



University at Buffalo School of Law

UB is among the most internationalized universities in the United States, providing numerous programs and services to support our diverse student body. The School of Law shares this commitment and welcomes students from wide-ranging backgrounds into our vibrant and collegial community, making our law school stronger and better able to view our changing world through a multicultural lens.



Buffalo is located on an international border and is less than a two hour drive from Toronto, Canada. It is also within a one-hour flight of several major North American cities.

JD DEGREE PROGRAMS



The Juris Doctor Degree

The Juris Doctor is the basic U.S. law degree, and is held by the vast majority of practicing U.S. lawyers, as well as business people, policy makers, academics and other professionals. A comprehensive range of optional programs and concentrations will distinguish you in the global marketplace.



The Advanced Standing Two-Year JD for Internationally Trained Lawyers

This innovative program is intended for students who already hold a law degree from a jurisdiction outside the United States and who would like to earn a Juris Doctor degree and seek admission to the New York State Bar. You will be a part of the JD class, but with advanced standing so that you can finish your JD degree in just two years.

JSD DEGREE PROGRAM



The Doctor of Juridical Science

The Doctor of Juridical Science is the law school's most advanced degree. It makes full use of our creative and interdisciplinary faculty to prepare students for careers as law professors, judicial and other public offices, as well as high-level policy positions in international organizations.

The University at Buffalo is located in the town of Amherst, a suburb of Buffalo, and one of the safest cities in America. Buffalo is New York State's second largest city, with a diverse blend of communities and a remarkably low cost of living. *Forbes Magazine* recently ranked Buffalo among the top 10 most affordable cities in the United States. Not only that, *Travel and Leisure Magazine* named Buffalo America's Friendliest City as well as America's Third Favorite City for Food.

2024/2025 Tuition

JD & LLM

In-State: \$26,170*
Out-of-State/
International: \$31,470

JSD

In-State: \$11,310*
Out-of-State/
International: \$24,990*

* Does not include fees and additional expenses.



LLM DEGREE PROGRAMS



The General LLM Program

The General LLM Program allows lawyers who have demonstrated success in their legal education, their practice, or both, to create individualized programs designed to take their careers to the next level. Many General LLM students use the degree to satisfy jurisdictional requirements for the admission of foreign-trained lawyers to practice law including those of the New York Board of Law Examiners.



The Criminal Law LLM Program

Building on our strength in the interdisciplinary study of criminal law, we offer one of the only post-professional programs in the United States devoted exclusively to the study of criminal law. Our Criminal Law LLM Program has attracted lawyers from all over the world who intend to teach, do policy work, or work as prosecutors or judges in their home jurisdictions.



The Cross-Border Legal Studies LLM Program

The Cross-Border Legal Studies LLM Program recognizes the global nature of legal practice and the increasing relevance of skilled attorneys who can guide clients through cross-border interactions. Located just 20 minutes from Canada, the U.S.'s largest trading partner, we are uniquely situated to provide students with exposure to cross-border legal issues both inside and outside the classroom.

Admission Requirements

Three-Year JD	Two-Year JD & LLM	JSD
<p>Degree Requirements: A bachelor's degree from an accredited/government-recognized college or university.</p> <p>LSAT or GRE Required: Yes</p> <p>TOEFL/IETLS: 90/7.0</p> <p>Application Submission: LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) for JD applicants (lsac.org/jd).</p> <p>Transcripts: Applicants with non-U.S. academic documents must have them evaluated and, if necessary, translated by LSAC's International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES).</p> <p>Letters of Recommendation: 1-3</p> <p>Personal Statement: Required</p> <p>Professional Resume: Required</p>	<p>Degree Requirements: A first degree in law from an accredited/government-recognized college or university. Students must have completed their law study primarily in the classroom, not online.</p> <p>LSAT Required: No</p> <p>TOEFL/IETLS: 90/7.0</p> <p>Application Submission: LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) for LLM applicants (lsac.org/llm) and Two-Year J.D. applicants (lsac.org/jd).</p> <p>Transcripts: Applicants with non-U.S. academic documents must have them evaluated and, if necessary, translated by LSAC's International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES).</p> <p>Letters of Recommendation: 2-3</p> <p>Personal Statement: Required</p> <p>Professional Resume: Required</p>	<p>Degree Requirements: A first law degree (a J.D. or LL.B.) and an LL.M. degree.</p> <p>LSAT or GRE Required: No</p> <p>TOEFL/IETLS: 90/7.0</p> <p>Application Submission: LSAC's Credential Assembly Service (CAS) for L.L.M. and Other Law Program applicants (lsac.org/llm).</p> <p>Transcripts: Applicants with non-U.S. academic documents must have them evaluated and, if necessary, translated by LSAC's International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES).</p> <p>Letters of Recommendation: 2-3</p> <p>Personal Statement: Required</p> <p>Professional Resume: Required</p> <p>Draft Thesis Proposal: Required</p> <p>Writing Sample: Highly recommended, but not required.</p>