

ADMISSION 2020 GRADUATE DIVISION APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Master of Laws (LLM), Executive Master of Laws (E-LLM), Master of Studies in Law (MSL) in Taxation, Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD), and Advanced Professional Certificate (APC)

Applying to the Graduate Division involves the completion of an online application form and the submission of required materials via the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) by a specific deadline. Applicants to all programs (LLM, E-LLM, MSL, JSD, or APC) must [register for an LSAC account](#), and use the LSAC's Credential Assembly Service.

Some of the required materials will be submitted as electronic attachments to the online application, while others will be mailed to LSAC. Certain materials are required from all applicants, while others are required from only some applicants. Therefore, it is important that all applicants review this document carefully to ensure that they comply with all application procedures and submit all required materials in a timely manner.

We suggest applicants print a copy of their online application for their records, and keep a file of all documents submitted with the application. We cannot return or provide copies of any part of an application, transcripts, translations, score reports, recommendation letters, or supporting materials.

Application materials and all supporting documents submitted in connection with an application for admitted students who enroll at New York University School of Law become part of the student's record and are subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

For applicants in the European Union, please see [NYU's Data Privacy Notice for Prospective Students in the E.U.](#)

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Eligibility and Standards of Admission

Eligibility

LLM and Executive LLM Programs

A candidate for the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) and Executive Master of Laws (E-LLM) within the Graduate Division at New York University School of Law must hold the first degree in law (JD or LLB) from a law school that is approved by the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association or a bachelor of laws degree from a non-US law school approved by its foreign equivalent. Candidates who received their legal education from schools in Bologna-signatory countries must have academic credentials that permit them entry into legal practice.

A prospective LLM or E-LLM applicant in his or her final year of study toward the first degree in law is eligible to apply only if he or she will complete all necessary requirements for the degree by the start date of the intended program (August for full-time programs).

MSL Program

Candidates for the Master of Studies in Law (MSL) in Taxation at New York University School of Law must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited US college or university, and must either hold an accredited master's degree in accounting, business administration, economics, finance, or taxation; or be a licensed US Certified Public Accountant in good standing. Additionally, a candidate must possess a minimum of three years of professional experience working in substantive areas related to federal, state, or local tax issues.

Candidates who hold neither a master's degree nor a CPA license, but who hold a certification similar to a CPA, and who can demonstrate that they possess more professional experience in substantive tax issues than the required 3-year minimum, are also eligible to apply. If admitted, any candidate who does not hold a master's degree prior to the start of the MSL program (regardless of whether he or she is a CPA) will be required to complete a total of 30 credits in order to receive the MSL from NYU.

Foreign-educated candidates must hold academic and/or professional credentials equivalent to those required of US applicants. Such candidates must possess the equivalent of a US baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. (Candidates from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh must show completion of both the baccalaureate and master's examinations to meet this equivalency standard. Candidates who completed the examinations for the Bachelor of Engineering or the Bachelor of Technology do not need to have completed the master's examinations to meet this equivalency standard.) Candidates must also hold an equivalent advanced degree from a US or foreign institution, or possess the equivalent professional license and be in good standing with the appropriate governing board. These candidates must also have a minimum of three years of professional experience working in substantive areas related to tax issues.

Prospective applicants with a US or foreign law degree (JD, LLB, LLM, etc.) are not eligible to apply to the MSL in Taxation.

JSD Program

A JSD candidate must meet the LLM requirements and also hold an accredited advanced law degree (LLM or equivalent) from a US or foreign law school. For doctoral candidates from Bologna-signatory countries, the advanced degree must be in addition to the academic credentials which permit entry into legal practice.

Prospective students who hold a US JD and who want to engage in the Law School's intellectual community in furtherance of a career in legal academia may wish to consider [NYU Law's fellowship options](#) instead of the JSD program.

A prospective JSD student who is currently enrolled in a graduate law degree program at an ABA-accredited law school in the United States (including NYU School of Law) or a non-US law school approved by its foreign equivalent, and will have earned a graduate law degree prior to enrollment, may apply to the JSD program for the Fall semester following the completion of the advanced degree. However, it is strongly recommended that any such applicant be able to submit a transcript recording partial academic results from the advanced degree in progress.

APC in Taxation Program

A candidate for the Advanced Professional Certificate in Taxation must hold the first degree in law (JD or LLB) from a law school that is approved by the Section of Legal Education of the American Bar Association. A prospective applicant in his or her final year of study toward the first degree in law is eligible to apply only if he or she will complete all necessary requirements to receive the first degree in law by the start date of the certificate program. Applicants with a US JD degree who already hold or are pursuing an LLM degree from an accredited law school may apply to the APC program. However, if admitted, they will still be required to complete prerequisites to gain access to more advanced classes, if applicable.

Special Note: Residency and Online Study

Part-time applicants who anticipate taking online classes, such as but not limited to those who will apply to the Executive LLM or MSL, should review the [information regarding residency](#) to determine their eligibility. Such applicants are advised to do so prior to registering with LSAC or submitting the online application.

Standards of Admission

LLM and Executive LLM Programs

Admission to the Graduate Division for all LLM programs and the Executive LLM in Taxation is highly selective and is based primarily upon prior legal studies. Standards of admission are equal across all specializations and for both full-time and part-time study. Last year, the Law School received more than 2,700 applications, and enrolled a full-time LLM class of about 450 students. Although there are no inflexible rules about class rankings or grade point averages, those admitted have excellent law school records and strong academic and/or professional recommendations. Evidence of significant professional accomplishment is also taken into consideration.

Admission to the LLM or E-LLM program does not guarantee or assure admission to the JSD program.

MSL Program

Admission to the MSL in Taxation is selective, and is based on a combination of prior academic performance and professional experience. Those offered admission will have accomplished academic backgrounds, strong letters of recommendation, and significant substantive experience working with tax issues. Prospective students must demonstrate professional achievement and career advancement.

Admission to the MSL does not guarantee or ensure admission to the JD. Graduates of the MSL program who wish to pursue the JD degree must apply and be admitted through the regular JD admissions process. If admitted, no advanced standing for academic work completed pursuant to the MSL degree will be awarded toward the JD degree.

JSD Program

The JSD is NYU Law's most advanced law degree. Only a very small number of students who demonstrate outstanding academic promise are admitted to JSD candidacy. A student is admitted to the program only if he or she meets the application requirements and shows potential for completing a dissertation of publishable quality that will make a significant scholarly contribution to the field in which it is written. While the JSD Committee fully considers all applicants on the basis of their application materials, it exercises a preference for applicants who complete the LLM degree at NYU. Typically, all NYU LLM graduates must have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50.

APC in Taxation Program

Academic admission criteria are comparable to those of the LLM and E-LLM in Taxation programs. Prospective students must demonstrate professional competence and career advancement.

Statement of Diversity

New York University School of Law is a community of remarkable diversity, enhancing the learning environment for all. Those who comprise our graduate student body hail from around the world and bring with them a variety of experiences and viewpoints. As both recipients and providers of the learning process, the Law School has a vital interest in what students bring to the task of educating each other.

To select the most highly-talented and motivated people to take on this task from a pool of well-qualified applicants, the Committee on Graduate Admissions welcomes applications from all eligible persons. We are additionally committed to making appropriate academic accommodation for admitted students with disabilities.



We very much encourage you to take the opportunity to highlight how you will contribute to our global community of scholars in your application to our institution.

Non-Discrimination: New York University is committed to maintaining an environment free from discrimination or harassment based on race, gender and/or gender identity or expression, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, ethnicity, disability, veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, genetic information, marital status, citizenship status, or on any other legally prohibited basis. Inquiries concerning the application of the laws and regulations concerning educational opportunity at New York University may be referred to: Office of Equal Opportunity, New York University, 726 Broadway, 719-721, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: +1 212 998 2370. Website: [Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policies and Guidelines](#).

Application Deadlines

Applicants must submit the online application and all supporting materials by the appropriate deadline. It is strongly recommended (though not a requirement) that supporting materials be received at LSAC two weeks before the application deadline. No guarantees can be made concerning applications submitted, or materials received by LSAC, after the respective deadline; such applications may be returned unprocessed.

Full-time LLM Program

Applicants with Foreign Education Credentials

- December 20, 2019

Prospective students who received their legal education outside of the United States must apply by December 20 for Fall 2020 entry.

Applicants with Domestic Education Credentials

- LLM in Legal Theory: February 3, 2020
- LLM in Taxation:
 - February 3, 2020 (priority scholarship deadline)
 - April 1, 2020 (final)
- All other programs: April 1, 2020

Prospective students who received their legal education in the US or Puerto Rico, and those who completed both a foreign law degree and a US JD, must apply by the above deadlines for Fall 2020 entry.

Part-time LLM, E-LLM, MSL, and APC Programs

- Spring 2020 Entry: November 1, 2019
- Fall 2020 Entry: June 1, 2020

LLM applicants with foreign education credentials must apply for part-time entry in the fall because preliminary required courses are offered in August only. The application for Fall 2020 entry becomes available in January.

Foreign citizens should apply to a part-time program only if they do not require New York University to sponsor a student visa.

JSD Program

- February 3, 2020

Prospective doctoral students must electronically attach both the JSD Sample Research Paper and JSD Proposal of Study in order to submit the online application on or before the deadline. Late submission of proposals, or revisions to proposals, are not permitted.

Application and Required Materials

Applicants to all programs (LLM, E-LLM, MSL, JSD, or APC) must [register for an LSAC account](#), and use LSAC's Credential Assembly Service. All applicants must purchase the Document Assembly Service (\$85). Applicants with foreign education credentials must also purchase the International Credential Authentication and Evaluation Service (\$135). All applicants are **strongly advised** to purchase the required services four to six weeks in advance of their first application deadline, and to supply required materials to LSAC as early as possible.

Only the applicant may complete the application form and author any electronic attachments to the online application. Additionally, all applicants must comply with the relevant instructions when requesting their academic credentials, English language proficiency test scores, and recommendation letters in order to ensure authenticity. The Law School may seek to verify any information submitted by contacting recommenders, employers, or school officials. Except for approved organizations (such as Fulbright, EducationUSA, and LSAC), the use of third-party educational consultants, services, or advisors is strongly discouraged.

When completing and submitting the application form, applicants must be sure their responses are accurate, and that they fully respond to all questions in each section of the application form (including in the Character and Fitness section). They must attest they have read the application instructions and agree to the submission terms. Applicants must promptly inform Graduate Admissions if there is any change in any of the facts given. Whether on the application form or in communication with NYU, omission or misrepresentation may be the basis for denial of admission, rescinding of an offer of admission, dismissal from the Law School, or revoking any NYU School of Law degrees granted. Misrepresentation also may result in referral to LSAC's Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process.

Application Form and Fee

Prospective students apply online for all graduate degree and certificate programs; they are permitted to submit only one application during an annual application cycle (September to June).

Applicants must use the application form that corresponds to their choice of program, entry semester, and/or country of prior education (see page 6 for deadlines):

Spring 2020 Entry

- Part Time LLM and Certificate Programs
- Part Time MSL Program

Fall 2020 Entry

- Full-time LLM Application for Foreign Lawyers
- Full-time LLM Application for US JDs
- JSD Application
- Part Time LLM and Certificate Programs
- Part Time MSL Program

Applicants must complete all questions in each section of the application form, and electronically attach the required materials, before submitting the application.

LLM applicants must choose to be considered for the Master of Laws program or one of our LLM specializations. Regardless the choice of LLM program, applicants with an interest in exploring the finance and accounting that underlie transactions and business structures are encouraged to apply to the [Advanced Certificate in Law and Business](#) (APCLB).

JSD applicants must state whether they wish to be considered for an LLM in the event they are not admitted to the doctoral program.

APC applicants must choose to focus in Corporate Taxation, Estate Planning, or International Taxation.

Unless instructed to attach an addendum to the application, applicants are not permitted to electronically attach additional pages in place of completing the requested information on the application form. Applicants should not mail duplicate copies of materials which are electronically submitted via the online application—doing so will not expedite receipt or review of an application.

The \$85 application fee is in addition to the service fees charged by LSAC, and is payable by credit card only on the LSAC website. Applicants who are unable to use a credit card to pay the application fee, or for whom the application fee would present a financial hardship, should contact the Office of Graduate Admissions at law.grad.moreinfo@nyu.edu. The application fee is non-refundable and will not be credited toward tuition if an applicant is offered admission.

Transcripts

Applicants must comply with all LSAC requirements and policies regarding transcripts, and submit their official transcripts and translations with the LSAC form(s) to LSAC's Credential Assembly Service. The law school report issued by LSAC includes copies all of transcripts and translations which the Committee on Graduate Admissions will use when evaluating applications.

Official transcripts from all degrees, and translations of these documents from their original language to English, are required. Transcripts from all institutions attended are required, even if no degree was earned and/or credits from the institution appear on another school's transcripts, such as with transfer credits and exchange programs. Applicants who attended a school that releases information about class rankings should ensure that the school includes an official statement of class rank in the sealed envelope with the transcript. If class rank is unavailable, a school may instead include an official statement that attests it does not rank its students.

In addition to these documents, all applicants must calculate the grade point average and provide a class rank for their degree in order to submit the online application. Applicants in their final year of study must also indicate which classes are currently in progress when submitting the online application. If there is additional information that applicants believe will be helpful to the Committee to evaluate their academic credentials, they should electronically attach an addendum to the online application.

LSAC will electronically forward an applicant's law school report to Graduate Admissions as soon as the required materials for the specific degree or certificate program have been received and processed at LSAC. Any materials subsequently added to an applicant's file at LSAC will automatically generate an updated report to NYU at no additional cost.

Additional Academic Results

Applicants who are currently enrolled in a degree program should submit updated official transcripts to LSAC if additional academic results become available at any point in the application process including after the deadline. Any information submitted, including materials sent after an application is complete, will be considered by the Committee on Graduate Admissions if received before a final decision is reached.

English Language Proficiency Test

An English language proficiency test is required for all applicants whose first law degree program was not taught in English, or for applicants whose law degree program was taught in English but whose degree-granting institution is located in a country where English is not the primary language. For MSL applicants, this standard applies to their bachelor's degree. Such applicants must submit an official score result from either the Test of English as a Foreign Language ([TOEFL](#)) or the International English Language Testing System ([IELTS](#)).

Applicants may choose either the internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or the academic version of the IELTS. The Committee does not favor one of these exams over the other, and no exams or language proficiency certifications other than one of these are accepted. Applicants are encouraged to take either test as early as possible and no later than November.

In order to be considered for admission, the Committee requires that applicants who take the TOEFL iBT achieve a minimum total score of at least 100, a minimum score of 26 on the reading and listening subsections, and a minimum score of 22 on the writing and speaking subsections. For applicants who take the IELTS, the Committee requires a minimum overall band score of at least a 7, a minimum score of 7.5 on the reading and listening subsections, and a minimum score of 7 on the writing and speaking subsections. For both exams, JSD applicants must present scores substantially higher than the minimum.

Applicants should request that the Educational Testing Service issue an official score report of their results from the TOEFL iBT directly to LSAC (institution code: 8395). For IELTS, applicants must contact the test center directly and request that their test scores be sent to LSAC electronically (an institution code is not required).

Under no circumstances may an applicant submit a score report directly to LSAC or to NYU Law; only official reports issued by the testing agencies are acceptable. Photocopies or examinee copies are not permitted, and will not expedite the review of an application.

Applicants whose primary language is not English must have strong English language proficiency in order to participate productively and successfully in all aspects of the graduate program. Simply meeting the minimum TOEFL or IELTS standards is not necessarily sufficient and will not ensure academic success. In addition to the English language exam, interviews for English proficiency may be required; any such interviews would be conducted in the applicant's home country.

Applicants who have completed an advanced degree taught in English in a country where English is the primary language are not required to take the TOEFL or the IELTS in order to apply. These applicants must submit an official transcript to LSAC showing the advanced graded academic coursework and the conferral of the degree. Despite this policy, the Committee on Graduate Admissions reserves the right to require an English language proficiency test score from such an applicant prior to rendering a decision. Applicants who are currently enrolled in such an advanced degree program, but who have not been conferred the degree, must submit an official TOEFL or IELTS score at the time of application.

Recommendations

All applicants are required to use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. Applicants must comply with LSAC requirements and policies regarding recommendation letters. Applicants should advise their recommenders that Graduate Admissions may contact the recommender directly if further information is necessary.

Letters may be sent to LSAC electronically or on paper depending on the recommender's preference. The Committee on Graduate Admissions does not favor one submission method over the other. To ensure that the correct letters are received, applicants must carefully follow the instructions when registering recommenders and assigning letters to NYU. Applicants are further advised to provide proper instruction to their recommenders regarding the submission of the letters.

LLM, E-LLM, and APC Programs

One academic letter of recommendation is required for application to the full-time and part-time LLM programs. Applicants may submit up to two additional academic or professional letters if they wish to do so.

Applicants to the part-time LLM in Taxation, the E-LLM, or APC in Taxation programs, who additionally received their first degree in law from a US or Puerto Rican law school, are strongly encouraged to submit a letter of recommendation, but are not required to do so.

MSL Program

One recommendation letter is required. It is strongly advised that the letter be written by someone able to comment substantively on the applicant's tax experience. Applicants may opt to submit one additional academic or professional recommendation if they wish to do so.

JSD Program

JSD applicants are required to submit two letters of recommendation from law school faculty members who are familiar with the candidate's academic work and can attest to the candidate's ability to complete a doctoral dissertation that will make a significant scholarly contribution. Applicants may submit up to one additional academic letter if they wish to do so.

Personal Statement and Résumé

All applicants must electronically attach to the online application a brief personal statement of no more than 500 words. Applicants may describe their professional interests and goals, or they may use the statement to describe aspects of themselves and/or their work that are not apparent from their other application materials. Applicants should include their reasons and qualifications for applying to a particular program or specialization.

Applicants to the Legal Theory program should use the personal statement mostly to address their main field(s) of interest within legal theory and the potential research questions/projects they wish to explore. Applicants to the part-time LLM in Taxation, the E-LLM, or the APC in Taxation, who additionally received their first degree in law from a US or Puerto Rican law school are strongly encouraged to submit a personal statement, but are not required to do so.

All applicants must also electronically attach a résumé or curriculum vitae to their application. This document may be one to two pages in length, and should account for all education and work experience, as well as any period of more than three months not spent in school or employed. Publications, presentations, or other career-related information may also be included.

Given the large number of applications that we receive each year, the Committee on Graduate Admissions is unable to read or consider writing samples, articles, or research papers that are not required by the program. Instead, publications, academic presentations and the like may be noted on an applicant's résumé or curriculum vitae for consideration by the Committee.

Any additional information an applicant would like to share with the Committee on Graduate Admissions that is not already present in the other application materials may be electronically attached as an addendum to the online application.

Hauser Global Scholarship (LLM)

If an applicant to the full-time LLM program is applying for the Hauser Global Scholarship, a separate essay is required. Such candidates must electronically attach to the online application an essay of 500 to 750 words that briefly describes a current legal dilemma, controversy, or issue facing a country, a region, or the world, and suggests a strategy to address the problem. This essay is in addition to the personal statement.

Certified Public Accountant Certificate (MSL)

Applicants who hold a CPA license are required to electronically attach a PDF copy of their CPA certificate in order to submit the online application. NYU School of Law reserves the right to validate the authenticity of the professional license and/or a candidate's standing with the governing board at any time.

JSD Sample Research Paper

Each JSD applicant must submit a research paper originally written in English. Applicants must electronically attach the paper to the online application prior to submitting the application on or before the deadline. The applicant may submit a previously published paper, a research paper written for seminar credit, or a paper prepared specifically for the application. Ideally, but not necessarily, the research paper will address a question in the same substantive area in which the applicant plans to write his or her dissertation. The uploaded paper should not exceed 2MB in size.

JSD Proposal of Study

All JSD applicants must electronically attach a dissertation proposal of no more than 3,000 words to their online application. All proposals must be submitted with the online application on or before the deadline, and late submission of a proposal of study is not permitted. The proposal must be written in English and contain a bibliography.

The substance of the proposal should:

- Clearly state the research questions to be addressed;
- Review the current literature in the field;
- Identify the original contribution the dissertation will make;
- State the methodological approach that the applicant plans to adopt;
- Identify any difficulties that might be encountered during research.

The proposal should have sufficient specificity to make possible an evaluation by a member of our faculty familiar with the proposed field. While applicants should identify in their proposal of study possible dissertation advisors after reviewing the [NYU faculty biographies online](#), they are not expected to be in contact with, nor seek approval

from, faculty members in advance of application. Students admitted into the program will be notified of their designated advisor.

Reapplication

Applicants who previously applied to any program at NYU School of Law must submit a new application and fee, and all required application materials. Such applicants must follow all policies and procedures as first-time applicants. Note that LSAC retains applicants' materials on file for five years.

Review and Decision Notification

Applications for all degree and certificate programs are not reviewed until all required materials and the application fee have been received. Applicants currently enrolled in non-US schools that use a final examination result (such as a final state examination) or a final degree classification as a measure of academic performance may not receive a decision until those results are received by the Committee on Graduate Admissions.

Given the large volume of e-mails received, we unfortunately are unable to respond to requests to confirm the receipt of application materials. However, within a few days of submitting an online application, applicants will receive an e-mail providing them access to the [Applicant Online Status Check](#) where they may follow the progress of their application. Additionally, applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail once all their materials have been processed and submitted to the Committee on Graduate Admissions for review.

The review process takes time. The Committee provides thorough consideration to all applicants. Admission decisions are made based on merit without regard to financial need, and the Committee follows an on-going process of reviewing and re-reviewing the vast majority of the applicant pool. Most candidates' applications require significant comparison with the applicant pool as a whole before a final decision can be reached. For many candidates, the Committee is not able to reach a decision until they have a clear picture of that year's entire applicant pool.

In an effort to communicate in a timely fashion with applicants, all decisions regarding application to the Graduate Division will be released electronically. Applicants may expect an e-mail from law.grad.moreinfo@nyu.edu when their decisions have been released. An official offer of admission to any degree or certificate program of the Graduate Division of NYU School of Law is a mailed letter sent to the address stated on the application. Decisions other than admission will only be released electronically and will not be mailed.

Full-time LLM Program

Decisions regarding the full-time LLM program will be communicated as they are made. Note that, while applications are sent to the Committee on Graduate Admissions in the order in which they are completed, decisions are not necessarily made in the order in which applications are first reviewed. The majority of foreign-educated applicants will receive decisions no later than early May, and most applicants with a US JD will receive decisions no later than early June. Applicants who do not supply complete materials to LSAC by the deadline may not receive decisions until after all other applicants have been notified.

JSD Program

JSD applicants who supply all materials required to complete their files by the February 3 deadline may expect a decision by late April. Interviews may be required of some applicants in April. If necessary, applicants must make themselves available for an interview shortly after being contacted by the Office of Graduate Admissions. Interviews may be conducted at the Law School, via videoconference, or by telephone; the mode chosen will depend on the applicant's circumstances and the needs of the Law School.

Part-time LLM, E-LLM, MSL, and APC Programs

Decisions for Spring and Fall semester entry will be made as soon as possible following completion of an applicant's file and typically no later than about two weeks before the start of each semester.

Accepting an Offer of Admission

In order to accept an offer of admission, students must not have an enrollment or deferral commitment to attend another institution, will be required to withdraw from any other offers of admission they have at that point, and must attest they will not apply to another institution or request to be reinstated at any institution from which they have withdrawn.

Full-time LLM Programs

Students admitted to the full-time LLM programs must submit a non-refundable deposit to reserve their seat in the class. A deadline will be provided to admitted students but in no case will it be before April 1.

Admitted students who are granted scholarships will be given a short interval to respond to our scholarship offer. The Committee therefore encourages all applicants to consider whether NYU is their school of choice, and to investigate the means of financing costs which may not be covered by scholarships, so that they can decide whether to accept a scholarship offer shortly after being notified of the award.

JSD Program

No deposit is required to reserve a seat in the incoming doctoral class. Further instructions will be provided with the offer of admission.

Part-time LLM, E-LLM, MSL, and APC Programs

The admission packet for admitted students will include instructions on how to reserve a seat in the class. No deposit is required to reserve a seat in the incoming part-time class.

Scholarships and Financing Your Degree

Graduate legal education is a significant investment, and prospective students should approach it with a full understanding of both the benefits and costs. While the Law School has several selective scholarship programs for full-time study, in most cases, financing a graduate education rests primarily with the student. Therefore, all applicants are strongly encouraged to investigate all available financing options.

The Law School's Office of Student Financial Services has assembled online information about various [external financial aid opportunities](#) and [loans and lenders](#). The application process and deadlines for aid or financing from these sources should be confirmed directly with the granting organization. The information online is not exhaustive of all available opportunities, and your own research may be very beneficial. International students should also explore financing options in their home countries.

Cost of Attendance

Student Financial Services develops the [student expense budget](#) to estimate a full-time student's annual projected educational expenses—including tuition, fees, living expenses, books, and health insurance—keeping in mind the simple lifestyle of a graduate student. The total for the 2019-20 academic year is \$99,858. Note that this is an estimated budget; an individual's actual costs during the academic year may vary depending on his or her choices regarding discretionary expenses.

Prospective students are advised to plan for additional financial resources to cover costs beyond those listed in the student expense budget. For example, all foreign-trained lawyers are required to attend two introductory summer courses that run concurrently and take place before the formal start of the academic year. While there is no additional tuition for these courses, there are additional living and health insurance costs which are associated with arriving early, and which are not a part of the student expense budget. Similarly, any LLM student who plans to stay after graduation in order to take the New York bar exam will need to plan for the additional costs associated with preparing for the exam and remaining in New York for the period May through late July/early August.

Students with Families

Students who expect to bring spouses and/or children to New York for the academic year should consider planning appropriately. Admitted international students receive advice from the [Office of Global Services](#) about applying for visas for their dependents, including the additional finances the US government requires. Students may apply for the [limited family housing](#) available in the Law School's residences, but should also be prepared to seek accommodation on the private market in the case that the demand for family housing exceeds supply. Those students covered by NYU's health insurance plans have the option of including qualifying family members in the coverage for an additional cost. And, NYU Law's graduate students are eligible to apply for the [Childcare Subsidy](#) from the University's Student Resource Center to assist in meeting the costs of childcare.

Part-time Students

Tuition and fees for part-time students are assessed on a per-credit basis each semester. The Fall 2019 per-credit rate table is located on the [Bursar's website](#). Eligibility for federal loans depends in part on a student's credit load each semester. US and international students may also consider private loans.

LLM Scholarship Programs

NYU Law offers a number of highly competitive scholarships in various amounts to full-time LLM students. Often times, admitted students who are selected to receive a scholarship from NYU combine it with other forms of financial aid—scholarships from external agencies, loans, etc.—to meet the costs associated with graduate legal studies. With the exception of the Podell Global Graduate Legal Scholarship, all scholarship decisions are based on merit without regard to financial need.

Applicants must indicate on the admissions application whether they wish to be considered for NYU scholarships, if admitted. Unless otherwise noted in the scholarship description below, additional materials are not required.

Applicants to the full-time LLM in Taxation are encouraged to submit the application form and materials before the February 3 priority deadline in order to be considered in the rolling decision-making process for those scholarships.

Admitted students selected to receive a scholarship from NYU will be notified by e-mail along with further instructions on how to accept the award. All scholarship decisions are final and non-negotiable.

Hauser Global Scholarship Program

The Hauser Global Scholarship is the most prestigious honor awarded to exceptional LLM students. This merit-based scholarship provides full tuition and reasonable living expenses, such as rent, the cost of textbooks and other study materials.

The Hauser Global Scholars reflect the breadth, diversity and achievement of NYU School of Law's graduate student body. Scholars are chosen on the basis of their intellectual and leadership ability and their capacity to participate productively in a global community of scholars and practitioners.

Hauser Global Scholar candidates must be graduates of a law school outside of the United States.

In addition to completing the application for admission to the full-time LLM program (including a personal statement), candidates must electronically attach to their online application an essay of 500 to 750 words that briefly describes a current legal dilemma, controversy, or issue facing a country, a region, or the world, and suggests a strategy to address the problem.

Podell Global Graduate Legal Scholarship

Application to the Podell Global Graduate Legal Scholarship is open to international LLM students who: demonstrate financial need and superior academic merit; and who are citizens of and reside in one of the countries listed as [Low-Income or Lower-Middle-Income Economies](#) by the World Bank.

This scholarship provides full tuition, reasonable living expenses (such as textbooks, rent, and other study supplies), and one round-trip economy airfare to and from New York.

While no financial documentation is required to apply, admitted students who are notified that they are finalists for the Podell Scholarship may be required to submit financial documentation for themselves and immediate family to demonstrate financial need.

Arthur T. Vanderbilt Scholarships

The Committee on Graduate Admissions will award a limited number of merit-based, full-tuition Arthur T. Vanderbilt Scholarships.

Covering the cost of tuition for the full-time master's degree programs, the Vanderbilt Scholarship is awarded to a select group of extraordinarily talented LLM candidates who have demonstrated outstanding academic promise and/or achievement in their respective field(s) of interest.

Dean's Graduate Awards

The Committee offers merit-based awards in varying amounts to full-time master's students who have demonstrated significant academic promise and/or achievement in their respective fields.

Gerald L. Wallace Fund Scholarships

A select number of partial-tuition scholarships based on merit are awarded to full-time candidates in the LLM in International Taxation program.

Graduate Tax Program Scholarships

The Graduate Tax Program (GTP) offers awards in amounts up to the full cost of tuition to full-time LLM in Taxation candidates. These merit-based scholarships are awarded to applicants who have outstanding academic records and show exceptional promise for their contribution to the GTP.

M. Carr Ferguson Scholarship

This full tuition scholarship is awarded annually to one full-time candidate for the LLM in Taxation degree. Candidates for this scholarship should demonstrate academic excellence, engagement with the field, high potential to contribute to the Law School community, and/or interest in public service. The recipient of this scholarship will be expected to write a research paper of publishable quality under the guidance of a faculty member.

Michael I. Saltzman Scholarship

A partial-tuition scholarship is awarded annually to one full-time candidate for the LLM in Taxation degree. Candidates for this merit-based scholarship should demonstrate an interest in pursuing tax controversy or tax litigation practice.

McDermott, Will & Emery Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a full-time candidate for the LLM in Taxation who has demonstrated academic excellence and a potential to contribute to the field of estate planning. The recipient of this partial-tuition award commits to writing a research paper in the field with the view to submitting the piece to writing competitions.

JSD Program

All students admitted to the JSD program receive [full funding for three years](#), subject to satisfactory progress in the program. In support of the students' full-time commitment to their doctoral studies, this funding includes the cost of tuition and fees for required courses, student health insurance, and a living stipend. Prospective doctoral students are also encouraged to seek external funding from third-party sources; students who receive such funding remain eligible for an adjusted NYU stipend.

GRADUATE DIVISION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Online Application Form (\$85 fee)

- Personal Statement**
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae**
- Hauser Global Scholarship Essay (if applicable)**
- CPA Certificate (if applicable)**
- JSD Sample Research Paper (if applicable)**
- JSD Proposal of Study (if applicable)**
- Addendum (if applicable)**

Materials Sent to LSAC

- Official Transcripts and Class Rank Statement**
- English Proficiency Test Score (if applicable)**
- Recommendation Letter(s)**

Appendix: Residency and Online Study

Our part-time tax degree and certificate programs permit students to complete some or all of the requirements via online instruction. Our students reside in New York State as well as other states and countries while studying online. States and countries regulate the educational activity which occurs within their borders, including when it is completed online.

NYU is licensed in New York State, and often in other states or districts where the university has a physical presence. NYU is able to offer online courses to residents of virtually all states as a [member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements](#) (NC-SARA). Even states which are not members of the NC-SARA typically allow universities such as NYU to offer purely online education without seeking additional licensure, within certain limitations.

Please note that states may have unique complaint processes for resolving issues involving online study. Full [information about NYU's complaint processes](#) for resolving online study is available on the Law School's website along with mandatory disclosures which individual states may require NYU to post online. [This information](#) may be updated from time to time.

Special Information for Individuals Located Outside of the US

New York University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the US Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The programs being offered are registered by the New York State Education Department.

If you are located outside of the United States, please note that programs may not be recognized by institutions within your country. Further, the fee for programs may be subject to local taxes, which are the sole responsibility of participants located outside of the United States.