



University of California Hastings Law
LL.M. IN U.S. LEGAL STUDIES
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Welcome to UC Hastings.

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

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

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

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

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



David L. Faigman
Chancellor & Dean
UC Hastings

Engaging. Stimulating. Unique.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Keith J. Hand
Associate Dean, Global Programs



Enrich

your career with an LL.M. Degree from UC Hastings.



Immerse yourself in a supportive and welcoming intellectual community.

UC Hastings LL.M. Program.

Our LL.M. program offers a vibrant mix of academic coursework, professional development opportunities, and community-building social events. Each year, new LL.M. candidates find a stimulating and nurturing home at UC Hastings as they prepare for the next phase of their careers.

We keep our LL.M. cohort intentionally small, typically consisting of 25 – 40 students from around the world. As an LL.M. student, you will be integrated into the law school with our J.D. students, providing you opportunities to make lasting friendships, build professional networks, and share your unique ideas and legal perspectives. Students who excel in the LL.M. program can apply to transfer to the J.D. program and, if admitted, can complete their J.D. in an additional two years.

Our Global Programs team supports LL.M. students by providing extensive advising services designed to help students tailor the LL.M. program to their interests and achieve their academic goals. Furthermore, our Career Development Office offers professional development workshops and staffs a designated counselor for our LL.M. students. LL.M. students also have access to bar passage support services to promote student success.

We are proud to be one of the few law schools in the United States that has on-campus housing available to our LL.M. students. In addition, we are pleased to be able to offer both merit- and need-based scholarships to our LL.M. students.

CERTIFICATES OF SPECIALIZATION

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

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

PRACTICE TRAINING TRACK

LL.M. students may also take advantage of several of our nationally acclaimed experiential learning opportunities, including legal clinics. Students who participate in at least one legal clinic or the Startup Legal Garage can also receive a Practice Training Certificate at graduation.

Vibrant. Diverse. Inspiring.

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

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



“UC Hastings is an incredible place to study law. All of my professors have been available and willing to help. During my time in the LL.M. program, I improved my legal skills and acquired new ones while enjoying the beautiful city of San Francisco. The student organizations, journals, panels, school events, and sports activities provide opportunities to meet fabulous people of diverse backgrounds. You will easily become part of the UC Hastings community.”

Aleksandr Kuznetsov
LL.M. '20



Explore

the many wonders of San Francisco.

Become a Part of the UC Hastings Community.

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

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis from September 1 through June 30. The priority deadline for applications and scholarships is March 1. If you have any questions, please contact us at +1-415-565-4817 or email LLM@UCHastings.edu.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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

GLOBAL REACH

Our students have come from over 60 jurisdictions to study law and experience life in San Francisco.

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Chile	Jamaica	Sudan
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