THE MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) PROGRAM draws upon the excellence in teaching and research at the best law school in Ohio and a top-ranked law school in the U.S. The LLM program is designed for foreign law graduates and lawyers to gain in-depth knowledge of the American legal systems and U.S. laws in various areas, including corporate law, business law, dispute resolution, IP and technology law, labor law, and criminal law. Students also learn the basics of international public law and international business law, to examine how international legal issues are addressed under U.S. law.

The program boasts a forward-thinking curriculum, including experiential learning opportunities and an innovative LLM Legal Writing program that help build the confidence and lawyering skills you need for the global legal market. The program offers bar exam courses and a free bar prep course, laying the foundations for international students to take a bar exam in the U.S., such as in New York, D.C., Ohio, and California.
The LLM program features a career-oriented curriculum with combined offerings of doctrinal courses in major legal practice areas and experiential learning courses.

Learn more at go.osu.edu/llm-admissions

“Be enthusiastic and open to new things because this program will bring you to the next level of your career and deliver a life experience you will never regret.”
- Singgih Prabowo, '22
The LLM program offers a flexible degree, allowing students to design their curriculum that best suits their career goals. Students may select from over 100 courses in different areas of U.S., transnational and international law. They may pursue a general curriculum or a specialized curriculum in one of the six areas of concentrations.

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SCHOLARSHIPS
We provide international students with opportunities to study at our reputed law school through a variety of scholarships:

- **Legal Leadership Scholarship**
  Coverage of 100% of tuition for one academic year (one award in the Fall semester only)

- **Moritz LLM Scholarship**
  Coverage of 50% of tuition for one academic year

- **Regional Scholarships**
  Coverage of up to 40% of tuition for one academic year

- **Norman Nadorff Scholarship**
  $5,000 (Only for African and South American students)

- **Moritz-COLFUTURO Scholarships**
  Coverage of 50% tuition for Colfuturo awardees

Learn more at: go.osu.edu/llmscholarships

LLM STUDENT SUPPORT
The academic year at Moritz is enriched through extensive resources and student support services available both at the Moritz College of Law and the Ohio State University, including one-on-one academic and bar exam advising, career advising, and programs for professional development, mentoring, mental health and wellness. International students also benefit from our Faculty Resource Advisors and the LLM-JD Connections program.
DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
To earn an LLM degree at the Moritz College of Law, LLM students must successfully complete a minimum of 24 credit hours, including 5 credit hours in the two required LLM courses: LLM Analysis, Research & Writing (2 credits) and US Legal Systems (3 credits). Students typically complete the required minimum 24 credit hours in two semesters. If students are interested in completing the LLM degree during three semesters, they generally complete 30 credit hours.

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS
Within the LLM degree, LLM students may choose an optional academic concentration anytime, before or after the LLM program starts. Students will earn a Certificate of Concentration along with the LLM diploma. To be eligible for a Certificate of Concentration, students must successfully complete at least 12 credit hours in the area of concentration out of the required 24 credit hours. It is also possible to earn double concentrations as long as a minimum of 12 credits in each area of concentration are completed.

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Sample Courses: Arbitration; Dispute Resolution Survey; Family and Divorce Mediation; International Dispute Resolution; Legal Negotiation; Mediation and Negotiation; Online Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age

Corporate Law/Business Law
Sample Courses: Banking Law; Business Associations; Business Bankruptcy; Contracts; Drafting International Commercial Documents; Merger and Acquisitions; Sales; Venture Capital and Entrepreneurial Deal Making

Intellectual Property and Technology Law
Sample Courses: Copyright; Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Regulation; Introduction to IP Law; Law of Cyberspace; Patent Law; Trademark

International and Comparative Law
Sample Courses: Business and Human Rights; Human Rights; International Business Transactions; International Dispute Resolution; Middle East Conflict
LLM-JD TRANSFER

LLM students at Moritz has the option to transfer to the JD program upon completion of the LLM program. Most credits earned from the LLM degree are transferable to the JD program. As a result, LLM-JD transfer students will complete the JD program only in two years. LSAT test is not required.

Criminal Law and Procedure
Sample Courses: Constitutional Law; Criminal Procedure: Adjudication; Criminal Procedure: Investigation; Evidence; Social Justice and the Law; White Collar Crime

Employment and Labor Law
Sample Courses: Disability Access; Employment Discrimination Law; Employment Law; Labor Law; Employee Benefits

BAR EXAM COURSES
At Moritz, LLM students may take courses on all subjects tested on the New York bar exam as well as many other bar exams in the U.S., such as Ohio, California, D.C., Texas, Washington. These courses not only allow foreign-trained students to meet the course requirements to qualify to sit for these bar exams, but also lay important foundations that help them prepare ahead of time for the bar exams. LLM students at Moritz also receive a free bar prep course provided by Themis, one of the most popular national bar review providers in the U.S. (the course value is approximately $2,700).
FEATURED FACULTY

Our faculty are more than accomplished scholars and experts in their fields. They are dedicated educators committed to training the next generation of worldly and culturally rich lawyers.

Katrina Lee
Clinical Professor of Law, and Director of Program on Dispute Resolution

Professor Lee joined the faculty at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2011 after an accomplished career in complex litigation spanning more than 12 years. Professor Katrina Lee serves as Director of Moritz’s top-ranked Program on Dispute Resolution. She has represented Fortune 100 companies in all litigation phases, including discovery, trial, appeal, and dispute resolution proceedings. At a national law firm, she was elevated to equity partner in her seventh year of practice.

Professor Lee writes and presents on topics related to the business of law; negotiations; legal ethics; legal writing; and mentoring. Her writings include several scholarly articles and the first-of-its-kind business of law coursebook The Legal Career: Knowing the Business, Thriving in Practice (2d ed. West 2020). She is also a co-author of the third edition of the legal writing coursebook The U.S. Guide to Legal Analysis and Writing (3d ed. Aspen 2022).

“I teach legal writing, the business of law, and legal negotiation. I aim for my courses to be challenging, inclusive, and supportive. My job is deeply rewarding. I feel so energized working with students, both in the classroom and in individual meetings. I advise international students to keep an open mind, to make use of their institution’s resources, and to take time to reflect on their new experiences.”

Professor Lee brings to her work leadership experience at a law firm and in the legal community. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools Alternative Dispute Resolution Section.

Professor Lee serves as Co-Faculty Advisor for The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution. She is the Director of the LLM, Legal Writing program. Professor Lee earned her JD degree from the University of California at Berkeley.
Paul Rose
Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives; Robert J. Watkins/ Procter & Gamble Professor of Law; Director, Law, Finance & Governance

Professor Paul Rose teaches Business Associations, Comparative Corporate Law, Corporate Finance, Investment Management Law, and Securities Regulation. He has written extensively on sovereign wealth funds, corporate governance, and securities regulation, and he has consulted with and provided testimony on these topics to numerous regulators and other agencies. He is an affiliate with the Sovereign Wealth Fund Initiative, a research project at The Fletcher School at Tufts University, a non-resident fellow of the ESADEgeo-Center for Global Economy and Geopolitics, an affiliate with IE Business School, and an affiliate with the Sovereign Investment Lab, a research project at Università Bocconi.

Prior to joining the faculty at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Professor Rose was a visiting assistant professor in securities and finance at Northwestern University School of Law. Professor Rose earned his JD from the University of California Los Angeles, School of Law.

“I teach business associations and securities regulation. My primary teaching goal is to train great lawyers, and I try to focus on the practical problems that arise in corporate and securities law practice. I love to see students develop and appreciate (and sometimes even love!) the complexities of business law. As markets have become increasingly globalized, understanding how business law works across borders has become more important than ever.”

Daniel Chow
Frank E. and Virginia H. Bazler Chair in Business Law

Daniel C.K. Chow is the Frank E. and Virginia H. Bazler Chair in Business Law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He teaches and writes in the areas of international trade law, international business transactions, international intellectual property, and the law of China. He has published numerous books and articles in these areas, including leading casebooks in International Business Transactions (3d edition 2015, Aspen), International Trade Law (2nd edition 2012, Aspen), and International Intellectual Property (2d edition 2012, West). He received his BA and JD from Yale University.

“I teach the first year Civil Procedure and Property courses. I also teach International Business Transactions, International Trade Law, and International Intellectual Property. I really enjoy discussing complex legal concepts and doctrines with students and in working out the intricacies of the law and its ramifications. I believe that international students can really benefit from a U.S. legal education. Not only will they learn to be lawyers, but they will learn a great deal about the American political system.”
At the Moritz College of Law, LLM students’ learning experience extends beyond classroom and includes meaningful ways for professional growth, lawyering skills development, and academic enrichment.

Live-client clinics, simulation-based skills courses, and externships allow students to practice critical lawyering skills and to apply the theories learned in the classroom to address real-world, complex legal issues. Experiential learning helps build the practical skills that will make students more marketable in the global legal job market.

LLM students may enroll in the following experiential courses and earn credits towards the required minimum 24 credits:

**MEDIATION CLINIC**
Under the supervision of a faculty member, selected LLM students will work with real clients and mediate live cases. Through intensive training, classroom exercises, and live clinical experiences, students learn how to become effective mediators, while also studying key issues involving different types of mediation, methods, and the state of the law and mediation.

**LEGISLATION CLINIC**
Selected LLM students will work directly with law-makers on matters arising before the Ohio House and Senate. The clinic is one of the few legislation clinics in the entire nation, offering Moritz students the rare opportunity to glimpse behind the scenes of the legislative process. Students will learn how to research and analyze current and potential legislative issues, and develop their negotiation and consensus-building skills.

**PUBLIC INTEREST AND GOVERNMENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**
LLM students will have the opportunity to work for state and federal governmental agencies and with non-profit organizations during their LLM program. This externship program will find an appropriate position for LLM students that suits their goals and interests.

**REGULATORY COMPLIANCE EXTERNSHIP**
Students will be assigned to work in a specific compliance area to obtain real-life work experience, such as: Athletics, Conflicts of Interest and Ethics, Environmental Health and Safety, Financial Aid, Information Security and Privacy, and Institutional Equity.
“I love that there are many extracurricular things that you can do besides classes, like the moot courts, the dispute resolution journal and all the other student organizations. For me it’s been a short time here and I’m only here for a year, so I can’t do everything. But, if I would be here for more than one year, like two years or three years, there are so many other things I could do and get involved with.”

- Vlera Rexha, ’22

SIMULATION BASED LEARNING
A wide array of simulation-based skills courses are available to LLM students that combine classroom teaching with projects based on real cases. Students have the opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge into active, hands-on practice.

MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS
Through moot competitions, students will learn how to address complex legal issues that will prepare them for future legal practice in the area covered in the competition. They will also sharpen their team-building skills, public speaking skills, oral advocacy skills, and analytical thinking. At Moritz, LLM students may participate in the LLM International Arbitration Moot Competition, the Lawrence Negotiations Competition, the Moritz Representation in Mediations Competition, and Moritz 1L Competition.
Jane Aparecido, Brazil, ’15

A proud alumna of the LLM program, Jane has served as the Director of the OSU’s Brazil Gateway in São Paulo, leading in-country efforts in Brazil towards internationalization for students, alumni, research and partnerships,

“The LLM program at Moritz was instrumental in helping me learn new career opportunities in the international arena. It gives you not only the information and background you need to practice law in the U.S. or to expand your legal knowledge in general; it also gives you the opportunity to meet international and U.S. lawyers, who will be important connections to support you and your career.”

Anthony Osuobeni, Nigeria, ’11

“The LLM program at the Ohio State Moritz College of Law was one of the most rewarding academic experiences I ever had. It is a catalyst for foreign law graduates with strong career and academic aspirations in the United States. Besides meeting and making new friends from many other countries, the introduction into US law was fantastic. My LLM was in Labor & Employment Law. I worked briefly with the Ohio State Civil Rights Commission and assisted the Administrative Law Judge with employment discrimination cases. I was blessed to deliver the LLM speech on behalf of my classmates at our Commencement.”

Martin Castellanos Giracca, Guatemala, ’18

Upon participating in the Foundations of U.S. Law and Practice summer program that takes place every summer at Moritz, Martin knew that OSU would be his first choice of school for his master’s degree. He found the professors to be excellent, and the law school to be outstanding.

“I would recommend everyone to consider Moritz for their LLM. I had the opportunity to attend other universities in the United States, but not for a moment would I change the experience I had at Moritz. The academic level is outstanding, the classmates are excellent, the administrative staff is always willing to help the students. Columbus is a very friendly and beautiful city – my family and I fell in love with Columbus.”

“The LLM degree has helped me in many ways. The improved level of English and my knowledge of American law allows me to work more effectively in my current role with an American company.”
Vlera Rexha, Kosovo, ’22

Rexha has always been passionate about improving the justice system in Kosovo through alternative dispute resolution. Awarded with a Fulbright scholarship, Vlera selected Moritz given its reputation in ADR.

“My experience at Moritz has definitely been great - better than I expected. Every single class I chose taught me something new, and all of the professors were inspiring, kind and approachable. Professors really listen to students and create good spaces to share your opinions and questions. It seems like they really do care about you and your professional development, rather than just your grades.”

Singgih Prabowo, Indonesia, ’22

Singgih Prabowo, who goes by Sing, is interested in energy law and corporate law. Upon graduation, Sing returned to his home country to continue his in-house counsel position at the Indonesian Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

“I loved Moritz’s professors and what Moritz offers to international students. Moritz is ranked #1 for ADR, and very well known in Indonesia. The professors at Moritz do a great job balancing teaching methods for JD students and international LLM students. They will consider if you are from a civil law country, understand your perspective, and teach with examples of the subject matter from civil law countries, which is part of what makes them so supportive.”

For Sing, the Moritz faculty members enriched his experience by hosting seminars, workshops, and other opportunities based on his interests in energy law and corporate law. These qualities created a supportive relationship that has allowed Sing to develop further academically and professionally.

Cao Yang, China, ’10

Cao Yang joined Moritz’s LLM program from China. She is currently working at the global law firm Clifford Chance in Hongkong as a corporate lawyer.

“Moritz is a very beautiful and nice place to pursue an LLM degree. People in Ohio are very friendly, and the culture of Columbus is quite favorable to Chinese students. I would suggest law school students to take the opportunity to take the U.S. bar exam right after graduation, which is extremely meaningful to them and their future legal career.”
The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is an integral part of one of the largest public universities in the U.S. Founded in 1891 and consistently the top-ranked law school in the State of Ohio, the Moritz College of Law has grown into one of the nation’s pre-eminent public law schools and one of the most respected law schools in the world.

A collegial community of approximately 570 students and more than 50 faculty members, Moritz is known for its rigorous academic program, the pioneering research of its world-class faculty, a deep commitment to teaching and professional training, and the development of future leaders.

The college’s more than 11,000 alumni are central to its national reputation. Graduates include justices of the Supreme Court of Ohio, federal appeals and district court judges, U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, governors, managing partners in law firms of all sizes, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 corporations, professors at law schools across the country, and prominent attorneys in private practice, government service, and public interest law firms.

FOUNDATIONS OF U.S. LAW AND PRACTICE, SUMMER PROGRAM IN COLUMBUS

This summer program is designed for foreign-trained lawyers, international law students, judges, and legal professionals to gain broad exposure to the major concepts of U.S. law and American legal training. It also helps incoming LLM students get ready for their LLM studies at Moritz through advance familiarization with Moritz faculty and the law school’s culture and expectations.

Participants will learn about salient American legal issues and recent developments in the fields of dispute resolution, business law, and corporate law. Through this program, they will also improve their legal English skills and network with faculty, judges, and lawyers from Columbus.

The program is a 1-to-3 week, non-credit program that takes place around June-July each year. There is no final exam; participants will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the program.

Learn more at go.osu.edu/uslawandpractice
Columbus is the thriving and diverse capital city of Ohio, positioning Moritz perfectly to give you a vibrant law school experience that extends beyond the classroom. The 14th largest city in the United States is the perfect setting for the next big chapter in your story. Columbus is home to Ohio’s Government, Supreme Court, and Legislature, and the headquarters of large U.S. corporations and law firms.

While Columbus affords all the advantages of a major metropolitan city, it still maintains the famous charm and friendliness of the Midwest. The city boasts a vibrant sports atmosphere, with Ohio State’s top-tier football and basketball teams and Columbus’ national league soccer and hockey teams. It is a great place to study and to call home. Live the authentic U.S. culture while studying in Columbus!
Applications are accepted for both Fall and Spring admissions. Admission is on a rolling basis. Applications must be submitted via LSAC’s Online Application Portal.

To apply, visit go.osu.edu/llm-admissions and submit the following:

- Online Application Form
- Law School Application Fee and LSAC Service Fees
- Official Copies of Academic Records
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Proof of Competency in English sent from testing agency

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Fall Semester:**
- **June 1** (international students)
- **July 15** (domestic students)

**Spring Semester:**
- **October 15** (international students)
- **December 15** (domestic students)

If you wish to apply for the Legal Leadership Scholarship or a Moritz LLM Scholarship, the application deadline is earlier:

**March 1** (Fall semester) | **September 1** (Spring semester)

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