world, with an emphasis on state courts in the United States. Her courses and curricular interests include Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Victimless Crimes.

Education: JD, MA, PhD, UC Berkeley; AB, Duke University

## Sue Payne

*William and Jane Carney Professor of Transactional Law and Practice; Executive Director, Center for Transactional Law and Practice*



Professor Payne is at the forefront of educating students and professionals on topics related to business transactions through her leadership of the Center for Transactional Law and Practice. The center's rigorous, innovative curriculum and certificate program are designed to equip students with the knowledge and practical skills to practice in many areas of transactional law.

Education: JD, Northwestern University; MA, Ohio State University; BA, Denison University

## Michael Perry

*Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law; Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion*



Professor Perry specializes in constitutional law, human rights, morality, and law and religion. He is a prolific writer in these areas, having authored twelve books and over eighty articles and essays.

Education: JD, Columbia University; AB, Georgetown University

## Polly Price

*Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law; Professor of Global Health*



Professor Price teaches citizenship and immigration law, torts, legislation and regulation, American legal history, and Latin American legal systems. She has also served abroad as a US representative in the US State Department's Rule of Law Project.

Education: JD, Harvard University; MA, BA, Emory University

## Teemu Ruskola



*Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Law; Professor of Global Health*

Professor Ruskola's areas of expertise include Chinese law, comparative law, contracts, corporations, international law, and international legal history and theory. The recipient of

several national awards, Professor Ruskola—like many of our faculty—has taught and lectured across the globe.

Education: JD, Yale University; AM and AB, Stanford University

## Fred Smith Jr.

*Associate Professor of Law*



Professor Smith is a scholar of the federal judiciary and constitutional law. His research focuses on state sovereignty and representative government. His work has appeared in numerous law reviews.

Education: JD, Stanford University; BA, Harvard College

## Johan van der Vyver

*I. T. Cohen Professor of International Law and Human Rights*



An expert in human rights law and international criminal law, Professor van der Vyver has long been involved in human rights initiatives in his native South Africa and has served as a human rights fellow at The Carter Center, which he represented in proceedings that culminated

in the creation of the International Criminal Court (ICC). He continues to serve as an active member of the NGO Coalition for the ICC.

Education: LLD, University of Pretoria; BA, LLB, and BCom, Potchefstroom University; Diploma of the International and Comparative Law of Human Rights of the International Institute of Human Rights (Strasbourg, France)

## John Witte Jr.

*Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Law; Alonzo L. McDonald Distinguished Professor; Director, Center for the Study of Law and Religion*



Professor Witte is an internationally recognized expert on legal history, marriage law, and religious liberty. His writings, which include 27 books and over 220 articles, have appeared in fifteen languages, and he has delivered more than 350 major public lectures, both in the US

and abroad. Emory Law students have selected him as the school's most outstanding professor twelve times.

Education: JD, Harvard University; BA, Calvin College

➤ For more information on the broad expertise of Emory Law faculty, visit [law.emory.edu](http://law.emory.edu).



Atlanta: a global city and a great place to live. With a population of over 5 million people, the Atlanta metro area ranks third in the US for the number of Fortune 500 company headquarters.

With a temperate climate and renowned southern hospitality, Atlanta offers a warm welcome for everyone. Leisure opportunities include major league and club sports; museums, theater, and culture; outdoor activities in our many parks; and a vibrant music scene. A restaurant hot spot, Atlanta boasts a diverse collection of cuisines and dining options— from elegant bistros to ethnic restaurants featuring global cuisine or southern-style barbecue showcasing local flavors.

**15** Number of Fortune 500 companies headquartered in metro Atlanta, including The Coca-Cola Company, The Home Depot, UPS, CNN, and Delta Air Lines



*“I love walking around Atlanta. Wherever you go, you can see beautiful flowers and trees brightening up the city.”*

**FERNANDA COBO**

LLM, CLASS OF 2015

FOCUS: PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

GRADUATE OF INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO AUTÓNOMO DE MÉXICO, MEXICO CITY



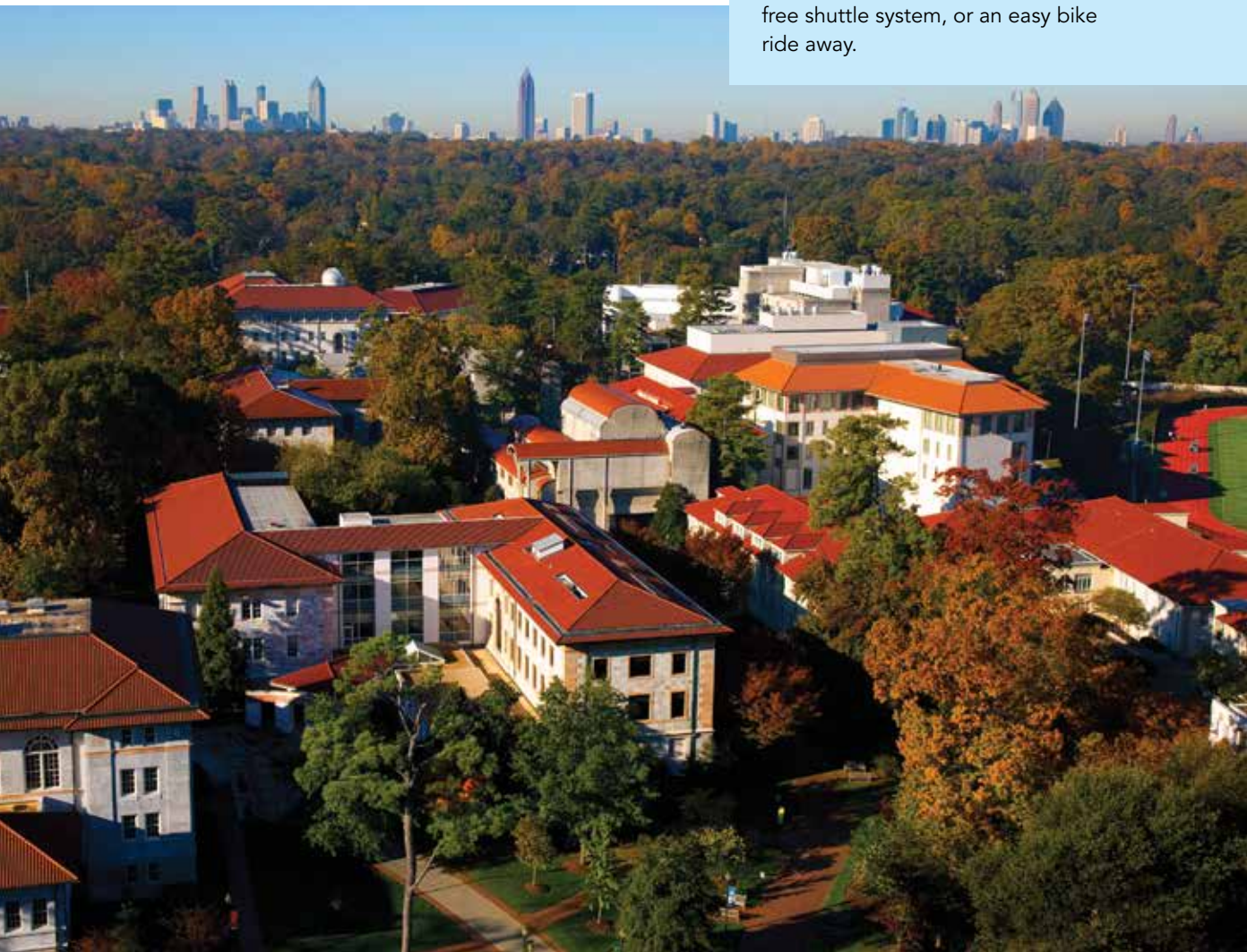
## Emory: an internationally respected university

Emory University is recognized as one of the world's leading institutions of learning, combining nine undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools with the largest health care system and sponsored research base of any university in Georgia. Emory maintains active partnerships with many of the city's preeminent institutions, such as The Carter Center, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Georgia Institute of Technology. The campus is also home to multiple cultural venues, including a state-of-the-art concert hall that features international artists and provides discounted tickets to students.

Emory's location in a safe, primarily residential neighborhood in Atlanta is one of many aspects that distinguish us among the nation's best law schools. We offer personalized attention in a thriving, friendly environment, so that students feel both at home and connected to the world at large.



**Living in Atlanta** Students have access to a wide range of affordable housing options within walking distance, along Emory's extensive free shuttle system, or an easy bike ride away.





Applicants are considered for January and August start dates. Candidates must have received a first degree in law that allows them to practice law in their home country.

- For US-educated lawyers, applicants must have earned a JD degree.
- For foreign-educated lawyers, first law degree designations vary by country. For a list of law degrees that meet this requirement, please refer to the Minimum Degree Requirements by Country chart found on the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) website at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org).

Admission is based on the applicant's academic training, professional background, personal statement, and professional and academic references. Strong candidates will possess an excellent academic record and serious interest in experiencing legal education in a superior American educational environment.

All applicants must apply through the Law School Admission Council ([lsac.org](http://lsac.org)) and submit the following:

- LLM application
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Undergraduate or graduate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Application fee
- TOEFL or IELTS (for applicants whose native language is not English)

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**Nondiscrimination Statement** Emory University is an inquiry-driven, ethically engaged, and diverse community dedicated to the ideals of free academic discourse in teaching, scholarship, and community service. Emory University abides by the values of academic freedom and is built on the assumption that contention among different views is positive and necessary for the expansion of knowledge, both for the University itself and as a training ground for society at large. Emory is committed to the widest possible scope for the free circulation of ideas.

The University is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of unlawful harassment and discrimination. Pursuant to the University's commitment to a fair and open campus environment and in accordance with federal law, Emory cannot and will not tolerate discrimination against or harassment of any individual or group based upon race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran's status, or any factor that is a prohibited consideration under applicable law. Emory University welcomes and promotes an open and genuinely diverse environment.

**Equal Opportunity Policy** Emory University is dedicated to providing equal opportunities to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, genetic information, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and veteran's status. Emory University does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment on the basis of any factor stated above or prohibited under applicable law. Students, faculty, and staff are assured of participation in University programs and in the use of facilities without such discrimination. Emory University complies with all applicable equal employment opportunity laws and regulations, and follows the principles outlined above in all aspects of employment including recruitment, hiring, promotions, transfers, discipline, terminations, wage and salary administration, benefits, and training.

**SACSCOC Accreditation** Emory University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, doctorate and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, call 404.679.4500, or visit the web at [sacscoc.org](http://sacscoc.org) for questions about the accreditation of Emory.

**American Bar Association Character and Fitness Standard Statement** In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every US jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

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