Your life’s work in the law

Pace Law School enjoys a worldwide reputation for its environmental and international law programs as well as its role as a founding sponsor of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot and the host institution of the Albert H. Kritzer CISG Database.

Located in the City of White Plains—halfway between the excitement of New York City and the natural beauty of the Hudson River Valley—our campus offers a quiet, safe place for study with all the opportunities of Manhattan half an hour away by commuter train.

Pace Law School offers graduate programs designed to take lawyers to the next level in their careers. Whether you plan to specialize in environmental law, return to your country with a greater knowledge of U.S. law and practice, or qualify as an attorney in the United States, our objective is the same—to prepare you for your life’s work in the law.
LLM in Environmental Law

Pace Law School is known worldwide for its Environmental Law program, consistently ranked one of the best environmental programs offered by a U.S. law school. Pace Law offers an extensive range of courses that address environmental law and policy as well as unique opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience dealing with environmental issues. The LLM in Environmental Law welcomes law graduates from the United States and around the world.

Pace’s position at the forefront of environmental law is intimately tied to our location in the Hudson River Valley. Environmental law began here in the 1960s with landmark legal battles to save the Hudson River and Storm King Mountain from pollution and development. Many of the lawyers who led these efforts became professors at Pace Law School. Some 30 years ago, the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic partnered with the nascent Hudson Riverkeeper organization. Working with Riverkeeper, Pace Law students help enforce clean water standards in the Hudson River watershed while gaining vital experience in environmental litigation.

As part of the LLM in Environmental Law, students may choose from among three optional specializations:
• Climate and Energy Law
• Global Environmental Law
• Land Use and Sustainable Development Law

Within each specialization, LLM students cover the fundamentals of the field as well as focused coursework including climate adaptation, comparative environmental law, and the international human right to water. Students may also seek research internships at the Pace Energy and Climate Center, the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, and the Land Use Law Center for Sustainable Development.

LLM students might pursue legal internships at permanent missions to the UN in New York City through Pace Law’s unique United Nations Environmental Diplomacy Practicum. They may choose to work with our environmental law faculty and research a topic of personal interest or write a publishable LLM thesis.

Graduates of the LLM program in Environmental Law join a growing alumni community in the United States and dozens of countries around the world. Our graduates work in law firms, in-house legal departments, NGOs, government service, and academic scholarship.

SJD Program in Environmental Law

Aspiring legal scholars and teachers may apply to the highly competitive SJD Program in Environmental Law. The SJD, or Doctor of Juridical Science, is a research-oriented degree program intended to guide new scholars through the process of writing and publishing a doctoral dissertation that creates original knowledge in a specific area of environmental law.

LLM in Comparative Legal Studies

The LLM in Comparative Legal Studies is tailored to students who received their first law degrees outside the United States. Our program begins with an introduction to the U.S. legal system and the fundamentals of legal research and writing. Students may then choose courses in specialized areas of U.S. law including business law, criminal law and procedure, intellectual property, or litigation and dispute resolution.

Within the LLM in Comparative Legal Studies, students have the option of specializing in International Business Law, enrolling in courses on international business transactions, the law of international sales, cross-border deals and other transactional work.

LLM students might also choose to specialize in U.S. Legal Practice, a path that prepares foreign-trained lawyers to qualify for the New York bar examination by taking a series of courses approved by the New York Court of Appeals. Students are also encouraged to take specific bar-preparation courses to maximize their chances of success on this challenging examination.
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