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The University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco invites you to apply for a one-year LLM degree in U.S. Legal Studies.

Connect to the University of California

UC Hastings offers you a vibrant and welcoming intellectual community committed to the pursuit of justice and the highest professional standards. Our LLM graduates hold a wide variety of appointments in law, business and education both abroad and in the United States. They include judges, law professors and practitioners. UC Hastings was the first law faculty established in the western United States and is regularly ranked among the top 20 U.S. public law schools.

Our newly renovated classroom building and library feature the latest technology. We possess one of the largest collections of U.S., international and comparative legal material in the United States. Our extraordinary collection is backed by the wealth of scholarly resources of the entire University of California and a library staff specially trained in international research.

Our JD student body is among the most selective and diverse in the United States. Each year we choose an entering JD class of about 400 from nearly 6,000 applications. About one third represent cultural and ethnic minorities, and many have studied or lived abroad. International students are welcome to join some 45 student organizations and nine student-edited law journals.

Connect to the World

UC Hastings is not an island. We believe it is important for students to connect to the world and the surrounding community. The school prides itself on its international legal programs and its innovative clinical legal education and alternative dispute resolution programs. Through our International Human Rights Law Clinic, LLM candidates have an opportunity to work on path-breaking cases. Our Moot Court Program has been ranked number one in the nation and our Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution among the top 10.

We have also established a number of innovative research and legal services centers to address a range of national and international issues. These include the Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, which is the leading organization for women asylum-seekers fleeing gender-related harm; the Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, which organizes research and professional programs for the study of lawyering skills in negotiation and mediation; and the Center for WorkLife Law, which is a research and advocacy center that seeks to eliminate employment discrimination against caregivers, such as parents and adult children of aging parents.



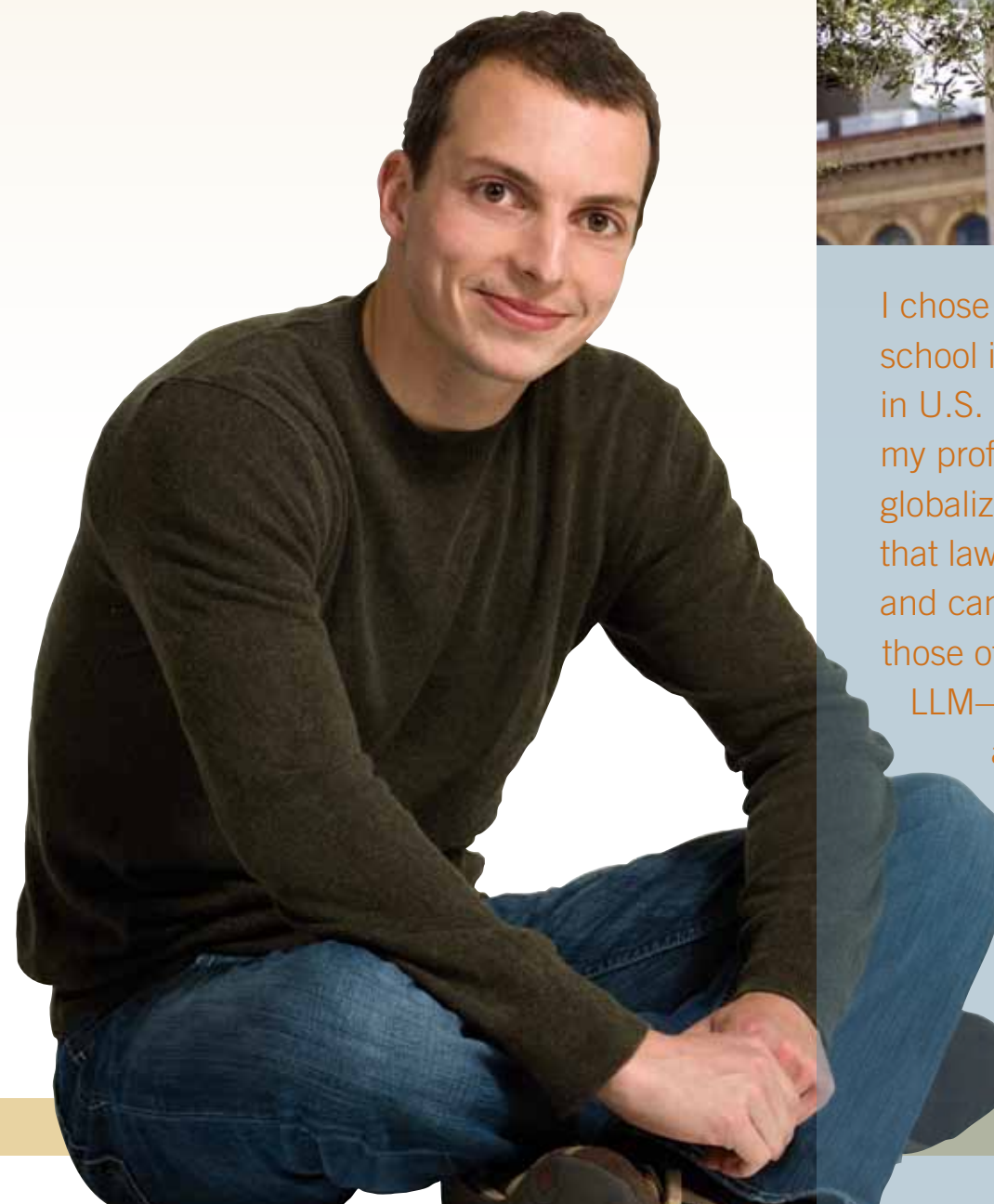
Frank H. Wu, Chancellor & Dean



I chose to study at Hastings because it is a top tier law school in the U.S. and I wanted to achieve competence in U.S. law, as I realized it would be a major step towards my professional goal of working internationally. Ongoing globalization and the increase in international trade requires that lawyers be knowledgeable in matters of foreign law and can reconcile their countries' legal requirements with those of foreign jurisdictions. Additionally, receiving an LLM—while having a law degree from Germany—would allow me to sit for the Bar examination. Having the opportunity to become a licensed attorney in the United States will further increase my options of working internationally.

Johannes Grohmann

Germany · LLM '07



Connect to the Faculty

For a complete list of the more than 125 courses and 50 faculty members, see our website. Here is a sample of the faculty:



Ugo Mattei

Expertise: Comparative Law, Economics and Law, European Community Law

Courses Taught: Comparative Law, Law & Economics Seminar



Richard Boswell

Expertise: Immigration Law

Courses Taught: Immigration Law, Immigrants' Rights Clinic, Immigration Law (for first-year students)



William Dodge

Expertise: Contracts, International Business Transactions, International Litigation, NAFTA Chapter Eleven

Courses Taught: International Business Transactions, Contracts, Transnational Law



Melissa Nelken

Expertise: Negotiation, Mediation, Psychiatry and Law, Civil Procedure

Courses Taught: Negotiation & Mediation, Law, Psychiatry & the Mental Health System



Margreth Barrett

Expertise: Copyright, Trademarks, Intellectual Property

Courses Taught: Intellectual Property, Trademarks & Unfair Competition, Copyright



Carol Izumi

Expertise: Consumer Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation, Clinical Law

Courses Taught: Mediation Clinic, ADR Externship Program



Grande Lum

Expertise: Negotiation and Mediation

Courses Taught: Negotiation and Settlement



Christian E. Mammen

Expertise: Patents, Intellectual Property, Civil Litigation (Civil Procedure, Evidence, E-Discovery)

Courses Taught: Property, Civil Procedure, Evidence, E-Discovery



Susan Morse

Expertise: Tax

Courses Taught: Federal Income Taxation, Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships, U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions & Investments



Setsuo Miyazawa

Expertise: Police and Criminal Justice, Legal Ethics and Public Interest Lawyering, Legal Education, Corporate Legal Practice

Courses Taught: Introduction to the Japanese Legal System



Robin Feldman

Expertise: Intellectual Property, Law & Bioscience

Courses Taught: Property, Intellectual Property Issues in Biotechnology, Intellectual Property



Keith J. Hand

Expertise: Chinese Law, Criminal Procedure, East Asian Legal Systems

Courses Taught: Introduction to Chinese Law, China and the International Legal Order, Legal Reform in East Asia, Criminal Procedure



Joel R. Paul

Expertise: International Trade Law and the WTO, Presidential Powers in Foreign Relations, Foreign Relations Law, Public International Law, International Business Transactions

Courses Taught: Constitutional Law I, International Trade Law, Public International Law, International Business Transactions, National Security & Foreign Relations



Chimène Keitner

Expertise: International Law and International Tribunals, International Law in U.S. Courts, Comparative Law, Complex Litigation

Courses Taught: International Criminal Law, Evidence, Advanced International Law Research Seminar



Naomi Roht-Arriaza

Expertise: International Human Rights Law, International Environmental Law, International Humanitarian Law

Courses Taught: Torts, International Human Rights, Accountability in International Human Rights Seminar, Advanced International Law Research Seminar



Dorit Rubinstein Reiss

Expertise: Public Administration and Public Law, Accountability, Utilities Regulation, Comparative Legal Systems, Courts and Politics

Courses Taught: Torts, Administrative Law, Comparative Law, Courts as a Political Actor Seminar



George Bisharat

Expertise: Criminal Law, Middle East Affairs (legal and political)

Courses Taught: Criminal Practice Clinic, Law of Middle East Societies, Criminal Law Theory Concentration Seminar, Islamic Law, Law & Social Anthropology Seminar



David Takacs

Expertise: Climate Change and Environmental Law

Courses Taught: Climate Change: Law, Policy, and Business Seminar, International Environmental Law Seminar, IL Statutory-Environmental Law



Abraham Cable

Expertise: Corporate Finance, Corporate Governance, Entrepreneurship

Courses Taught: Business Associations



Elizabeth Hillman

Expertise: Military Justice, Legal History, Constitutional Law, Gender and Sexuality in the Law

Courses Taught: Wills & Trusts, Constitutional Law II, Military Law, Law & Biography



Heather M. Field

Expertise: Tax

Courses Taught: Federal Income Taxation of Corporations & Partnerships, Advanced Issues in Corporate & Partnership Taxation, Federal Income Taxation (for first-year students), Tax Policy Seminar



Lois Schwartz

Expertise: Education Law

Courses Taught: Wills & Trusts, Estate Drafting, Remedies, California Civil Procedure, Education Law (statutory course), Community Property, Legal Writing and Research, Moot Court



Ben Depoorter

Expertise: Property, Intellectual Property

Courses Taught: IP Scholarship Workshop Seminar, Law & Economics



John Crawford

Expertise: Corporate and Securities Law, Financial Regulation, Property

Courses Taught: Property, Financial Crises and the Regulation of Financial Institutions



Dana Beldiman

Expertise: International Intellectual Property Law and International Transactions

Courses Taught: International and Comparative Intellectual Property



Radhika Rao

Expertise: Biolaw, Constitutional Law, and Property

Courses Taught: Property, Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar, Constitutional Law II, Constitution of the Family Seminar

International students are surprised at how accessible our professors are. Smaller classes enable our faculty to nurture students to develop their own arguments in a mutually supportive environment. Many UC Hastings' professors are among the leading scholars in their fields, and students at other law schools often find that their books are authored by UC Hastings' faculty. You will discover that our professors are shaping the future direction of the law.

Professor Joel Paul

Coming from a civil law country, it is challenging to come face-to-face with a totally different approach to law, but the effort certainly pays off. I think that by the time I return to my country, I will have a broader perspective on law that will provide me with new tools to work more efficiently in the areas that interest me. Today, there is a great demand for professionals with knowledge of other legal systems. Law has stopped being a local profession. The market has taken on a new international level; thus it provides a demand for attorneys with diversity in their background and knowledge.

Julia Alejandra Anzueto

Guatemala · LLM '07

Simon Marin · Chile · LLM '07

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Studying abroad is a formidable experience that will mark you forever, both in your personal and professional life. It gives you a new perspective on studying, living, but especially on thinking. Furthermore, it offers you new possibilities for your career. At Hastings, the university world is totally different than in France. It is necessary to live it personally to understand it. Everything is different: the way of teaching, of learning and of supervising you. Law classes here are fascinating and will push you to think. It is another way to teach, much more educational and more beneficial. Professors push us to ask real questions and allow us to understand the law in its daily application.

Paola Cecchi-Dimeglio

France · LLM '07

Connect to the Law

LLM candidates are required to successfully complete the orientation week program and at least 24 credit hours of classes, including a legal writing and research seminar for LLM candidates and one first-year required course (either Contracts, Torts, Criminal Law, Property, Civil Procedure or Constitutional Law). LLM candidates may select nearly any course with the consent of their faculty advisers and subject to prerequisites listed in the course catalog. You can review a list of courses on our website.

Some LLM candidates may elect to concentrate in a specific area of the law, while others may prefer to take a wider range of courses without concentrating. Here is a sample of possible concentration courses. Of course, not all of these classes may be offered in any given year, and other classes are always added. Check the course catalog on the website for an updated list of courses. In addition to any of the following classes, you may also choose to do an independent study paper with a professor in your field.

LLM students may apply for admission into the JD program after their first semester of study. Students who are accepted into the JD program are allowed to transfer LLM course credits so that they can graduate with the JD in three years.

Connect to the Community

San Francisco, more than any other U.S. city, celebrates multi-cultural diversity and welcomes the dynamic economic forces transforming the global economy. As a bridge linking Asia, Latin America and North America, the San Francisco Bay Area has long been a trendsetter. UC Hastings, located in the heart of the city's vibrant Civic Center, is surrounded by the city's concert halls, theaters, opera and ballet, as well as the federal, state and city courts and government offices.

Connect to the Future

LLM students are offered a variety of extracurricular programs to support their career endeavors after graduation. Through our Office of Career and Professional Development LLM students receive individual career counseling, career workshops and alumni networking programs. UC Hastings is also a consortium member of the West Coast LLM Job Fair, so our LLM students have opportunities to interview with international firms prior to graduation. Many of our LLM students wish to sit for the California or New York bar exam after graduation, so we also offer tailored workshops to help prepare students for these exams.

Apply

To apply, you must have received—or expect to have received prior to enrollment—a degree from a recognized law faculty outside the United States that would qualify you for the practice of law in that country, or you must be admitted to law practice in a jurisdiction outside the United States. If English is not your native language, you must have a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or IELTS score or the equivalent. Generally, you are expected to have a TOEFL score of 600 PBT, 240 CBT or 90 iBT or an IELTS score of 7. In extraordinary circumstances, the TOEFL/IELTS requirement may be waived for applicants who do not have the opportunity to take it and who can provide satisfactory evidence that they have fully mastered English. You must also complete our application form and include a personal statement, a current resume or CV, an official transcript from your law faculty, two letters of recommendation, and an application fee, if required. (We waive our LLM application fee for those applying online through LSAC who use the LLM Credential Assembly Service's International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service.)

Our application deadline is May 1; however, we review applications and admit students on a rolling basis beginning in October of each year. We always receive many more applications than can be accepted, and therefore, there is an advantage to applying as early as possible.

You should consult the UC Hastings website for details on applying and cost: www.uchastings.edu/llm. We have some limited funds available for scholarships and financial aid. You should also consult foundations and governments for scholarship information.



SAMPLE CONCENTRATION COURSES:

International Law and Human Rights

Advanced International Law Research Seminar
Chinese Law and Legal Culture
Comparative Law
Foreign Relations Law
Immigration Law
Immigrants' Rights Clinic
International Environmental Law Seminar
International Human Rights
International Trade Law and Policy
International War Crimes Seminar
National Security Law
Public International Law
Refugee Law and Policy
Refugee and Human Rights Clinic
U.N. System

Science, Technology and Intellectual Property

Comparative Cyberlaw Seminar
Copyright Law
Digital Media Law
Forensic Evidence Seminar
International Trade Law and Policy
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Issues in Biotechnology Seminar
Intellectual Property Licensing Seminar
Mass Media Law Seminar
Patent Litigation
Patent Prosecution Seminar
Patent and Trade Secrets
Scientific Method for Lawyers
Selected Issues in Intellectual Property Law Seminar
Trademarks and Unfair Competition

International Business and Trade

Advanced Business Seminar
Antitrust
Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights
Business Planning Seminar
Comparative Antitrust
Corporations
Corporate Finance
Federal Income Tax of Corporations and Partnerships
International Business Transactions
International Commercial Arbitration Seminar
International Trade Law and Policy
Mergers and Acquisitions
Secured Transactions
Transnational Law
U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions and Investment
Venture Capital and Start-Up Companies

Dispute Resolution and Legal Process

Advanced Dispute Resolution: Culture, Identity and Discrimination
Advanced Negotiations
Alternative Dispute Resolution Seminar
California Appellate Process
California Civil Procedure
Class Action Seminar
Complex Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Effective Representation in Mediation
Federal Courts
International Negotiation and Dispute Settlement Seminar
Mediation
Negotiation & Mediation
Negotiation & Settlement
Remedies

Family Law

Children and the Law
Community Property
Domestic Violence
Estate Planning Seminar
Family Law
Feminist Legal Theory
Law, Psychiatry and the Mental Health System
Seminar in Current Issues in WorkLife Law
Wills and Trusts

Taxation

Advanced Issues in Corporate and Partnership Tax
Federal Income Tax
Federal Income Tax of Corporations and Partnerships
Federal Income Tax of Real Estate
Non-profit Corporations
Taxation of Family Wealth Transfer
Tax Concentration Seminar
Tax Policy Seminar
U.S. Taxation of Foreign Transactions and Investment

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