



WELCOME TO NYU LAW

LLM New Student Orientation

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Furman Hall
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**Note: International Tax Students should speak to John Stephens and Liz Robison from the [Graduate Tax Office](#)*

WHAT WE WILL COVER TODAY

1. Academic Requirements
2. Academic Opportunities & Resources
3. Key Offices on Campus
4. Health and Wellness
5. Law School and University Life



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

01

CREDIT LOAD

- Full-Time LLM students may take between **11 & 15 credits** per semester; below or above requires permission
- In some circumstances we will allow **10 credits** in fall but keep in mind that requires taking 14 in spring

CREDIT LOAD VS. WORKLOAD

- Think more about overall **NUMBER** of classes NOT credits
- 4 classes – Ideal
- 5 classes (if including Graduate Lawyering) – Typically doable
- Avoid taking ***too many*** classes in your first semester while adjusting to the style and workload of NYU Law classes

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Missing **20% or more** than one fifth of classes is “presumptively excessive”
- “Real time” synchronous attendance required
- Professors may have stricter rules on attendance



ATTENDANCE POLICY

- If you are feeling sick, **stay home**
- Medical or other serious issues that result in absence from class
- Talk to your professors, to us in OGA, or **Katie Shirley**, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs





GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- GPA of **2.67 (B-)** overall and within your specialization required
- If you are concerned about meeting the GPA requirement
 - Consult with OGA
 - See us before add/drop period ends

FINALIZING YOUR SCHEDULE

- Good idea to **shop around**
- Review course evaluations 
- Ask questions now:
 - Consult **faculty members** by email
 - Intro TAs – good source of advice
 - Consult our office



FINALIZING YOUR SCHEDULE

- Neither **COURSES** nor **Albert** will inform you of failure to meet credit or specialization requirements: **It is your responsibility**



CHANGING YOUR SPECIALIZATION

- Recent **changes to visa rules** suggest that it may not be possible to change your specialization after early September.
- If you want to change your specialization, contact our office by **September 3** - The last day of fall bidding



NEW VISA RULES

- If you are currently in the US, but then depart and re-enter on or after **September 15, 2026**, new rules will apply.
- These new rules impact procedures for applying for an extension of stay in the US after the LLM program ends in May.
- **Please be in close touch with OGS if you have travel plans .**

DEADLINE TO ADD CLASSES

- Fall 2026: **September 3 at 9:30 AM**
- This is true, ***even if*** a class has open seats
- If you are in a closed class that you are not taking please drop so others can add it!



**THERE ARE A FEW
EXCEPTIONS...**

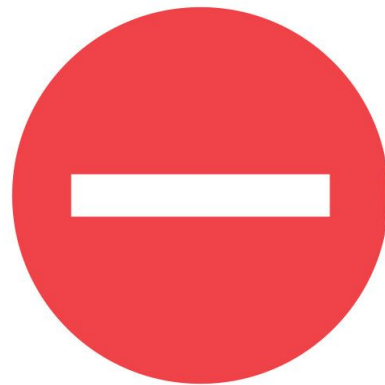
EXCEPTIONS

- **Writing Credits/Directed Research**
 - Until **September 28** for Fall 2026
- **Courses that start late**
 - Such as “Law and Business of...”
 - MUST attend first class
- **Truly extenuating circumstances**
 - Petition sent to OGA and reviewed by Academic Services



DEADLINE TO DROP CLASSES

- **Fall 2026:** Last day of Class
 - For classes that meet the full semester – last day of class is **November 30**
- If you drop after submitting work that will be evaluated (e.g. a paper or a midterm exam) your transcript will show a **“WD”** for **Withdrawn**
- If dropping a seminar, colloquium or simulation **instructor permission** is required
- You can use the COURSES system to Drop classes



ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

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WRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Directed Research

- Independent project under supervision of a faculty member
- 1-2 credits
- Must submit **research proposal** of at least 1000 words that has been approved by a faculty member

Writing Credit

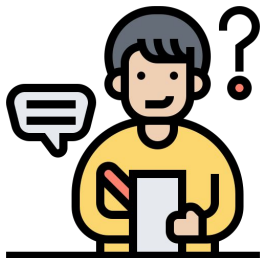
- 1 credit
- Must be added to a **seminar** you are already enrolled in
- Must write a longer final paper than otherwise required

Fall 2026 Deadline to add: **September 28**

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Writing Resources

- [NYU Writing Center](#) 
- [OGA Resource Page](#)  on Writing
 - How to choose a topic
 - Links to research guides
 - Other tips



[English Language Resources](#)

- No-credit Legal English Workshop
- English Conversation Groups
- Outside Organizations (*English in Action*)



REACH OUT TO FACULTY

- Do not hesitate to approach faculty and staff
- **“Office hours”** are set aside by faculty to meet with students
- Speak up in class



KEY OFFICES ON CAMPUS

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OVERVIEW OF LAW SCHOOL OFFICES

1. [Office of Graduate Affairs \(OGA\)](#)
2. [Office of Student Affairs \(OSA\)](#)
3. [Academic Services & Records and Registration \(OAS\)](#)
4. [Office of Residential Life](#)
5. [Office of Career Services \(OCS\)](#)
6. [Public Interest Law Center \(PILC\)](#)



OFFICE OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS (OGA)



- **Academic Advising**
- Academic Services
- Opportunities to connect with NYU Law and University community
- **Events** specifically for LLMS
- General advising and supportive programming



Office of Graduate Affairs
for LLM and Exchange Students

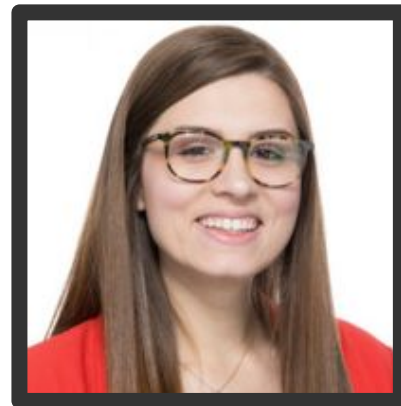


Furman Hall
Suite 340

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS (OSA)



- **Law School-wide** events and programs
 - Dean's Cup
 - Fall Ball
 - Convocation
- Check OSA website for info on wellness, student services and support



Katie Shirley
Assistant Dean
Student Affairs
katie.shirley@nyu.edu

ACADEMIC SERVICES (OAS) & RECORDS AND REGISTRATION



- Oversee registration process
- Administer **Exams**
- Provide and certify **official transcripts**, certifications of enrollment



OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE



- Oversees Law School's residences
 - **D'Agostino Hall** and **Hayden Hall**
- Employs **Community Advisors** (CAs) – community builders
 - Advise and organize events for students
 - Facilitate connections in residence halls
 - Assist with wellness, diversity and inclusion, and community building



CAREER RELATED OFFICES

Office of Career Services (OCS)

- **Private sector** employment
- One-on-one career counseling
- Alumni connections
- International Student Interview Program (ISIP)

Public Interest Law Center (PILC)

- **Public sector** and NGOs
- One-on-one career counseling
- Alumni connections
- **Pro bono** work and internships

Note: *The Academic Careers Program (ACP) advises students interested in academia*

OTHER UNIVERSITY-WIDE OFFICES

Office of Global Services (OGS)

- Advise on **immigration compliance**
 - Virtual appointments available
- Posts information about filing taxes and employment in the U.S.
- Host events for international students

Center for Student Life (Kimmel)

- Graduate Student Life
 - Activities with grad students across NYU
- **International Student Hub (I-Hub)**
 - Dedicated to supporting international students and facilitating cross-cultural learning experiences

OTHER UNIVERSITY-WIDE OFFICES

Office of Global Spiritual Life

- Chaplains of many faiths
 - **70+ spiritual advisors**
- Faith-based clubs
- Prayer & meditation spaces
- Restoration Station



HEALTH & WELLNESS

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STUDENT HEALTH CENTER



- Medical, counseling, health promotion, and pharmacy services including urgent care
- Located at **762 Broadway** (some services offered virtually)
- Available to students **regardless of insurance** you carry – there is a fee for some services
- Schedule an appointment online or by phone



COUNSELING & WELLNESS



- Services offered **in-person and virtually**
- **Free** one-on-one counseling on campus
- Group counseling options
- Relaxation Oasis
- Wellness Workshops on:
 - Time Management
 - Stress Management
 - Communication



WELLNESS WORKSHOPS



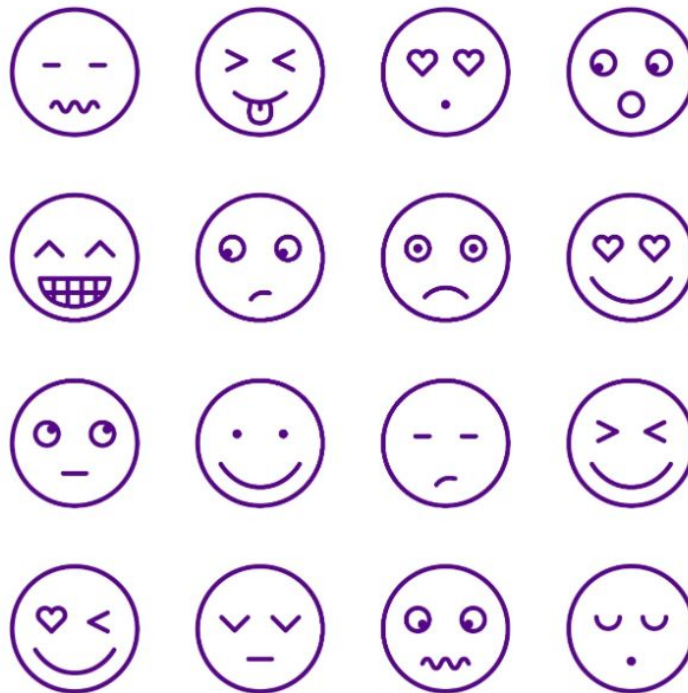
Law Students Support Space

Wednesdays

4-5PM

(Virtual)

To join call **212-998-4780**



**FOR WHEN YOU
NEED HELP NOW.**

THE WELLNESS EXCHANGE



- Greatest **mental health resource** at NYU available via:
 - **Phone** (212-443-9999)
 - **Chat** (Wellness Exchange App)
 - **Email** during business hours
- No concern is too big or too small, whatever the reason, reach out!

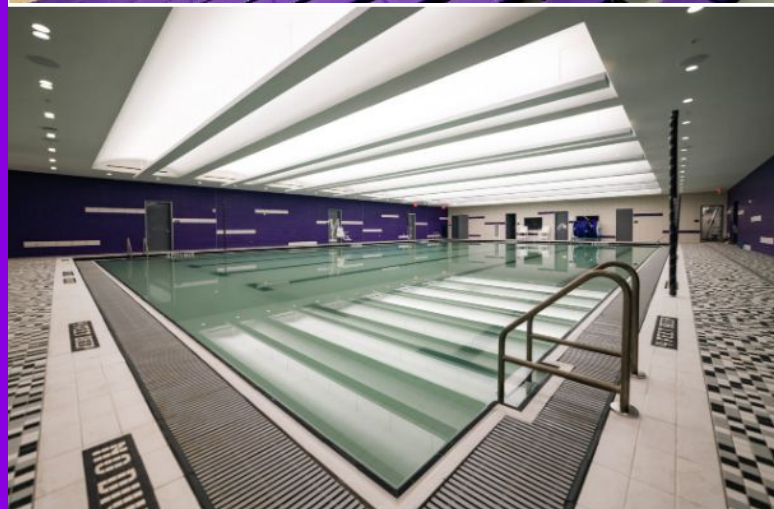


Available 24/7

365 days a year

ATHLETICS & FITNESS

- Several NYU athletics and recreational facilities
 - New **Paulson Center** - Near the Law School!
 - 404 Fitness
 - Palladium
 - Brooklyn facility
- 24 club sports teams
- Intramural sports



LAW SCHOOL & UNIVERSITY LIFE

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OVERVIEW

1. [Law School Centers and Institutes](#)
2. [Student Bar Association \(SBA\)](#)
3. [Student Groups](#)
4. [Events](#)
5. Staying Connected

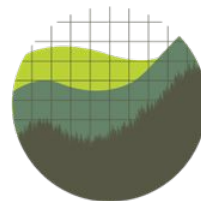


LAW SCHOOL CENTERS &

BRENNAN CENTER FOR JUSTICE

TWENTY YEARS

at New York University School of Law



Institute for
Policy Integrity

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



CHR&GJ

center for human rights and global justice
nyu school of law



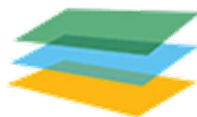
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Frank J. Guarini Center on Environmental,
Energy, and Land Use Law
at NYU School of Law

U.S.-Asia Law Institute



MPI

MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA)



SBA (student government) works to:

- Sponsor social activities
- Express students' views
- Fund student groups
- **LLM Representatives** :
 - Attend SBA meetings
 - Share info with students
 - Bring concerns to and liaise with School administration



Prince Islam (SBA President)
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NYU LAW

Student Bar Association



Newsletter Signup

LAW SCHOOL STUDENT GROUPS



AFRICAN
LAW
ASSOCIATION



MENALSA

Middle Eastern and North African Law



ANTI-TRAFFICKING ADVOCACY COALITION



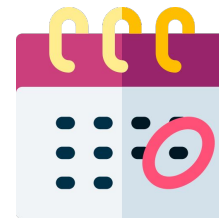
SPORTS LAW
ASSOCIATION



WHY JOIN?

- **Network** with practicing lawyers
- Learn about opportunities to work on pro bono projects
- Meet JD Students and other LLMs
- Learn about study resources
- **Support** and **mentorship**

HOW TO



Student Groups Fair

Wednesday, September 23

4 - 6 PM

(attend between 4-5 PM if possible)

Vanderbilt Hall

Greenberg, Kushner, & Golding
Lounges

LAW SCHOOL EVENTS



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NYU Law Events

Academic Calendar → Submit an Event → My Events →

< JULY 2025 >						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

< July 28, 2025–August 10, 2025 >

Today

Week

Month

Search All Events 🔍

OFFICE OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS (OGA) EVENTS



UPCOMING OGA EVENTS



LLM Happy Hour Fri. Aug 21

Celebrate the end of *Intro* classes with your classmates and a free drink!



Tips From JD Students Wed. Aug 26

JD students share strategies on preparing for class and studying for exams.



LLM Harbor Cruise Sun. Aug 30

Afternoon cruise around New York City with views of Statue of Liberty; “can’t miss” event!

STAYING CONNECTED

The Docket

- Online blog with events, job postings, and other opportunities for the NYU Law community
- Weekly Email

“Everything NYU Law” - Google Group

- **Student run** online group
- Learn about apartment listings, buy/sell books and other household items



The Docket

[HOME](#)[ABOUT THE DOCKET](#)[HOW TO POST](#)

Updates to the 2024-2025 Registration Calendar

Please note that the 2024-2025 Registration Calendar has been updated with the highlighted changes included in the screenshot, below:

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Sep. 06: Call for Applications: Open Global Rights RA/Web Producer

2024-2025 call for applications: Open Global Rights RA/Web Producer Open Global Rights (OGR) is an independent platform for analysis and opinion on international human rights issues, hosted by the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at NYU Law. Position [...]

CENTERS, DEADLINES, EXTERNAL OPPORTUNITIES, RESEARCH/TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

PILC Counseling Appointments

PILC counselors are available for remote and in-person appointments throughout the year. Same-day drop in

SEARCH FOR:

Go

CATEGORIES

ACADEMIC CAREERS

ACADEMIC SERVICES

ADMISSIONS

ALUMNI RELATIONS

CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

CENTERS

CLINICS

COMMUNICATIONS



NYUHome

SERVICES

PEOPLE

Favorites

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Academics

2

Work

1

Research

NYU Life

BELOW IS YOUR SELECTED CARD:

NYU Groups

NYU Groups, part of Google Apps for Education at NYU, is used to create and maintain groups of NYU community members. These groups can be used as group email aliases, mailing lists, or shared mailboxes.

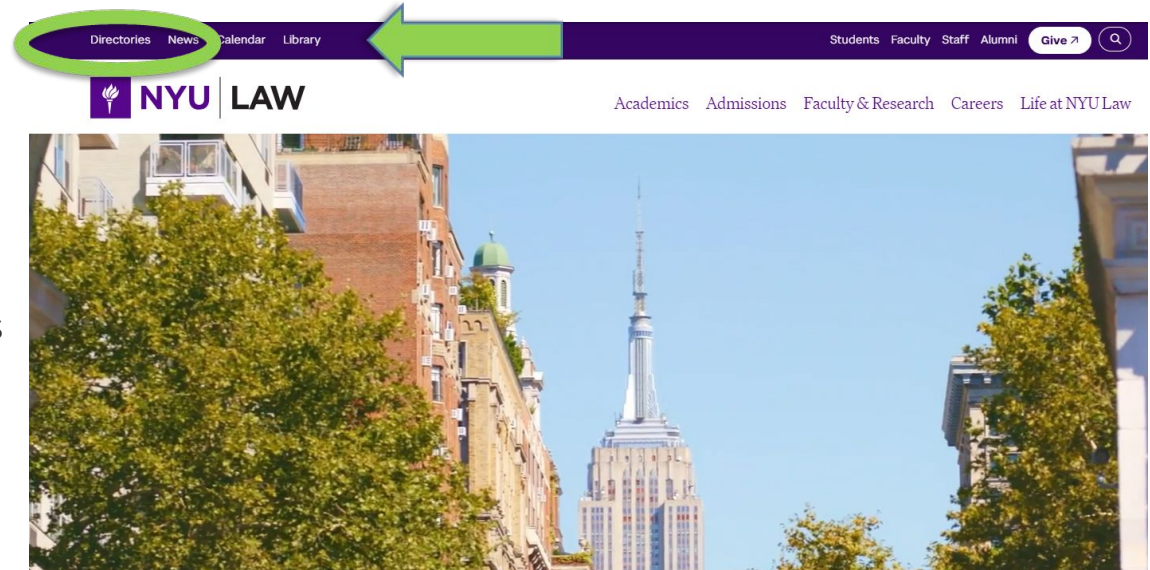
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STAYING CONNECTED

NYU Law Directory

Find **contact info** for:

- All Law school students
 - Including JDs, LLMS & JSDs
- Administrators
- Faculty



MANAGE YOUR TIME CAREFULLY

- Keep a calendar – Be intentional about what events you want to attend
- **Know what your goals are**
- Don't be distracted by FOMO – Fear of Missing Out
- **Pace Yourself** – You can't do everything at once. Prioritize!





WRAPPING UP:

Final Thoughts

OFFICE OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS

VISIT US AT OGA

We are just an email or phone call away:

Office of Graduate Affairs

law.graduateaffairs@nyu.edu

Furman Hall, Suite 340

(212) 998-6015



Scan to **schedule an advising session** :



WHAT'S NEXT?

>> Head to Kushner Lounge!

- 1st floor of Vanderbilt Hall
- *Intro* TAs available for questions
- 4:00-5:00PM

THE END



Thank you for joining us