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MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW
MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)
FOR FOREIGN-TRAINED LAWYERS
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Welcome! At Moritz, we are committed to developing outstanding lawyers, effective leaders, and principled citizens ready to make a difference in the world.

Jessica Richman Dworkin
Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs

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Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Professor of Law
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is one of the top-ranked public law schools in the United States. While The Ohio State University is the second-largest university in America, the Moritz College of Law is comparatively small. Our LL.M. program is limited to just 25 students. This setting offers you two sides of a very special coin: You can enjoy a feeling of closeness with your classmates and receive the personal service and attention that a program of this size allows. You also can experience Ohio State’s thriving, energetic campus life, along with nearly 5,000 other international students who have chosen this place as their home away from home.

Our faculty members are world-renowned experts in many areas, including alternative dispute resolution, business law, international law, criminal law, privacy, and human rights, just to name a few. They are accessible and approachable and foster a collegial atmosphere that makes students feel at home. It is a learning environment second to none.

When you become an Ohio State student, you become connected to 50,000 students and more than 465,000 living alumni. Around the world, we are known as Buckeyes. We know each other as friends.

Our Master of Laws (LL.M.) program is designed for foreign-trained attorneys. The program provides a solid foundation of the American legal system and allows each student to select the courses and topics that best meet one’s interests and career goals. Our LL.M. students attend school with American law students, taking the same classes and learning from the same professors.
Learn.

At Moritz, we offer a wide range of courses designed to build a solid foundation in understanding the American legal system and American legal reasoning and analysis. We also offer many innovative and challenging courses and seminars that explore new and emerging legal fields and issues. We create a custom course schedule for each of our LL.M. students that is designed to meet an individual's needs and interests.
In the United States, law school faculty don't tell — they ask.

Rather than lecturing and requiring memorization of case law, our professors employ the Socratic method. Based on a type of inquiry used by the philosopher Socrates, the Socratic method demands students’ involvement in their own learning. Through a series of probing questions on a particular case, the professor challenges students to confront their preconceptions, consider other opinions, and come to the most logical conclusion. Rather than simply memorizing the facts of a case, students learn the critical thinking skills they will need as lawyers. Active participation in the classroom is expected from all students and promotes the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

Two foundation courses are required of LL.M. students in the first semester: Legal Analysis and Writing and U.S. Legal System and Legal Traditions. In addition to gaining a thorough overview of the American legal system, students receive tailored guidance in researching and analyzing American court decisions and precedence and in mastering an American writing style.

As an LL.M. student, you will benefit from individual counseling in planning courses, based on your career goals. You must take at least 24 credit hours in order to graduate. You can craft your schedule according to a specific area of interest — called a concentration — or take courses in a wide variety of topics during your year at Moritz.

"Seeking higher education abroad is everyone’s dream who is committed to her field. I applied with high expectations to U.S. universities, and my expectations were fulfilled at Moritz. Also, I learned to think critically here in law school. Our education system in general [in Pakistan] and law school in particular don’t pay attention to this basic fact: to train the pupil to question without fear, and enable them to critically analyze a situation."

Ayesha Umar ’11
Peshawar, Pakistan
Our courses offer content, but our method provides context.

Jessica Richman Dworkin
Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs
Find your passion.

LL.M. students can take courses in six concentrations, or specialty areas.

There are three ways to structure your LL.M. studies. First, you can choose to pursue a truly general LL.M. that provides a broad understanding of the fundamentals of American law, electing to take courses in *Torts*, *Contracts*, and *Property*, for example. Alternatively, you may opt to focus on areas of particular interest or relevance to your career goals, tailoring your selection to meet your individual needs. Or, finally, you might choose to fulfill the requirements to earn one of the designated LL.M. concentrations, listed at right. Concentrations require 12 credit hours within the chosen subject area.

Turn the page to find a sample listing of the more than 120 courses offered at Moritz.

To review sample course offerings by concentration, please visit our website at moritzlaw.osu.edu/programs/llm/academics.php

Student Voice:

"The difference between professors here and my professors back home is how the professors at Moritz relate to students. They are approachable – always ready to answer your questions and concerns."

Adunagow Ndonga '10
Kikwit, D.R. Congo

LL.M. Concentrations

- Business Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property and Information Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law
Sample Courses.

Classes offered 2010-12

Accounting for Lawyers
Administrative Law
Adoption Law
Advanced Civil Rights
Advanced Constitutional Law
American Legal History
Anthropology and the Law
Arbitration
Banking Law
Business and Tax
Legal Research
Business Associations
Business Bankruptcy
The Business of Law
Capital Markets
Civil Procedure
Civil Procedure II
Civil Rights
Climate Change
Commercial Law
Commercial Leasing
Commercial Paper
Comparative Dispute Resolution
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law
Consumer Credit
Contracts
Copyright Law
Corporate Finance
Corporate Governance Law
Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
Criminal Procedure: Investigations
Criminal Defenses
Critical Race Theory
Cyberlaw
Debtor & Creditor
Designing Dispute Systems
Disability Discrimination
Dispute Resolution
Disputed Elections
Education Law
Election Law
Eminent Domain
Employee Benefits
Employment Discrimination Law
Employment Law
Environmental Law
Estate Planning & Drafting
Ethical Issues
Evidence
Evidence in Trial Practice
Family Law
Federal Antitrust Law
Federal Courts
Federal Income Taxation
Federal Tax Planning
Fiduciary Responsibility
The Financial Crisis
Firearms Regulations
Food and Drug Law
Foreign Relations Law
Freedom of Information Act
Gender & the Law
Health Law
Hot Money
Human Rights
Immigration Law
Insurance Law
Intellectual Property
International Business Arbitration
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Dispute Resolution
International Environmental Law
International Intellectual Property
International Joint Ventures
International Law
International Legal Research
International Mergers & Acquisitions
International Tax
International Trade
Jurisprudence
Jury Instructions
Juvenile Justice
Labor Law
Landlord/Tenant
Law and Economics
Law and Religion
Law of War
Law, History, and Philosophy
Lawyers and Media
Lawyers as Leaders
Legal Negotiation
Legislation
Licensing
Ligation and ADR
Legal Research
Mediation Practicum
Mergers & Acquisitions
The Mideast Conflict
Multiparty Mediation
Negotiation & Mediation
Nonprofit Organizations
Ohio Legal Research
Patent Law
Patent Prosecution
Pretrial Litigation
Property
Privacy
Professional Responsibility
Public Utilities
Race & Class
Race, Class & Criminal Justice
Real Estate Development
Real Estate Financing
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Sexual Harassment
Small Business Finance
Special Education Advocacy
Sports Law
State Constitutional Law
The Supreme Court
Supreme Court Litigation
Tax Ethics
Taxation of Business Entities
Torts
Trademark
Trial Practice
White Collar Crime
Wills, Trusts, & Estates
Meet Yali “Celia” Li ’11
Beijing, China

Why should foreign-trained lawyers choose the LL.M. Program at Ohio State?
The United States has been in the leading position in the world in terms of its legal system, so it is the best choice for a foreign law student to study law here. From my one-year study at the Moritz College of Law, I not only got the knowledge of law in the United States but also developed skills in legal research and writing, as well as how to approach a complicated legal case as a practitioner both in the United States and China. Last but not least, I learned about American culture by communicating with faculty and classmates in the law school, which will be very valuable as I provide legal service to international clients when I practice law in China in the near future.

Tell us about your professors.
All the professors here are very talented and incredibly smart. Most important, every professor has a passion for teaching law and helping students to reach their career goals, which was great motivation for me to study hard on every specific subject. They not only teach us the legal knowledge and skills in how to approach the law, but they also brought fresh energy to the class, which allowed us to engage in fantastic debates on many interesting legal issues. They taught me how to think like a lawyer, which I think is the most important for me to practice law in the right way both in the United States and China in the future.

What was it like living in Columbus?
You are wrong if you think you will be very lonely if you choose to study and live in a new foreign city without a friend. Columbus is a big city, but people here are very nice; they are good at helping students in every area of their life here. You will never feel lonely in everyday life in Moritz and Columbus!
Learn from the best.

The excellent credentials and experience of Moritz professors informs their teaching.

Moritz faculty are renowned for their expertise and experience in business law, criminal law, international trade, human rights, and many other areas. Many of the books used by law schools across America were written by Moritz professors. They publish dozens of scholarly papers each year, which influence judges, attorneys, and other scholars. They are regularly called upon by leading media and policymakers as experts.

More than half of our professors have clerked for state and federal judges. They have experience in almost every legal setting imaginable, having served as federal and state prosecutors, high-level state officials, nonprofit and corporate executives, advisors to Congress and the President, deal-makers on Wall Street, and counsel at numerous distinguished law firms.

“During my year at Moritz, I had the chance to meet great professors who were ready to help me academically and personally. I had the chance to get to know them, and that is what is different from professors in my country.”

Lina Mounayer ’10
Damascus, Syria
Meet some of our faculty.

Alan C. Michaels
Dean and Edwin M. Cooperman Professor of Law
Research Focus: criminal law and criminal procedure
Undergraduate: Harvard College
Law School: Columbia University
Before Moritz: U.S. Supreme Court clerk; lawyer for Major League Baseball Players Association; prosecutor, Manhattan District Attorney’s Office

Garry W. Jenkins
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Law
Research Focus: business law, leadership, and nonprofit organizations
Undergraduate: Haverford College
Graduate: Harvard University
Law School: Harvard University
Before Moritz: Chief operating officer and general counsel of The Goldman Sachs Foundation

Amy J. Cohen
Associate Professor of Law
Research Focus: alternative dispute resolution and property law
Undergraduate: Rutgers University
Law School: Harvard University
Before Moritz: Fulbright Scholar and law professor at the Kathmandu School of Law in Nepal; worked on community development initiatives in Nepal, Thailand, and Ghana

Steven M. Davidoff
Associate Professor of Law
Research Focus: financial regulation, hedge funds and private equity, mergers and acquisitions, deals and deal theory, and jurisdictional competition. Writes a weekly column in The New York Times as The Deal Professor.
Undergraduate: University of Pennsylvania;
Graduate: London Business School
Law School: Columbia University
Before Moritz: attorney in New York City and London, representing European and U.S. companies

Daniel C.K. Chow
Joseph S. Platt-Porter Wright Morris & Arthur Professor of Law
Research focus: international law, international business, and China
Undergraduate: Yale University
Law School: Yale University
Before Moritz: law clerk for federal court in New York; associate at New York City law firm; expert in Chinese law

What are your thoughts about the globalization of education, including legal education?

I am very pleased that we have so many students with international backgrounds at the College now. Of course, we have LL.M. students, but we also have J.D. students with international backgrounds. I especially appreciate the perspective that the LL.M. students bring to class. It is refreshing to hear their questions and the very different attitudes that they might have toward the various legal topics that we cover in class. In addition, I find that the LL.M. students are all very hard-working. Of course, every professor likes that. I find that having students with international backgrounds of all kinds – from Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Africa – to be a significantly positive element in the classroom.
John B. Quigley

President’s Club Professor of Law

Research focus: international and comparative law

Undergraduate: Harvard University

Law School: Harvard University

Before Moritz: research scholar, Moscow State University; visiting professor, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; expert on the Middle East and human rights

What academic research are you currently pursuing?

I recently published a book with Cambridge University Press, titled *The Statehood of Palestine: International Law in the Middle East Conflict*. The book has a certain relevance for the current negotiations to resolve the longstanding Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It also has relevance for international criminal jurisdiction over war crimes that may have been committed during the 2008-09 war in the Gaza Strip. As I did the research for the book, I came upon formerly secret British documents of the 1920s that show British policy in Palestine in a light quite different from the way the British government was portraying it at the time. This research was published in the electronic edition of the Journal of the History of International Law in Germany. I have also just finished a short piece on a foreign policy topic as an entry for the *Encyclopedia of Political Science*, titled “Pax Americana.”

Ellen E. Deason

Joanne Wharton Murphy/Classes of 1965 and 1973 Professor in Law

Research Focus: alternative dispute resolution and international mediation

Undergraduate: Carleton College

Graduate: Oregon State University

Law School: University of Michigan

Before Moritz: U.S. Supreme Court clerk and associate in a Washington, D.C. law firm

Deborah Merritt

John Deaver Drinko-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law

Research Focus: evidence, business of law, women’s law, and public policy

Undergraduate: Harvard University

Law School: Columbia University

Before Moritz: U.S. Supreme Court clerk; director of Ohio State’s John Glenn Institute of Public Affairs

Peter Shane

Jacob E. Davis and Jacob E. Davis II Chair in Law

Research Focus: administrative law, constitutional law, and separation of powers

Undergraduate: Harvard University

Law School: Yale University

Before Moritz: assistant general counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Office of the President of the United States of America; dean, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; visiting foreign chair, Ghent University, Belgium

Paul Rose

Associate Professor of Law

Research Focus: sovereign wealth funds, corporations, and securities regulation

Undergraduate: Brigham Young University

Law School: University of California, Los Angeles

Before Moritz: associate in corporate and securities law in San Francisco; assistant trader in equity and emerging market derivatives in New York
Dean Alan Michaels and our professors are committed each day to creating an atmosphere that encourages dialogue and the open exchange of ideas. It begins in the classroom, where mutual respect is paramount.

Moritz professors offer knowledge and guidance, of course, but they also encourage students of diverse backgrounds to share their ideas thoughtfully and respectfully, for the benefit of all. They inspire and motivate students to excel, pushing them to succeed together within this community of scholars.

Outside the classroom, professors are accessible and approachable. When students have questions or need extra assistance, faculty always are willing to help. Most have dedicated office hours, when students can drop in to ask a question or simply to say hello. Their dedication to teaching is what makes a Moritz education second to none.

Student Voice:

"The professors here are very nice to international students - their doors are always open. You can ask them as many questions as you want, and they won’t ignore you or get bored with you. I’m not afraid of the professors; instead, I feel comfortable talking with them about everything. I feel at home when I study here."

Chatchamont “Cherry” Piyatanont ’08, ’09
Bangkok, Thailand
Experience.

Pursuing an LL.M. degree is more than taking courses and doing homework. This is your time to confront preconceived notions, expose yourself to other points of view, and — perhaps most importantly — think critically about what you are learning. Opportunities for discussion and engagement abound at the Moritz College of Law, in the form of guest lectures, symposia, group discussion … and even over coffee with new friends.
More than just classes.

Each day at Moritz, the calendar is filled with activities that enhance the learning experience.

Judges, practitioners, politicians, and other experts in the law frequently visit Moritz to share their thoughts. Viewing the law from a different perspective and watching public debate helps students obtain a clearer understanding of their course work.

Almost every day during the school year, there are extracurricular activities during the lunch hour and in the evening. The events take many formats: from debates among panelists to formal lectures to question-and-answer sessions for students. Both J.D. and LL.M. students recognize the privilege of having powerful and influential people share their knowledge, right here at the law school.

Stimulating Speakers and Subjects:

A sampling of recent speakers.

- Professor John Braithwaite, Australian National University
- Candidate, Supreme Court of Ohio Justice, Eric Brown
- U.S. Senator (Ohio) Sherrod Brown
- Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray
- Joseph Epps of Epps, Yong & Coulson, LLP (Los Angeles)
- The Honorable Judith L. French, Ohio 10th Circuit Court of Appeals
- Candidate, Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted
- Professor James S. Liebman, Columbia Law School
- Former U.S. Senator (Maryland) Paul Sarbanes
- Former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland
- The Honorable Amul Thapar, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Kentucky
- Jane Rue Wittstein of Jones Day (New York)

A sampling of recent topics.

- Big Squeeze: Small Business Financing During the Great Recession
- Can Natural Law Exist in the Absence of Religion?
- Cheeseburger Laws and Obesity Litigation
- Cybersecurity: Shared Risks, Shared Responsibility
- Drug Legalization: Exacerbating the Problem or a Noble Goal?
- The Ethics of a No-Fly Zone: War in Jewish Law
- Extraordinary Rendition: Unlawful Torture-by-Proxy or Necessary Tool in the War on Terror?
- Google Print Lawsuits
- Life & Genes: Are They Patentable?
- National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
- ObamaCare and the Law: Are Individual Health Care Mandates Constitutional?
United States Supreme Court
Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Recently the Ohio State Law Journal hosted a symposium titled “The Jurisprudence of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Discussion of Fifteen Years on the U.S. Supreme Court.” The symposium included an in-depth analysis of Justice Ginsburg’s impact on constitutional law, statutory interpretation, civil and criminal procedure, reproductive rights, gender and race equality, and labor and employment law. The day concluded with a conversation with Justice Ginsburg, led by her official biographer, Professor Wendy Webster Williams of Georgetown University Law Center, and her former law clerk Deborah Jones Merritt, Moritz’s own John Deaver Drinko-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law.

United States Supreme Court
Justice Antonin Scalia

Justice Antonin Scalia’s visit was part of a daylong symposium titled “Originalism and the Jury.” Originalism – the theory that the Constitution should be interpreted as the framers intended – has played a prominent role in shaping the function of juries in America, especially in criminal cases. The symposium featured panel discussions on the framers and the jury, the civil jury trial, the criminal jury trial, and originalism and advocacy. In addition to Justice Scalia, distinguished participants included Michael Dreeben, deputy solicitor general of the United States, the Honorable Nancy Gertner, U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Honorable Jeffrey Sutton ’90, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, numerous scholars from leading law schools, and several of the country’s premier Supreme Court advocates.
Whether you have a passionate interest in intellectual property or a simply a desire to make American friends, get ready to join a student organization. They are the perfect avenue for developing your leadership skills, making lifelong friends and professional contacts, and expressing your interests.

Some student groups are organized to foster interest in certain areas of law practice, while others create opportunities for community service. Some groups were created to help you connect with others who share the same beliefs and backgrounds, while still others gather for purely social reasons. Browse the list below. We are certain that you will find at least one group that whets your appetite.

**Student Groups:**

- Advocates for Children
- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Constitution Society
- Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Dispute Resolution and Youth
- Dispute Resolution Association
- Education Law Society
- Environmental Law Association
- Federalist Society
- Health Law Society
- Immigration Law Society
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- Inter-Professional Council
- International Justice Mission
- International Law Society
- J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- Labor & Employment Law Association
- Latino Law Students Association
- Law School Democrats
- Law School Republicans
- Mentoring Collaborative Student Association
- Middle Eastern Law Students Association
- Military Law Students Association
- Moot Court and Lawyering Skills Governing Board
- Moritz Community Outreach Project
- Muslim Law Students Association
- OutLaws
- Pro Bono Research Group
- Public Interest Law Foundation
- Real Estate Law Association
- Sports and Entertainment Law Association
- Street Law
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Women’s Legal Society
Diversity is integral to our culture and spirit. We proudly bring together students, faculty, and staff from all backgrounds to learn, teach, challenge, collaborate, and work together. As a result, members of our community are uniquely ready and able to address a wide spectrum of issues facing our diverse world. Our class offerings encourage students to think critically about civil rights, race, immigration, sexual orientation and — perhaps most importantly — the laws and policies that govern these issues.

Of course LL.M. students will experience the diversity of beliefs and opinions that characterize American life as they attend class alongside J.D. students. But they also will learn from their LL.M. peers. In our admissions process, we strive to compile a class with diversity in country of origin, practice interest, gender, and experience.

With such widely divergent histories among them, how do people create community? At Moritz, these principles guide us and drive us: intellectual curiosity and respect for all.

"I was fascinated by the diversity and level of qualification of the faculty, friendliness of its members, their ‘open door’ policy; I also enjoy the interaction with J.D. students. These things help to foster intellectual and cultural interchange and expand our legal horizons. It all makes this intensive process at Moritz go easier."

Timur Alamanov ’09
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
While LL.M. students immerse themselves in the study of American law and American life, our J.D. students learn firsthand about the perspectives of people from other cultures. Taking classes together, going to meetings, lectures and parties together — this ensures that both groups will graduate from their respective programs well prepared to participate in an increasingly globalized world.
Connect.

When you decide where to earn your LL.M. degree, you are selecting more than a college or university. You are selecting a community. That feeling of community begins with your fellow LL.M. classmates but also extends to include your J.D. counterparts and friends from around the Ohio State campus. It includes law colleagues throughout the city and Ohio State alumni living around the world. The relationships you create during your year at Moritz will last a lifetime.
We believe that the Moritz College of Law is the right choice for your LL.M. program because of its excellent faculty, rigorous curriculum, and unparalleled staff support. Naturally, these characteristics mean a great deal. But there is another element that should factor into this important decision. It is a feeling of community … a feeling of being home.

We understand the deep commitment necessary to leave your home country and family to spend a year in unfamiliar circumstances, while doing the hardest work of your life. Having a stimulating — yet supportive — atmosphere makes a big difference in managing stress and in being successful. Our J.D. students are welcoming; our faculty and staff are helpful and accessible. The Moritz College of Law is a place where you can create friendships that will last a lifetime.
Meet Katrín Thorsteinsson ’11
Reykjavik, Iceland

You have studied outside your home country of Iceland before: nursery school in New York, grade school in Moscow, a year of high school in Maryland, a year of French language in Switzerland. For those LL.M. students who are studying abroad for the first time, what is your advice?

Having lived in New York, Washington, D.C., Iceland, Russia, and Switzerland, I have some experience getting to know a new country. To LL.M. students who are studying abroad for the first time, I recommend immersing yourself in the experience of living in another country. Don’t seek out people from your home country or restaurants you already know; make friends from all over the world, and try something new every day. Columbus and the surrounding areas are teeming with things to do, places to see, and excellent food. Definitely keep in touch with your family and friends at home, but don’t be afraid to go to social functions, strike up a conversation with that stranger sitting next to you in class, or accept invitations to wherever you are invited. There is nothing to be afraid of, and you will gain priceless experiences and connections.

What Moritz professor made the greatest impact on you, and why?

I am very impressed with the professors here at the Moritz College of Law. Choosing between them is impossible, but I have to mention Professor Quigley, who is such a legend in the field of international law that I still find it difficult not to be nervous around him. His knowledge and insight into international law is an inspiration. Professor Stulberg is at the same level of excellence in the field of dispute resolution, and opened up a whole new world to me in an area in which I now have a passion for. I am privileged to have gotten to know his quiet, dignified demeanor and astonishing intellect. Professor Chow is also one of the best professors I have had, having an unparalleled ability to explain the most complicated legal issues in a way that everyone understands. I am certain that he could teach quantum physics to a kindergartener.
The Ohio State University.

The Ohio State University is one of the world’s most comprehensive research universities.

“This is the university of the American Dream.”
- The Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee

As one of the largest research universities in the United States, The Ohio State University has excellent resources for students and offers a rich campus life. Hundreds of student groups, organized around every imaginable interest and affinity, allow students to find others with similar passions. Dozens of intramural sports teams and state-of-the-art fitness facilities present a chance to meet friends and stay healthy. Our galleries, music and theater performances, and special events of every kind present daily opportunities to experience art and culture.

Ohio State is ranked among the top 10 research universities by the National Science Foundation and the top 20 national public universities by U.S. News & World Report. Nearly 5,000 international students from more than 90 countries call Ohio State their “home away from home.”

Across the globe, 465,000 Ohio State alumni keep the Buckeye spirit alive, maintaining friendships with classmates no matter how far they may roam. They call upon each other as both clients and friends. When you hear a Buckeye shout “O-H,” you can shout back your reply with pride: “I-O!”

Favorite Spots:

Ohio Union – Located across the street from Moritz, the Union is the “living room” of the university. Visit with friends at one of the restaurants, or relax in a cozy armchair by the fireplace. Quiet rooms for study and a prayer room are available.

Recreational and Physical Activity Center – This ultra-modern fitness center boasts multiple pools, hundreds of fitness machines, and basketball and racquetball courts, to name just a few amenities. Work with a personal trainer, or try a group yoga or spinning class.

Wexner Center for the Arts – A regional center for modern art, the Wex showcases paintings, sculpture, video and audio installations, and dance and performance artists.

Adventure Recreation Center – ARC offers a climbing wall, fitness equipment, indoor soccer fields and an indoor track, as well as rental equipment for outdoor adventures, including canoes, kayaks, tents, and backpacks. ARC also sponsors trips for hiking and river-rafting.

Mirror Lake – The gentle sound of the fountain will put you in a relaxed mood after studying. It’s a great spot for people- and duck-watching.

Ohio Stadium – On Saturdays in the fall, thousands of students and alumni gather to cheer for our football team: the Buckeyes.

Value City Arena at The Jerome Schottenstein Center – The “Schott” is home to Ohio State basketball and hockey teams, but it also plays host to major recording artists, such as Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Muse, and the Black Eyed Peas.
The term “buckeye” refers not only to our sports teams (including our revered Buckeye football team) but to Ohio State students and alumni and Ohioans in general. The buckeye (*aesculus glabra*) is a tree, native to Ohio, whose nuts resemble the eye of a buck, or male deer. Folk wisdom has it that carrying a buckeye nut in a pocket brings good luck. However, the trees and their nuts are of little practical use: the wood does not burn well; the bark has an unpleasant odor; and the bitter nut meat is mildly toxic. Still, the tree has grit. It grows where others cannot, is difficult to kill, and adapts to its circumstances. It is native, tenacious, attractive, and unique — traits that Ohioans and The Ohio State University are proud to be associated with.

Live.

Your new home: Columbus, Ohio, the United States of America. You are here to attain a professional degree, yet also to learn about a new culture and understand an entirely different way of life. Take full advantage of the support offered to you by our staff, and make every effort to explore your exciting new home.
Columbus: your new home.

Columbus is the capital city of Ohio and is located in the Midwest region of the country.

Columbus is the 15th largest city in the United States, with approximately 1.9 million people in the metropolitan area. It is a business epicenter with a diverse, fast-growing economy. Hundreds of companies are headquartered here, including retail giants the Limited Brands, Victoria’s Secret, and Abercrombie & Fitch, as well as several pharmaceutical and health care companies, national restaurants, publishers, banks, and insurance companies. Columbus is also Ohio’s capital and home to our state Legislature. Many Moritz alumni live and work in Columbus at law firms, as in-house counsel for corporations, and for federal, state, and local government.

People from nearly 100 countries call Columbus their home. Nearly every type of food can be found here in our excellent, family-owned restaurants and in international grocery stores that feature African, Asian, Halal, Latino, and South Asian products. We are home to synagogues and churches, mosques and temples.

The city cheers the swift play of its professional soccer team, the Columbus Crew, and feats on ice from its professional hockey team, the Columbus Blue Jackets. For more serene leisure activities, Columbus and surrounding areas offer miles of trails and gorges to hike, as well as rivers upon which to canoe and kayak.

Compared to other American cities, Columbus is very affordable, and boasts rental homes and apartment complexes with a variety of price ranges and amenities. The city has an extensive bus system that is free for Ohio State students. Located at the intersection of interstate highways 70 and 71, Columbus is within a one-day drive or a one-hour flight from 60 percent of the U.S. population. More than 7.7 million people fly through Port Columbus International Airport each year. While Columbus affords all the advantages of a major metropolitan city, it still maintains the charm and friendliness for which the Midwest is famous. It’s a great place to study — and to call home.
Shopping at the historic North Market

2008 Major League Soccer Champions the Columbus Crew

Polar bears at the top-ranked Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

The natural beauty of the Hocking Hills State Park
Join the family.

We care about students — as scholars and as friends.

From airport pickup to graduation parties, our Moritz College of Law Master of Laws Program staff is an integral part of a successful student experience. Our commitment: to help each student be successful during this challenging year of U.S. law study.

This assistance comes first in the form of formal counseling — on course selection, preparing for job opportunities, and cultural integration. It begins with a weeklong, comprehensive orientation to law school life and life in the United States and continues during our lunchtime information sessions and in one-on-one meetings throughout the year.

It’s not all business. By hosting parties in our homes and trips to area attractions, we offer you a chance to get to know your fellow classmates in a more casual setting. Holiday dinners, barbecues, apple-picking, trips to Amish Country — these are just a few of the events planned each year. These special times together create a bond between students — and staff — that lasts a lifetime.
Become.

A legal education at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is a life-changing experience. From the moment you arrive on campus, we begin preparing you for a successful career. The value of a Moritz education extends throughout your lifetime. The lessons you will absorb, the personal growth you will undergo, and the skills you will develop undoubtedly will prepare you to make meaningful contributions to the world. Our LL.M. graduates make us proud.
How to apply.

Our application cycle is September 15 through April 15. School begins in August.

We are seeking individuals from a wide range of countries, with diverse legal backgrounds. We encourage the new law graduate to apply, right along with the experienced law professor or practitioner. The LL.M. class is limited to 25 students, allowing us to provide exceptional support and service.

The faculty of our admissions committee carefully considers all information in the application package, including academic performance, professional work or volunteer experience, clarity of purpose and career goals, the student’s relationship with recommenders, and the quality of previous universities.

Original transcripts with English translations are required from each institution attended. Candidates whose native language is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Our minimum required score for TOEFL is 80; for IELTS, the minimum is 7.0.

We strongly encourage prospective students to apply early in the cycle. Student visas, which are required, can take up to three months to obtain. Decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Full instructions for applying can be found on our website at moritzlaw.osu.edu/programs/llm/application.php. If you have questions during the application process, we are happy to help. Feel free to contact us at any time.

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**Excellence and Innovation.** A commitment of our faculty and staff to promote excellence in research, teaching, and service to benefit our students, the legal profession, government, and society.

**Integrity and Professionalism.** Respect, honesty, and personal accountability lie at the heart of what it means to be a member of the legal profession; in our actions, policies, and teaching, we emphasize integrity and professionalism.

**Community and Individuality.** The College maintains a distinctive sense of community, emphasizing cooperation, supportive interactions between and among faculty, students, and staff, and valuing each person as an individual, a commitment that is supported by our small scale and personal atmosphere.

**Diversity and Inclusiveness.** A recognition that excellence in a legal education as well as in our legal system, institutions, workplaces and communities is enriched by the existence of a diverse environment.

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**Admissions: OSU Nondiscrimination Policy**

The Ohio State University is committed to building a diverse faculty and staff for employment and promotion to ensure the highest quality workforce, to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for minorities and women. The university embraces human diversity and is committed to equal employment opportunities, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.

Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination. Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 provide equal employment opportunities and reasonable accommodation, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in education programs and activities. Equal access to employment opportunities, admission, educational programs, and all other university activities is extended to all persons.

For further information, contact the Office of Human Resources at 124 Archer House, 2130 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210-1174, (614) 292-4164 or visit http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policyhome.htm. You can access the Clery Act Annual Crime Report for The Ohio State University at http://www.ps.ohio-state.edu/police/campus_safety/annual_crimes_report.php