One-Year, Endless Possibilities

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

MORITZ COLLEGE OF LAW

MASTER OF LAWS FOR FOREIGN-TRAINED LAWYERS
Welcome to The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Our Master of Laws (LL.M.) program is designed for foreign-trained lawyers interested in learning about the American legal system.

“At Ohio State, we value greatly our international students and the global perspective they bring to the classroom and our culture. In one short year, our international LL.M. students are immersed in American law and learn so much. The knowledge, friends, and experiences you have here will stay with you wherever your career and travels take you.”

Alan C. Michaels, dean of The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

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You will make lifelong connections with students from all over the world and create a legal network that will be invaluable after you finish your studies. Our campus is beautiful with every amenity. Our city is safe and modern with a thriving culture. We invite you to learn more about Ohio State!
The name of our law school is The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. The name “Moritz” comes from Michael E. Moritz, a 1961 graduate and successful lawyer who donated $30 million to the school in 2001. We often just use the name Moritz when referring to the college of law.

What is “Moritz?”

“At Moritz, I have been impressed by the extremely qualified professors who are always ready to listen to you. I also realized that my friendships with other students have really made my experience complete. We have so many different stories to share. I know that, even when the program ends, we will keep in touch for a very long time.”

Adriana Casafont Ortiz, Costa Rica
Our School by the NUMBERS

- Big Opportunities
- Small Classes

6
LL.M. concentration areas

6,500
international students on campus

35
LL.M. students

54 full-time law professors

150 classes

63% of faculty have lived, taught, or worked overseas

23 languages are spoken by the J.D. Class of 2014

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Students from around the globe

Our LL.M. students come from all over the globe. This allows our graduates the ability to create a network of attorneys that crosses continents and oceans. In addition, our 550 domestic J.D. law students come from more than 20 different states and earned their college degrees from more than 100 different universities. LL.M. and J.D. students take classes side-by-side and often study and socialize together after class.

Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Cameroon
P.R. China
Costa Rica
Colombia
Czech Republic
D.R. Congo
Dominican Republic
Egypt
Germany
Ghana
Iceland
India
Indonesia
Iran
Japan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
Lebanon
Lithuania
Mexico
Nigeria
Pakistan
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Slovak Republic
Somalia
South Africa
South Korea
Sudan
Syria
Tajikistan
Taiwan
Thailand
Turkey
United Kingdom
Venezuela

“I really enjoyed choosing whatever courses I liked. I took some first-year classes for bar exam purposes in combination with some upper-level classes that I was really interested in, like arbitration. Moreover, I enjoyed having classes with American students and students from other countries. This diversity provides you a great opportunity to learn from each other and certainly will benefit your international practice.”

Derek Li, Zhuhai, China

Student Voice
At Moritz, we offer a wide range of courses designed to build a solid foundation in understanding the American legal system. 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.

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 below. Concentrations require 12 credit hours within the chosen subject area.

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 precedent and in mastering an American writing style.

You must take at least 24 credit hours, or about eight classes, in order to graduate.

**LL.M. CONCENTRATIONS**
- Business Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Dispute Resolution
- Intellectual Property and Information Law
- International and Comparative Law
- Labor and Employment Law

**REQUIRED LL.M. COURSES**
- Legal Analysis and Writing
- U.S. Legal System and Legal Traditions

The new Law & Finance program brings business leaders from around the world to Moritz.
The professors at Moritz are some of the leading legal scholars in the world. Our professors write books and articles on complex and innovative legal topics and are often asked to serve as experts by the national media and policy makers. They publish dozens of articles in prestigious law journals each year.

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

Daniel C.K. Chow
Associate Dean for International and Graduate Programs, 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

Amy J. Cohen
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

"I was fascinated by the diversity and level of qualifications 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 exchange, and expand our legal horizons. It all makes this intensive process at Moritz go easier."
Timur Alamanov, Kyrgyzstan
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.

In the past two years, we have welcomed 10 new faculty members with a wealth of experience and notable research.

Our faculty has been quoted in *The New York Times* more than 95 times in the last two years.

Deborah Merritt
Associate Professor of Law
RESEARCH FOCUS: evidence, business of law, women's law, and public policy
UNDERGRADUATE: Brigham Young University
LAW SCHOOL: Columbia University
BEFORE MORITZ: associate in corporate and securities law in San Francisco; assistant trader in equity and emerging market derivatives in New York

John B. Quigley
Emeritus 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

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

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

Student Voice

“My advice to new LL.M. students: seek out new people, and try something new every day. Columbus is teeming with things to do, places to see, and excellent food. Don’t be afraid to strike up a conversation with that stranger sitting next to you in class.”

Katrin Thorsteinsson, Iceland
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 J.D. students 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.

Outside of the classroom

Pursuing an LL.M. degree is more than taking courses and doing homework. This is your time to expose yourself to other points of view, and think critically about what you are learning. Opportunities for discussion and engagement are available in the form of guest lectures, symposia, group discussion … and even over coffee with new friends.

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.

Moritz also boasts more than 40 student organizations. Whether you have a passionate interest in intellectual property or simply a desire to make American friends, student organizations are a great way to get involved in the community. 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.
The Ohio State University

As one of the largest research universities in the world, The Ohio State University has excellent resources for students and offers a rich campus life. Hundreds of student groups, organized around every imaginable interest, 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 art 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. Around 6,500 international students from more than 100 countries call Ohio State their “home away from home.”

Across the globe, more than 500,000 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.

Favorite spots around campus

Thompson Library
The University’s main library, we recommend the top floor reading room for an excellent view of campus and large, quiet tables. In addition to its book-stacked floors, the library also has 230 computers available for use.

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 chair by the fireplace. Quiet rooms for study and a prayer room, with foot-washing station, are available.

Mirror Lake
The scenic little lake features a fountain, ducks and benches for relaxing. Mirror Lake is a frequent stop for families, faculty, and students alike.

RPAC
One of the largest fitness centers in the nation, which has welcomed President Barack Obama, Michael Phelps, and Richard Simmons, the Recreational Physical Activity Center provides around 30,000 square feet of fitness space including an aquatic pavilion, indoor track, racquetball courts, and classes from zumba to spinning to yoga.

Wexner Center
Independent films, performances, exhibitions, and art reign here. Pull up a blanket and enjoy outdoor movies on the Oval outside the Wex or grab brunch at the Heirloom Café.

Ohio Stadium
On Saturdays in the fall, thousands of students, alumni, and friends gather to cheer our football team - The Ohio State Buckeyes. The colors scarlet and gray fill the stadium, which seats 105,000 people.

High Street
The main street through Columbus, which borders campus and Moritz on the east side, is home to coffee shops, bookstores, restaurants, bars, and wandering students by day and night.

ARC
The Adventure Recreation Center has a climbing wall, indoor soccer fields, and rental equipment for outdoor adventures such as kayaks, tents, canoes, and backpacks.
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus is the capital city of Ohio and is located in the Midwest region of the country. It is the 15th largest city in the United States, with approximately 1.9 million people in the 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. 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.

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. Columbus is within a one-day drive or a one-hour flight from 60 percent of the U.S. population. 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.

Favorite Places

Easton Town Center
Nordstrom, Macy’s, and all the shops.

The Short North
Just south of campus, this area’s monthly Gallery Hop mixes art, food, and eclectic boutiques.

Hocking Hills
One of seven state parks close to Columbus. This one specializes in waterfalls and caves.

German Village
Cobblestone streets, quaint cottages, and restaurants.

The Schott
All major music concerts roll through campus here.

Jeni’s
Homemade ice cream in unique flavors. We recommend Ale & Apricots or Wildberry Lavender.

Olentangy River Trail
Parallels campus. Great for long runs or biking.

Huntington Park
This AAA baseball field has promotions that fit a law student’s budget.

Columbus Marathon Route
Start near the Statehouse and run 26.2 miles through campus, by the Governor’s Mansion, along the riverfront and through the shaded streets of Beaux, Olde Towne East, and Upper Arlington.

Veterans Memorial
While commonly known as the location for the Ohio Bar Exam, the grassy lawn out front is a prime viewing spot for Red, White & Boom, the Midwest’s largest fireworks display.

Crew Stadium
The nation’s first soccer-dedicated stadium is only a few miles from campus.
How to apply

Our application cycle is September 15 through March 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 35 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. Applicants 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 http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/admissions/llm/. If you have questions during the application process, we are happy to help. Feel free to contact us at any time.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must have:
• obtained an LL.B. from a foreign country; or
• completed in a foreign country the university-based legal education required to take the equivalent of the bar examination in that foreign country; or
• qualified to practice law in a foreign country; or
• the equivalent thereof, as determined by the LL.M. Admissions Committee.

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