MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific.

McGeorge is widely recognized for educating practice ready attorneys. We offer a wide range of nationally ranked programs, taught by faculty experts in their fields. We give our students the building blocks for success in the increasingly complex global world in which lawyers practice.

I am sure that you will share my enthusiasm about McGeorge as you learn more about the law school.

I look forward to welcoming you on our beautiful campus.

Francis J. Mootz III
Dean and Professor of Law

TOP INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

McGeorge School of Law’s International Law program has been ranked among the top 20 best programs in the country for the fifth year in a row by U.S. News & World Report, most recently as No. 20 in the 2016 Best Graduate Schools guide. In addition to international law, public law, and water and environmental law, students can take advantage of several programs to help give their law school experience a more global flavor. Along with exchange programs, we have developed relationships with many institutions to help our students gain international perspective and insight. Each year, McGeorge offers innovative summer programs in Austria and Guatemala.

CALIFORNIA’S CAPITAL LAW SCHOOL

McGeorge School of Law is the only ABA-accredited law school located in Sacramento, the capital city of California, a place Newsweek lists as one of “the Country’s 10 best cities.”

You will be within easy driving distance to Napa Valley, Lake Tahoe and its many ski resorts, Reno and San Francisco.

SPECIAL ORIENTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

This ten-day orientation program will give you a basic introduction to Legal English, the U.S. Legal System, Research and Professional Skills, as well as an orientation of the university facilities and services. The orientation is designed to give you the necessary tools to be successful in law school and an opportunity to meet your colleagues who will be studying with you.

We will personally welcome you at the Sacramento Airport, and help you get situated in your new environment. We will also spend some time driving you to several retail and grocery stores, so you may start the new semester with all that you need.

Students will also have an opportunity to meet individually with the Director of Graduate & International Programs to finalize their course of study and complete their class registration.
LL.M. IN TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS PRACTICE

The LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice trains lawyers, whether they are educated in civil law or common law jurisdictions, to practice in the field of international business law, preparing them for a career in the global economy.

McGeorge offers a unique program with two different tracks degree candidates can choose from:

- **LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice** — Two semesters (full-time) or three/four semesters (part-time) of study on the McGeorge Campus. A student must complete 24 semester units on the Sacramento campus and must begin the program in August.

- **LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice with Internship** — One semester of study on the McGeorge Campus and the opportunity to participate in a 12-week internship with an international law firm. Students must complete 24 semester units. Students begin their program in August, starting in the fall semester followed by the internship in the spring semester.

TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS PRACTICE CURRICULUM

Students will have the opportunity to tailor their course of study to meet their career goals. This LL.M. program has two required courses:

- A substantive course: Transnational Litigation or International Business Transactions, and
- LL.M. Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis for those trained in law outside of the United States. This course is tailored to give students an introduction to common law courts, sources, legal reasoning, techniques of legal research and writing.

Students may enroll in other elective courses relevant to transnational business, or may opt to engage in advanced scholarship by pursuing a Master Thesis or Directed Research.

Find out more at: go.mcgeorge.edu/llmtransnational

THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Students will be placed in an internship located in a country other than their home country. Throughout the course of their internship, students will address questions about the differences in legal practice, ethics, and approaches to transactions, negotiations, litigation and other dispute resolution. The internship program closes with a post-internship Intercultural Legal Competence Workshop on the Sacramento campus of McGeorge in which students compare and evaluate legal cultures and systems in their host and home countries.

Note that in rare cases with good cause shown and prior approval, in lieu of attending the post-placement workshop, students may prepare a paper reflecting on and analyzing these topics as illuminated during their internships and prior experience.

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Yanying Li, ’09 LL.M.
Associate, Clifford Chance LLP in London, United Kingdom
Former Assistant Legal Counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague

Professor Jarrod Wong is Co-Director of the Global Center at McGeorge. He is a scholar in international dispute resolution and has written on complex problems in investment arbitration. He teaches International Investment Law and Contracts.
LL.M. IN U.S. LAW & POLICY

The U.S. Law & Policy program is designed specifically for foreign lawyers or graduates with a non-U.S. law degree who seek to learn the foundations of United States law.

Students earn the LL.M. in U.S. Law & Policy after completion of 24 units of study. The program may be completed in one-year (two semesters) or in two-years (three or four semesters), at the choice of the student.

U.S. LAW & POLICY CURRICULUM

Students are required to enroll in the following courses:

- LL.M. Legal Research, Writing, and Analysis. (Introduction to common law courts, sources, legal reading, techniques of legal research and writing.)
- Civil Procedure OR Constitutional Law OR Contracts OR Criminal Law OR Property OR Torts.

U.S. LAW & POLICY CURRICULUM CONTINUED

To complete their course of study, students may choose to focus on specific substantive areas, such as:

- International or Domestic Business law
- Intellectual Property
- Civil and Constitutional Rights
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Law

Finally, students may also choose to pursue a Master Thesis or Directed Research, though it is not mandatory.

Candidates for the U.S. Law program meet individually with the Director of Graduate Programs to craft a course of study tailored to their particular interests and designed to maximize preparation for their specific career goals.

Find out more at: go.mcgeorge.edu/uslaw

“...The U.S. Law & Policy LL.M. program at McGeorge was an amazing experience. I chose McGeorge for its national reputation among international law programs and its strategic location in California’s capital. I feel more confident now in doing negotiations in America because I know the legal terms. I know how it all works—I know the system. The faculty members at McGeorge are fantastic and they helped me a lot."

Licia Liguori, ’15 LL.M.
Legal Counsel, Avanade Italy S.r.l.

Professor Hether Macfarlane teaches international LL.M. students about U.S. legal systems and legal process. She co-authored California Legal Research and is a frequent presenter at the Global Legal Skills Conference.

Professor John Sims teaches Constitutional Law and International Protection of Human Rights. He is a founding Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of National Security Law and Policy. His research focus is on the First Amendment, government secrecy, and surveillance.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience courses with J.D. students allowing direct observation of American lawyer training
- Receive assistance to tailor your course of study to qualify to take a bar exam
- Obtain special assistance in adjusting to student life in the United States
- Study the foundation of American law to be prepared to demonstrate knowledge of U.S. law to employees and clients
- Have access to McGeorge’s broad base of alumni from all over the world

McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC

Master of Laws Programs
LL.M. IN WATER RESOURCES LAW

McGeorge’s programs in water resources law are designed to enhance the skills and understanding of lawyers at all levels. Graduates are prepared to serve the diverse needs of businesses and developers, farmers and ranchers, non-profit organizations, and public agencies at every level from local to international. Our faculty expertise allows us to offer one of the few graduate law programs in Water Resources Law in the world.

• LL.M., Water Resources Law, U.S. Law Track — focused on issues affecting the United States and designed for students with a law degree to gain expertise in this growing field of environmental and natural resources law (24 units; 2-4 semesters, full- or part-time).

• LL.M., Water Resources Law, International Track — focused on the unique laws, policies and political dynamics as they apply to cross-boundary water issues and designed for law graduates interested in pursuing careers in government, non-governmental organizations or private law firms dealing with international water issues (24 units; 2-4 semesters, full- or part-time).

• J.S.D., International Water Resources Law — legal education’s equivalent to a Ph.D., with in-depth work on natural resources science, technology and economics.

Professor Stephen McCaffrey

Professor Jennifer L. Harder
teaches Water Resources Law and Water & Environmental Law Practice. She brings to the classroom a decade of experience as an attorney and partner in a premier natural resources practice, and is a co-author of the highly respected, *Cases and Materials on Water Law, 9th ed.*

I could not be happier with the practical water law education I gained at McGeorge. I found a great job representing public agencies in actions to recover clean-up costs from companies that pollute groundwater with toxic chemicals right after graduation, thanks to the help of my professors.

Bryan Barnhart, ’13 LL.M.
Litigation Associate at Miller & Axline

Once I got to McGeorge, I realized this was the perfect place to be. California has so many water issues, and Sacramento is in the policy center of it all. We have all these water policy experts, hydrologists, biologists—you’re in this hothed of really smart people and cutting edge ideas. I couldn’t have asked for a better school to learn water law. Part of the reason I’ve been able to be successful is because McGeorge is so willing to entertain student ideas.”

Kristian Corby, ’13 J.D., ’14 LL.M. (Fast Track)
Associate Attorney at King Williams & Gleason LLP
ADMISSION
Applicants for admission to the LL.M. programs must present evidence of:
• Graduation from a school of law in a foreign country whose educational authority has authorized that school to issue degrees in law; or
• Graduation from a school of law approved by the American Bar Association, or
• Admission to the Bar of a state in the United States or overseas.

DEADLINE
McGeorge does not have a firm application deadline. However, for students needing an F-1 visa, we encourage them to submit their application no later than May 15th as the F-1 student visa process may take up to 3 months.

L.L.M. APPLICATION CHECKLIST
□ Complete Online Application or LSAC application
□ Submit the following documents:
  □ Curriculum vitae (résumé);
  □ Statement of Interest;
  □ Original official transcripts from colleges, universities, and graduate or professional schools attended, including current law school transcript (application materials in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified English translation);
  □ Two letters of reference, preferably from law school professors or legal employers;
  □ For non-native English speakers, proof of English proficiency:
    □ Receipt of an undergraduate or graduate degree from an English language institution; OR
    □ Multi-year employment in a position in which English is the primary language of communication along with a legal writing sample; OR
    □ A minimum test score of 88 (Internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

VISA INFORMATION
The visa application process may differ depending upon the requirements of the specific consulate office in your home country. Our Graduate and International Programs Office will work individually with each student, guiding them through the F-1 visa process. Please keep in mind that U.S. consulate offices are often extremely busy in the summer months, as many students are applying for a visa. We recommend that our international students start the visa process no later than May 15th.

FEES AND EXPENSES
Tuition
The cost of attendance listed below is an estimate and reflects a budget for a nine (9) month academic year.

LL.M. – ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

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1 Subject to change/approval by the Board of Regents. A minimum of 24 units is required to graduate.
2 Subject to change/approval by the Board of Regents. Health Insurance is mandatory for students enrolled in 6 or more units.

LL.M. SCHOLARSHIPS
McGeorge offers the following scholarships:
• International Programs Fund: Young Lawyers
• LL.M Endowed Scholarship
• Emil Schnellbacher Memorial Scholarship
• Need-Based Scholarship
• Merit-Based Scholarship

Request more information at graduatelaw@pacific.edu.

FINANCIAL AID
U.S. Citizens and U.S. Permanent Residents may be eligible for federal financial aid. Others may be eligible to apply for alternative/private loans. In order to do so, they must have a co-signer that is a credit-worthy U.S. citizen. More information at go.mcgeorge.edu/financialaid.
JOB FAIRS

ISIP - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INTERVIEW PROGRAM JOB FAIR
McGeorge is part of a consortium of 32 law schools that host an annual job fair for foreign-trained LL.M. students. The program attracts more than 160 of the top legal employers from around the world.

WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL LL.M. JOB FAIR
McGeorge also participates in the West Coast Job Fair, which is only open to LL.M. students.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
There are plenty of rental opportunities in Sacramento, but the most convenient one is certainly our on-campus housing. We offer furnished and unfurnished apartments. We have one or two bedroom, or studios.

For more information, go to go.mcgeorge.edu/housing.

STUDENT LIFE

As a McGeorge graduate student, you will join an international community comprised of students from all over the world. Practicing legal skills doesn’t always happen in the classroom or during an internship. Student organizations play an integral role in the campus environment and educational process for law students at McGeorge and through them students have access to additional social and academic opportunities. The Sacramento community is diverse and you will have no problem finding several fun and educational extracurricular activities to do in between classes and studying.

BICYCLE RENTAL PROGRAM
McGeorge offers a bicycle rental program for International Students looking for a cost-effective way to get around Sacramento. Sacramento is a very bicycle-friendly city. There are not many hills and the public buses and trains have bicycle racks, making it a convenient yet affordable way to get around town. From McGeorge, students can ride to the grocery store or to several local restaurants and shops.

MCGEORGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The McGeorge Alumni Association is a strong community with more than 13,000 members, spread across all 50 states and more than 52 countries worldwide. Upon graduation you are immediately welcomed as a member of the Alumni Association. There are many ways to stay connected to the McGeorge School of Law — from our Pacific Law magazine to opportunities for connecting with classmates through our online community, to meeting your fellow alumni through chapters and events across the nation.

The Mentor Network lists McGeorge alumni and friends who have a particular interest in advising students and answering career-related questions, conducting mock interviews, and/or being featured as a "Day in the Life" speaker series panelist. The program is extremely valuable to McGeorge students and graduates.
LL.M. FAQ

Is there an international student community? Yes, there is a thriving international student community at McGeorge providing J.D. and LL.M. students with many opportunities to socialize, gain additional academic support and secure any resources they may need as they adjust to life in the United States.

Do I have to take the LSAT or a similar test before applying to the LL.M. Program? There is no entry or LSAT type exam that must be taken prior to applying to the LL.M. programs at McGeorge.

How long should my personal statement be? Your personal statement should contain all information that you believe is relevant for the admission committee to make a decision. Generally, personal statements in excess of four (4) pages would be considered too lengthy.

What kind of support is available to international students once on-campus? The Graduate and International Programs Office assists incoming and current international students in making a smooth transition to McGeorge and in taking advantage of the many opportunities available to them. The office offers a variety of resources, such as tailored academic counseling and support, shopping trips, special orientation, and a bike rental program.

Do LL.M. students have access to the same kinds of extracurricular activities as J.D. students? LL.M. students are eligible to participate in most of the extracurricular activities available to J.D. students. McGeorge has a lively student community including various student organizations, social and academic events and intramural sports. Additionally, Sacramento maintains a thriving social and political scene full of accessible events for students and their families.

Can I visit the campus? Every prospective student is encouraged to visit the beautiful, 13-acre campus. Individual visits can be arranged or students can do a video tour of campus and Sacramento on our website.

When and how do I get my student visa? After you have been admitted to McGeorge, we will send you a letter with detailed instructions about how to obtain your visa. Upon receipt of your deposit and the financial and personal information requested in the visa instructions letter, McGeorge will issue you an I-20 Certificate of Eligibility. Once you have received your I-20, you can apply for an F-1 student visa at the United States Consulate in your country.

When should I reserve my campus housing? On-campus housing is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible to reserve housing, you must have paid your deposit in full. Private apartments or rooms can be rented in the vicinity of the Law School, but you will probably only be able to rent private apartments after you arrive in Sacramento.

What does LL.M. mean? LL.M. is the abbreviation of the Latin Legum Magister, which means Master of Laws. In Latin, the plural form of a word is abbreviated by repeating the letter.

Will the LL.M. degree qualify me to take a Bar exam in the U.S.? Each state has its own rules for eligibility. Applications for the California Bar Exam and the New York Bar Exam are reviewed on a case by case basis, so you will need to submit your credentials directly to the Board of Bar Examiners for a determination of your eligibility. The Graduate Program Office will guide you on the process.

If I am not a U.S. citizen, will I be able to work while I study? The U.S. regulations do not allow F-1 or J-1 visa holders to be employed off-campus until they have completed one year of academic studies. After completing the LL.M. degree, F-1 students are entitled to a year of Optional Practical Training which allows them to be employed in the field of law. Application for the Optional Practical Training cannot be made until at least 90 days prior to graduation.

Does McGeorge have any other graduate programs? Yes, McGeorge offers a J.S.D. in International Water Resources Law and a Master of Science in Law (M.S.L.) degree, which is specifically designed for applicants trained in fields other than law.
We look forward to welcoming you at the McGeorge School of Law!

Apply today!

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