

FSU

COLLEGE OF LAW



LL.M. PROGRAMS

BUSINESS LAW

**AMERICAN LAW FOR
FOREIGN LAWYERS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL
LAW & POLICY**

BEST VALUE

The International Jurist magazine (2017) ranks Florida State an **A+ “Best Value” law program for foreign attorneys.**

National Jurist magazine (2016) ranks Florida State **the nation’s #9 “Best Value” law school.**

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW offers three LL.M. programs in Business Law, in American Law for Foreign Lawyers, and in Environmental Law and Policy. The programs are intellectually engaging and provide students with sophisticated, advanced legal training.

GLOBAL COMMUNITY

FSU Law’s student community is diverse and vibrant. Since the inception of our LL.M. programs, we have welcomed legal professionals from more than 35 countries on five continents.

FSU Law’s faculty is comprised of nationally and internationally recognized scholars with expertise in commercial law, corporate law, criminal law, environmental law, international human rights law, international law and tax law.

The law school promotes close working relationships among students and faculty to inspire students to discover a path of their own.

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FROM MORE THAN **35 COUNTRIES**
AROUND THE WORLD.

SUPPORT

LL.M. students receive personal attention and counseling from faculty advisors who help them design a curriculum that best meets their goals. LL.M. students take law classes with J.D. students and are fully integrated into the FSU Law community. Students interested in improving their English language ability can also receive one-on-one English training with our in-house English instructor.

LL.M. students also receive career advising based on their specific professional aspirations. They have access to a wide variety of networking opportunities to connect with FSU Law alumni who are eager to mentor and help current students.

1ST IN FLORIDA

According to a 2018 study of law faculty scholarly impact, our faculty is **1st in Florida and 29th best nationally.**

5 COURTROOMS

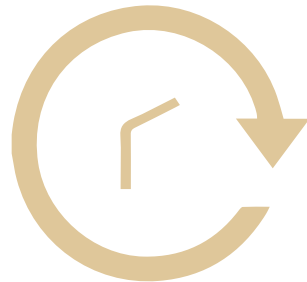
THE **50,000-SQUARE-FOOT ADVOCACY CENTER** HOUSES 5 COURTROOMS FOR ADVOCACY TRAINING.

STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Florida State has a comfortable, collaborative and open environment with state-of-the-art technology. All of the law school's classrooms are either new or recently remodeled and the university has a strong wireless infrastructure that allows students to utilize the internet throughout campus. Our 50,000-square-foot Advocacy Center houses five courtrooms for advocacy training.

FSU Law students have 24/7 access to the Research Center, which houses one of the most comprehensive collections of legal materials. The distinctive feature of the Research Center is that its award-winning faculty proactively trains students and other faculty members to produce highly sophisticated, cost-effective legal research.

24/7
ACCESS TO THE
RESEARCH CENTER



CAPITAL LOCATION. WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Tallahassee is an ideal place to study law. It is the capital of Florida — the nation's third largest state — and home to 500-plus law firms, state and federal courts, numerous state agencies, the Governor's Office and the Florida Legislature, and many are within walking distance of the law school. During legislative session, students have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the legislative process with Florida's successful policy makers and lawyers.

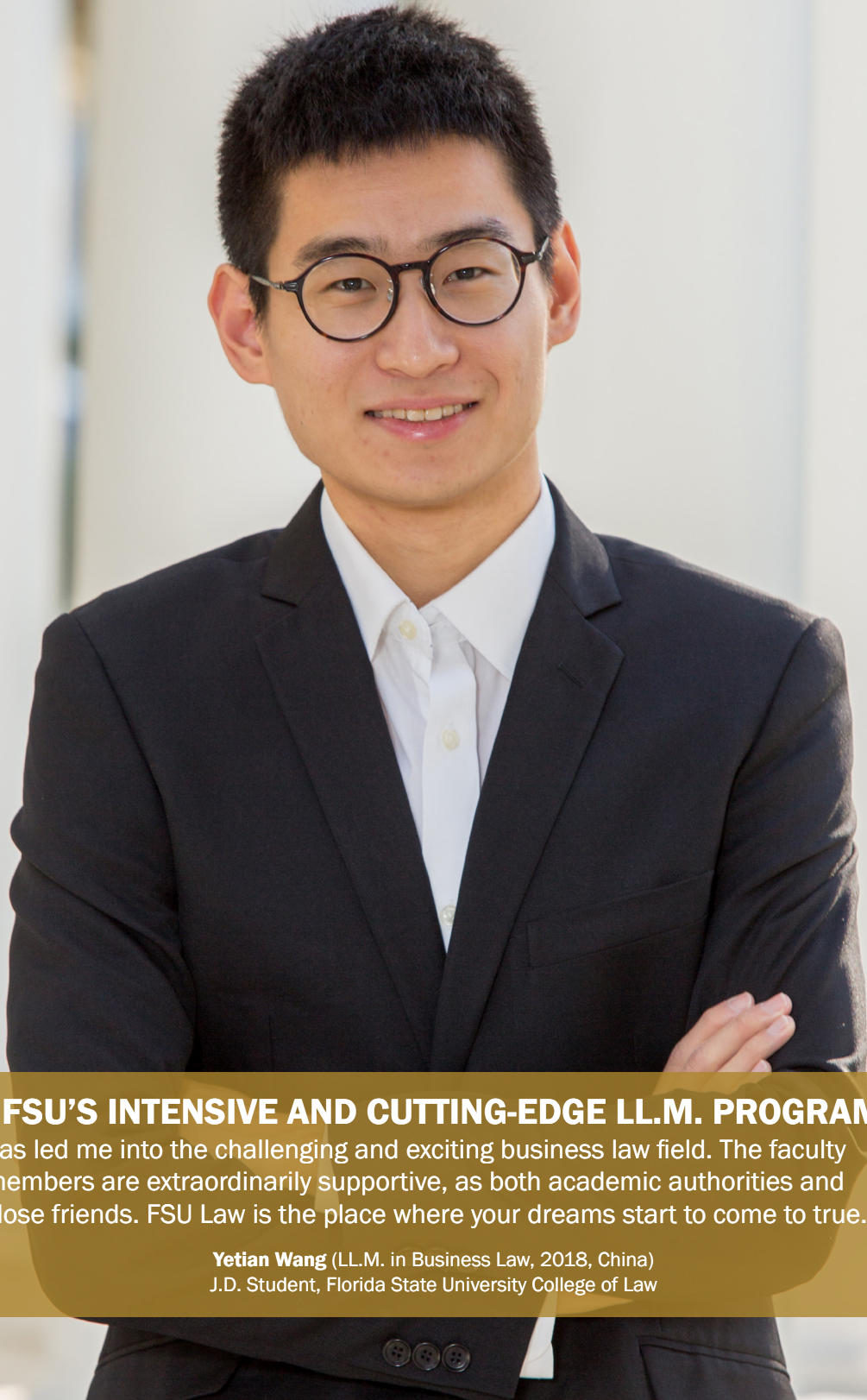
Tallahassee also offers affordable living and a diverse range of activities from natural adventures to art exhibits to music festivals.

500+

LAW FIRMS, STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND NUMEROUS STATE AGENCIES ARE IN TALLAHASSEE.

47th
BEST

U.S. News & World Report (2018) rates **Florida State as the 47th best law school in the nation.** Florida State's environmental law program is ranked 10th best nationally.



“FSU’S INTENSIVE AND CUTTING-EDGE LL.M. PROGRAM

has led me into the challenging and exciting business law field. The faculty members are extraordinarily supportive, as both academic authorities and close friends. FSU Law is the place where your dreams start to come to true.”

Yetian Wang (LL.M. in Business Law, 2018, China)
J.D. Student, Florida State University College of Law

BUSINESS LAW

The LL.M. in Business Law

is designed for both domestic and foreign lawyers who seek advanced training to better navigate today’s evolving business and legal landscape. The LL.M. in Business Law emphasizes areas of growing demand, such as regulatory compliance, in-house counsel, transactional law, complex business litigation, international law and financial regulation. Classes are taught by our world-class faculty, comprised of experienced practitioners, entrepreneurs and industry leaders.

LL.M. students may participate in the College of Law’s Business Law Clinic, in which students learn transactional skills and earn academic credit by helping advise business and social entrepreneurs within the Florida State University community.

The 24-credit program can be completed in one year on a full-time basis or up to three years on a part-time basis. All students complete at least 16 credits from the business law curriculum and foreign-trained students all take two required courses to establish a solid foundation in the American legal system.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Hands-on training opportunities to apply theory and skills.
- » Merit-based scholarships and partial-tuition waivers are offered to international students.
- » Graduates will be eligible to take the bar exam in New York and several other states in the U.S.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR



Manuel A. Utset, Jr.

**William & Catherine
VanDercreek Professor
and Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs**

J.D., University of Michigan, 1987

BUSINESS LAW: COURSE LIST

Business Law Courses:

- Advanced (Topics in) Corporate Governance Seminar
- Anatomy of a Deal
- Antitrust Law
- Bankruptcy
- Behavioral Law and Economics Seminar
- Business Law Clinic
- Business Legal Research
- Business Planning
- Closely Held Business Organizations
- Commercial Paper
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions
- Consumer Law
- Contract Drafting
- Contracts
- Corporate Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Corporate Law and Finance Seminar
- Corporations
- Dodd-Frank Act Seminar
- Doing Deals: Mergers & Acquisitions
- Estate and Gift Tax
- Estate Planning Workshop
- Financial Regulation Seminar
- Financial Statements Interpretation
- Game Theory for Business Lawyers Seminar
- Health Insurance: Markets & Regulation Seminar
- In-House Counsel
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Sales & Arbitration
- International Taxation
- International Trade and Investment Law
- Introduction to Business and Finance
- Land Transfer
- Law and Economics
- Law and Economics Seminar
- Law and Entrepreneurship
- Law & Risk Management
- Liability Among Associated Business Entities Seminar
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Real Estate Finance
- Real Estate Foundations
- Real Estate, Public Policy & Law
- Sales & Leases
- Secured Transactions
- Securities Regulation
- Tax Crimes
- Tax Policy Seminar
- Tax Procedure
- Taxation
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Torts

Electives:

- Administrative Law
- Admiralty Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Civil Discovery
- Clean Air Act
- Climate Change
- Coastal and Ocean Law
- Communications Law
- Complex Civil Litigation
- Complex Litigation Seminar
- Condominium and Community Housing Law
- Copyright Law
- Current Issues in Environmental Law & Policy Seminar
- Current Topics in Intellectual Property
- Cyber Law
- Depositions
- Disability Law
- E-Discovery and Digital Evidence
- Emerging Issues in Energy Law: Renewables and Unconventional Fossil Fuels
- Employment Discrimination
- Employment Law Survey
- Energy Law and Policy
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- First Amendment
- Florida Administrative Litigation
- Florida Administrative Practice
- Florida Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Gambling & Pari-Mutuel Law
- Global Health & Pharmaceutical Law Seminar
- Growth Management
- Health Law and Policy
- Health Reform Seminar
- Information Privacy Law
- International Aspects of Intellectual Property
- International Environmental Law
- International Litigation and Arbitration
- International Trade Transactions
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Land Use Regulation
- Law and Policy of Drilling and Fracturing for Fossil Fuels
- Legal Negotiations
- Legislation & Regulation
- Mediation Theory and Practice
- Natural Resources Law
- Natural Resources Law Seminar
- Negotiation
- Oil and Gas Law
- Patent Law
- Practical Skills in Land Use
- Products Liability
- Public Health Law
- Remedies
- Scientific Evidence
- Spanish for Lawyers
- Sports and the Law
- Technology for Lawyers
- Trademark Law Practicum
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- U.S. Space Law
- Water Resources Law and Policy
- White Collar Crime
- Workers' Compensation

EARNING MY LL.M. WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT U.S. LAWS and get international exposure. It was one of the best decisions in my life. Moving out from my comfort zone and living in another country was frightening for me, but it turned out to be an experience of a lifetime and boosted my career. I graduated in May 2018 and got a job within weeks. I started as a law clerk and within a month I was promoted to an attorney post in a state agency. My critical thinking and independent reading was encouraged quite a bit by FSU. I highly recommend FSU's LL.M. program because of the extremely experienced and outstanding faculty and staff.

Deepali Sain (LL.M. in Business Law, 2018, India)

Attorney, Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation

AMERICAN LAW FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS

The LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers

allows foreign-trained law professionals to gain profound understanding of the American legal system and the role of law in the United States. The LL.M. in American Law is FSU Law's most flexible program, allowing students to design their curriculum according to their interests and career aspirations. Students can choose from a wide variety of courses in a range of fields such as commercial law, criminal law, environmental law, intellectual property law, international law and other areas.

Students receive one-on-one attention and assistance with curriculum design and career planning. Students benefit not only from working with world-class faculty members and experienced administrators, but also by establishing professional relationships with other LL.M. students from around the world.

The 24-credit program can be completed in as few as nine months. All students are required to take two mandatory classes in the fall semester and can complete remaining credits by choosing specialized areas of law or selecting classes based on their interests.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » Merit-based scholarships and partial-tuition waivers are offered to international students.
- » Graduates are eligible to take the bar examination in some jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia, New York and Texas.
- » Graduates interested in pursuing a J.D. degree can apply to transfer to FSU's J.D. program without an LSAT score.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR



David E. Landau

Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs

*Ph.D., Political Science, Harvard University, 2015
J.D., Harvard University, 2004*

"I CURRENTLY HOLD A MANAGEMENT POSITION FOR THE LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AREA AT PwC PERU.

This was one of the many professional goals I had when I chose the LL.M. program at FSU. Not only did the program give me the opportunity to connect with great professionals from around the world, who ended up becoming my friends, but it also allowed me to look at my career with a broader professional scope. Also, the professors are great professionals and mentors. My experience at FSU taught me to always aim for a higher professional challenge, and this is where I find myself every day in my career."

Cecilia Manrique Barrenechea (LL.M. in American Law, 2014, Peru)
Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers S. Civil de RL

TOP 10

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (2018) RANKS FSU'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROGRAM AS **THE NATION'S 10TH BEST.**



THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING MY LL.M. IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY,

the amount of detailed personal attention I have received from the faculty and administration has surpassed any other experience I have had at previous universities. Attending FSU has opened many doors for the next steps in my career and expanded my

interest in the environmental field due to the many networking opportunities that have been provided, including participating in conferences with the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation in Denver, Colorado, and Victoria, British Columbia.

Barbara Harris (Current LL.M. student, Environmental Law & Policy)
Assistant State Attorney, Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY

Building on its highly ranked environmental law program,

FSU Law offers an LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy. The degree gives both domestically and internationally educated lawyers the opportunity to concentrate in or enhance their knowledge of environmental law, land use law, natural resources law and energy law. Working professionals can complete the program on a part-time basis and may take some online courses.

In addition to a rich curriculum taught by legal experts, students can take advantage of related courses offered by other departments at Florida State and benefit from our location in the capital of the nation's third largest state. LL.M. students have opportunities to seek employment with government agencies, administrative tribunals, public interest organizations, the state legislature and leading private law firms over the course of the LL.M. program.

The 24-credit program can be completed in one year on a full-time basis or up to three years on a part-time basis. Foreign students interested in taking the bar exam can request to take courses outside of the environmental law curriculum.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » U.S. News & World Report (2018) ranks FSU's environmental law program the nation's 10th best. FSU Law has been ranked in the top 20 programs for 13 consecutive years.
- » Rich externship program offered.
- » Year-round lectures, conferences and special events with renowned national and international environmental law scholars.

ACADEMIC ADVISOR



Shi-Ling Hsu

D'Alemberte Professor and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs

*Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Davis, 1998
J.D., Columbia University, 1987*

ADMISSIONS

To apply, you must have a first degree in law: either a J.D. from a U.S. law school or an LL.B. or an equivalent law degree from a non-U.S. college, university or law school, and provide the following:

- » Official transcripts
- » Updated CV
- » Personal statement
- » One letter of recommendation required, no more than two accepted (up to three for environmental program)
- » Legal writing sample (required for environmental program ONLY)

We offer merit-based scholarships and the Latin America-Caribbean Scholarship. Students do not need to apply separately. The application will serve as the scholarship application as well.

Applications open: **September 1**

Deadline: **July 15***

Application fee: \$30

Apply online at:

law.fsu.edu/LLMprograms

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*The Environmental Law and Policy LL.M. program also accepts applications for the spring semester. The deadline for spring is November 15.

Because the processing of student visas is often a time-consuming process, international students are strongly encouraged to submit their application for the fall semester by June 1.



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