International Affairs and Graduate Programs
Welcome to the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University and our International Affairs and Graduate Programs!

Our mission is to provide students with the tools necessary for professional success, whether in the practice of law, public service or academia. Globalization of the legal profession in recent years makes it even more important for international lawyers to have a working knowledge of the US Legal system, in order to work on behalf of clients in an increasingly transnational legal environment. At Pace Law, our professors and staff are dedicated to preparing you for your life’s work in the law. Our graduates have gone on to successful careers in the United States and around the world, as practicing lawyers, public officials, scholars, or in non-governmental organizations.

**PROGRAMS**

- **LLM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
- **LLM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW GLOBAL SPECIALIZATION**
- **LLM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LAND USE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIZATION**
- **LLM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE SPECIALIZATION**
- **SJD IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**
- **FELLOWSHIPS**
- **LLM COMPARATIVE LAW**
- **LLM COMPARATIVE LAW BAR SPECIALIZATION**
- **LLM COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SPECIALIZATION**
- **VISITING SCHOLARS**

**EXTERNSHIPS, EXCHANGES AND STUDY ABROAD**
Environmental Law

Pace Law has a comprehensive and integrated curriculum in environmental law and is one of the nation’s highest ranked academic and action centers.

LLM in Environmental Law

Pace Law’s LLM in environmental law prepares lawyers to address the scientific, economic and political forces that shape the environment and to work for outcomes that protect our natural surroundings and promote smart and sustainable development. Over 40 environmental courses are available to satisfy the requirements for the LLM in Environmental Law.

LLM in Environmental Law Global Specialization

Pace Law is known worldwide for its Center for Environmental Legal Studies, a voting member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Because Pace Law provides such a wonderful setting in which to learn international and comparative environmental law, we are proud to offer the Global Specialization within our prestigious Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law curriculum.

The program of study features courses especially focused on environmental law from an international, transnational or comparative perspective.

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LLM in Environmental Law Land Use and Sustainable Development Specialization

With the nation’s oldest and most active Land Use Law Center and a faculty of leading environmental law scholars, Pace Law offers LLM candidates the most timely and significant opportunities in the field of land use law. Building on our existing strengths in environmental law, this specialization trains lawyers to confront and overcome challenges arising in today’s world.

COURSES OFFERED MAY INCLUDE

- Advanced Land Use and Sustainable Development
- Environmental Justice
- Land Use Law
- Sustainable Development Law Survey
- Municipal Law and Metropolitan Governance

LLM in Environmental Law Energy and Climate Change Specialization

Pace Law also offers a Specialization in Energy and Climate Change Law. The Pace Energy and Climate Center is at the forefront of tackling social and environmental challenges. Energy and climate change law and policy are the most discussed topics in the field of environmental law today, allowing graduates of this specialization to become experts in this field.

COURSES OFFERED MAY INCLUDE

- Climate Change Law
- Climate and Corporate Practice
- Disaster Law and Emergency Preparedness
- Eco-Markets and Trading
- Energy Law
- State and Regional Climate Initiatives
Doctor of Juridical Science in Environmental Law

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law is a graduate research degree intended to prepare legal scholars to research, publish and teach in the field of environmental law, whether in the United States or elsewhere in the world.

Candidates for the SJD work under close faculty supervision to research, write and defend a publishable doctoral dissertation that creates original knowledge about their chosen topics in environmental law. The SJD program requires at least one academic year in residence at Pace Law.
Graduate Fellowships

Graduate Fellows in Environmental Law work part-time for an environmental program or center at Pace Law, and receive a full tuition scholarship for the LLM in Environmental Law plus a modest stipend to help cover living expenses.

Graduate Fellows work on-campus for no more than 20 hours per week; therefore these Fellowships are available to both US and international candidates, and are compatible with the F-1 student visa.

Five Graduate Fellowships are available – one in each of the following programs and centers:

- Environmental Law Program
- Energy and Climate Center
- Land Use Law Center
- Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies
- Food and Beverage Law Clinic

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The Master of Laws (LLM) in Comparative Legal Studies is intended for students whose first law degree was earned outside the United States. To earn the LLM degree, candidates must complete a minimum of 24 academic credits. The program may be completed in two full-time semesters, although some students choose to take three semesters or more.

LLM in Comparative Law General Specialization

Students in the LLM in Comparative Legal Studies have earned their first law degrees from universities and colleges all over the world, including Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Some of them come to the US expressly for the LLM program, while others are already living and working in the tristate area. Many graduates return to their home countries and resume their legal careers after obtaining the LLM degree. Others remain in the United States for a period of practical training before returning home.

LLM in Comparative Law Bar Exam Specialization

The Specialization in US Legal Practice Bar Exam allows students who earned their first degree in law outside the United States to complete the coursework required to sit for the New York bar examination. The courses taken as part of this optional specialization have been approved by the New York Court of Appeals as fulfilling the requirements of Section 520.6 of the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law. Students interested in the New York bar examination must take into account the 24-month time limit from matriculation to award of the LLM degree.

LLM in Comparative Law International Business Specialization

Students in this specialization begin with required courses in Introduction to the American Legal System and Introduction to US Legal Research. They must also complete courses in Contract Law and International Business Transactions, and they must complete at least one extensive research paper under faculty supervision. Their remaining courses are chosen from a list of international business subjects. Some of the subject areas available to students in this program include public international law, private international law, dispute resolution, international business and international human rights.
Visiting Scholars

Visiting scholars are selected from a group of applicants including law professors, researchers, legislators, judges, civil servants and others. During their visit, which may be anywhere from a few weeks to one year, they conduct specialized legal research as a member of the academic community at Pace Law. In recent years, we have welcomed visiting scholars from around the world.

All visiting scholars are supervised by a Pace Law faculty member, who offers them support, feedback and overall guidance in their research. Subject to the terms of the Visiting Scholars Policy, they are given access to the Pace Law Library, as well as internet access. The Pace University Office of International Students and Scholars supports visiting scholars in their applications for the appropriate J-1 visas from the US immigration authorities. Pace Law also encourages visiting scholars to submit their work for publication in one of our student-edited Law Reviews.

HOW TO APPLY — law.pace.edu/graduate
Graduate Student Externships

Graduate Students are given opportunities to intern with international organizations, corporations, and law firms in the White Plains and New York City area. Externship opportunities can accommodate a wide range of fields and interests, including environmental law, policy and advocacy on behalf of public interest organizations, and civil advocacy on behalf of the disadvantaged. Fieldwork gives graduate students the chance to form relationships with professionals in a specific field of interest.

UNITED NATIONS DIPLOMACY PRACTICUM

In this externship, students study the decision-making process and negotiation of environmental treaties in the United Nations and provide assistance to UN National Missions. Students attend meetings on behalf of the Missions and prepare memoranda on a range of issues such as climate change, renewable energy, fisheries protection, and forest management.

BAILE PROGRAM

Brazil-American Institute for Law and Environment is a non-profit research, teaching and policy center dedicated to building and fostering the relationship between the United States and Brazil in their shared goal of environmental protection and sustainable development. Each year, students travel to Brazil to experience the environmental issues they have studied in the classroom first hand. Students visit one of the many unique environmental regions of Brazil and attend legal meetings in Rio de Janeiro and other parts of the nation.
Summer Externships Abroad

The Summer Externships Abroad program is Pace Law’s flagship experiential learning program for students interested in the practice of law in an international business context. Recent externship placements have specialized in international corporate law, cross-border transactional work, and international arbitration and dispute resolution.

Human Rights in Action (HRIA) Externships

The Pace Law Human Rights in Action (HRIA) program places student externs in summer externships at international war crimes tribunals and at international human rights organizations.

International Trade Externships

The International Trade Externships program places Pace Law students in externships with local law firms or corporate legal departments involved in international trade and international business transactions.
Study Abroad Programs

Pace Law has exchange relationships with some of the top law schools in Asia, Europe, Australia and South America. Under these agreements, Pace Law students may apply to study for a semester or full academic year at one of our partner schools. In many cases, classes at the host institutions are taught in English. Upon completion of the exchange semester or year, the credits earned may transfer back to Pace Law and count towards the JD degree.

Our partner schools are actively sending their own students to take classes at Pace Law, thus increasing the diversity and richness of the classroom experience.
Margot Pollans is the faculty director of the Pace-NRDC Food Law Initiative and was recently named a 40 under 40 rising star in New York City Food Policy based on her work to transform the food system.

Nicholas A. Robinson is University Professor on the Environment. He has developed the field of environmental law since 1969 serving as legal advisor to the White House Council on Environmental Quality; general counsel at the NYS DEC and legal advisor and chairman at the Commission on Environmental Law of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.
Darren Rosenblum serves as the Director of the Business Law Concentration, Director of Commercial and Private International Law Programs and Faculty Advisor of the Institute for International and Commercial Law. His scholarship focuses on corporate governance, in particular on remedies for sex inequality. In 2011, he was a Fulbright Research Scholar in France to perform an empirical study on the French quota for women on corporate boards which he presented as the guest of honor at the French National Assembly.

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30 minutes from White Plains to New York City
Pace Law is ideally located for practice-engaged learning. We are situated just outside New York City, blocks away from federal and state courthouses, major law firms, and corporate headquarters.

Being in the heart of the nation’s most dynamic legal marketplace is a powerful advantage for our students—and it’s a terrific place to live and explore.

Pace Law has a residence hall on campus. Law students can use Pace University’s athletic facilities with indoor and outdoor athletic fields and a fitness center.
How to Apply

To be considered for admission to any of our graduate programs, please submit the following:

• Application Form
  (available online, in print or through LSAC.org)
• Official transcripts*
• Personal statement*
• Letters of recommendation
• Legal writing sample*
• Complete curriculum vitae
• English proficiency:
  If your native language is not English.
• Thesis proposal
  (Requirement for SJD applicants only)

*not needed for visiting scholars