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# LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION AND BUSINESS LAW

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The LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law is a flexible (in-residence and hybrid) degree program designed for professionals and law graduates interested in commercial cross-border transactions and dispute settlement through arbitration. The faculty are accomplished arbitrators, practitioners, academics, and representatives from arbitral institutions. They bring a broad spectrum of practical experience to the classroom. The direct interaction and engagement with this exceptional faculty enables students to build valuable professional relationships.

The core courses of this LL.M. degree cover the fundamentals of international arbitration and business law, and include commercial and investment arbitration, alternative dispute resolution, international business transactions, international contracts and sales, and international investment law. The key electives complement the core courses and cover certain focus areas, such as choice-of-law issues in international arbitration, ICC arbitration, the calculation of damages in arbitration, mediation, negotiation, and international contract drafting.

## SELECT FACULTY AND ADVISORS

**Stanimir Alexandrov**, Independent Arbitrator

**Kenneth Anderson**, AUWCL Professor of Law

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**Horacio Grigera Naón**, Independent Arbitrator; AUWCL Director of the Center on International Commercial Arbitration; former Secretary General of the ICC International Court of Arbitration

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## QUICK FACTS

- Ranked 9th in international law specialty by *U.S. News and World Report*
- Graded A+ by *Prelaw Magazine* for international law
- Top 25 best schools for foreign-trained lawyers, *International Jurist*
- 100+ full-time and adjunct faculty specialized in various areas of international law
- Students from 50+ countries and 4,000+ alumni worldwide
- 90% of LL.M. students participate in internships
- 200+ conferences, symposia, and networking events annually

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**International Arbitration Special Merit Scholarship**  
(full tuition scholarship for high-achieving candidates with the potential of becoming leaders in their legal fields)

**Alumni Fund Scholarship**  
(full tuition scholarship)

**Global Talent Development Scholarship**  
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

**Summer Programs Participant Scholarship**  
(1/2 tuition scholarship)

**Merit Based Scholarship**  
(up to 40% of tuition discount)

## LL.M. CURRICULUM

24 credits of coursework, with at least 12 credits in core and key elective courses related to international arbitration and business law.

### Core courses (min. 6 credits):

International Commercial Arbitration:  
US & Comparative Perspective  
(3 credits)

Bilateral Investment Treaty Arbitration  
(2 credits)

International ADR: Global Sovereign  
Disputes Practicum (3 credits)

International Investment Law (3 credits)

International Contracts & Sales (3 credits)

International Business Transactions  
(3 credits)

### Key Electives (min. 6 credits):

#### *Arbitration-related courses:*

Contributions of the ICC Court of

Arbitration to the Development of  
Commercial Arbitration (1 credit)

Choice of Law Issues in International  
Arbitration (1 credit)

Investor-State Arbitration (1 credit)

Introduction to the Practice of  
International Commercial Arbitration  
(1 credit)

#### *Mediation and ADR-related courses:*

Alternative Dispute Resolution (3 credits)

Mediation: Theory and Practice (1 credit)

#### *Business Law-related courses:*

Advanced Research Seminar on

International Investment and  
Commercial Law (2 credits)

International Business Negotiations  
(3 credits)

Legal Drafting: International Contracts  
(2 credits)

#### *Additional courses relevant for arbitration and business:*

International Law (3 credits)

International Project Finance (2 credits)

Damages and Compensation in

International Commercial and  
Investment Arbitration (1 credit)

### General Electives:

The remaining credits may be chosen  
from among the 100+ general elective  
courses, including New York bar courses.

## The Center on International Commercial Arbitration

Under the direction of Professor Horacio Grigera Naón, AUWCL's Center on International Commercial Arbitration promotes **research and experiential** learning of international arbitration. The LL.M. students have the opportunity to work with the Center and benefit from its activities and resources. The Center organizes special conferences with prominent **guest speakers** and brings together arbitration alumni, practitioners, and legal counsel from arbitration centers from around the world at networking events.

Together with the **LL.M. Career Counselor**, the Center also supports students in seeking **externships** for credit while studying, and other career opportunities. The externships may take place at the leading international arbitration institutions, such as ICSID in Washington, D.C., and the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and at law firms with arbitration practice groups. LL.M. students can take part in the **Arbitration Summer Courses** for credit. These courses are taught by leading practitioners and provide a unique insight into the current status of international arbitration law and practice. The Center further organizes and hosts an **LL.M. moot arbitration competition**, where participant teams can further refine their advocacy skills applied to arbitration.

### Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Eligible international LL.M. students may apply for an OPT permit. This training will provide students with the possibility of obtaining practical work experience in the U.S. for up to one year after graduation.

### New York Bar Track

This LL.M. program provides foreign-educated law students with the courses required to qualify to sit for the New York bar exam. Foreign-trained LL.M. students must complete at least 12 credits of New York bar courses of the 24 credits needed for the LL.M. degree.

## TESTIMONIAL

Francisco Sepulveda Burgos, LL.M. 2019; Attorney at Law

*"The highly accomplished arbitration faculty not only teaches the law, but also provides insights into the legal practice before international tribunals and fora."*

## APPLICATIONS

Applications are accepted for both fall and spring admissions. To apply, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/llm/apply.cfm) and submit the following:

- Application Form & Fee
- Official Copies of Academic Records
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose
- Official Proof of Competency in English (for non-native speakers) sent from testing agency

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

<b>Fall</b>	International	<b>May 1</b>	U.S. Citizen/PR	<b>July 1</b>
<b>Spring</b>	International	<b>October 1</b>	U.S. Citizen/PR	<b>November 1</b>

## APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>Fall</b>	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	<b>March 1</b>	Merit-based Scholarships	<b>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis</b>
<b>Spring</b>	All Full and Half Tuition Scholarships	<b>October 1</b>	Merit-based Scholarships	<b>Applications are accepted on a rolling basis</b>



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