

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW



LL.M.

MASTER OF LAWS, LL.M. / PROGRAM IN AMERICAN LAW

GO SOMEWHERE EXTRAORDINARY



YOUR FUTURE DESERVES IT



COMING TO THE UNITED STATES TO PURSUE AN EDUCATION IN AMERICAN LAW IS A SERIOUS ENDEAVOR, AND AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW WE REALIZE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE INFLUENCED BY MANY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS AS THEY DECIDE WHERE TO APPLY. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR CRITICAL INSTINCTS, LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE EVIDENCE AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELF WHAT MAKES OUR LL.M. PROGRAM SUCH A UNIQUE AND VALUABLE JOURNEY.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

As the world becomes increasingly more complex, interconnected and competitive, anyone seeking a profession in law must be purposeful in broadening his or her understanding of other legal systems. Now, more than ever, an international understanding of American law can be a powerful tool in any career that is centered upon a comprehensive knowledge of law.

YOU ARE THE REASON WE ARE HERE

Designed especially for international lawyers and students wanting to expand their range of legal scholarship and real-world experience, the yearlong full-time LL.M. Program at Wake Forest provides the opportunity of a lifetime in an environment of academic excellence, unparalleled friendliness, and natural beauty.



REWARDS OF

ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE

BE A PART OF A WORLD-RENOWNED UNIVERSITY



WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY, FOUNDED IN 1834, IS AN OUTSTANDING INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WITH SEVERAL DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING THE SCHOOL OF LAW, WHICH IS NATIONALLY RANKED IN ACADEMIC REPUTATION AND STUDENT SATISFACTION.

The School of Law is small in size but offers a broad curriculum in business law, international law, administrative law, criminal law, intellectual property and international business transactions. The School was recently recognized as a 'Best Value' school in the United States by *The National Jurist* magazine.

JUDICIAL OBSERVATION PROGRAMS

Wake Forest School of Law is one of only a few law schools in the nation to participate in the Federal Judicial Observation Program and a similar program with the North Carolina Business Court.

Participating students are matched with U.S. federal judges for internships after graduation, allowing them to gain a comprehensive, practical understanding of both the civil and criminal litigation process in the United States.

FIELD TRIPS

Each year the LL.M. class travels to Washington, D.C. to hear two oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court. Students also observe trials in progress in the North Carolina state court system, where they may talk directly to judges and other court officials. Presentations by the FBI and U.S. Secret Service are fascinating elements of an end-of-year visit to a U.S. federal court.



Judge Ben Tennille on the North Carolina Complex Business Court supervised LL.M. student Sean Morree (Nausau, Bahamas) in the Wake Forest Judicial Observation Program.



CONNECTIONS TO PEOPLE

MAKE FRIENDS YOU WILL KEEP FOREVER



Professor Palmiter greets students at the annual fall dinner party at his home.

A DISTINGUISHING FEATURE OF THE LL.M. PROGRAM AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY IS THE SIZE OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH IS LIMITED TO ABOUT TWENTY OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS. THE PROGRAM'S SMALL SIZE FOSTERS DEEP AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LL.M. STUDENTS AND AMERICAN J.D. STUDENTS.



Generally, classes consist of no more than 40 students and seminars no more than 15.

LL.M. students are in the very same classes with first, second and third-year J.D. students. In fact, LL.M. students may take any course that is available in the School of Law curriculum. By enabling students from diverse backgrounds and cultures to work together, friendships and interdependence blossom in both academic and social settings. Discussions in the classroom often continue later as conversations among friends. Working and socializing closely with fellow American law students is a vital and fulfilling part of the Wake Forest program.

LL.M. students will also find professors at Wake Forest University more available and attentive than is possible at larger schools. The School of Law has a tradition of offering a friendly and supportive atmosphere, where professors and students enjoy comfortable relationships that often extend beyond the classroom. Each LL.M. student is paired with an upper level J.D. student and assigned a professor as an individual faculty adviser. The Assistant Dean of the LL.M. program also offers academic and personal counseling throughout the program.

BECOME ENCHANTED WITH NORTH CAROLINA

EXPERIENCE A BEAUTIFUL PART OF THE WORLD





WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW AT A GLANCE

- ~ Total enrollment: 490
- ~ LL.M. Program enrollment: 20
- ~ The admissions credentials of Wake Forest law students place them in the top 15% in the United States.
- ~ Number of states represented: 35
- ~ Number of undergraduate institutions represented: 180
- ~ 50% women. 50% men.
- ~ Winston-Salem population: 185,000
- ~ Housed in Worrell Professional Center, 17,000 square meters of spacious facility built around a congenial courtyard.
- ~ One of the only U.S. law schools ranked in the top tier in both academic reputation and student satisfaction.
- ~ Wake Forest University is comprised of: the undergraduate college, graduate school of arts and sciences, and professional schools of medicine, management, and theology.
- ~ Wake Forest University is located on 340 beautifully landscaped and wooded acres.

FURTHER ENRICHING YOUR LL.M. EXPERIENCE WILL BE THE WONDERFUL SETTING OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. OUR UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, RECENTLY VOTED ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE COUNTRY, STRETCHES PLEASINGLY OVER 340 ACRES OF ROLLING TERRAIN IN WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

Near campus you will find forested walking trails, the beautiful Reynolda Gardens and the quietly monumental Graylyn Estate. Beyond the university, Winston-Salem is a small, culturally diverse city with a lively and sophisticated arts community, offering a respected local symphony, live theater and art galleries. Our revitalized downtown is surrounded by tree-lined streets and cozy, attractive neighborhoods. To make the area's ideal position indisputable, spectacular natural wonders bookend our city on either side—just four hours to the east stretch the spectacular sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean, while two hours to the west rise the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains.



THINK IT THROUGH

APPLY WITH CONFIDENCE

THE LL.M. PROGRAM AT WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY IS AN EXCELLENT COMBINATION OF ACADEMIC FOCUS AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT IN A FRIENDLY, BEAUTIFUL SETTING. OUR DEDICATED FACULTY IS READY TO PROVIDE YOU THE BASICS OF AMERICAN LAW AS YOU STUDY ALONGSIDE AMERICAN J.D. STUDENTS, WHO THEMSELVES TRAVEL HERE FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. IF YOU SHOULD DECIDE WAKE FOREST IS THE RIGHT EXPERIENCE FOR YOU, WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Wake Forest LL.M. Program in American Law is a rigorous and challenging one-year program of study for lawyers and law graduates who have a first degree in law from a law school or law faculty in their home country. The program is open only to foreign law graduates who plan to return to their home countries upon completion of their LL.M. degree.

To qualify for an LL.M. degree at Wake Forest, a student must successfully finish two semesters of study in residence and must complete 24 semester hours of course work. LL.M. students attend classes with American J.D. students. Students can pursue coursework and directed research in an area of law that interests them. Students may also, with permission, take courses from an approved list of graduate courses in the university, including the Babcock Graduate School of Management. During the academic year, LL.M. students have the option to write a thesis or take a seminar in which the student writes a paper, for two hours credit, under the supervision of a member of the faculty. All LL.M. stu-



dents must enroll in the Introduction to American Law course that begins in the regular fall semester and continues through spring semester. This required two-hour course is taught by members of the law faculty and provides an overview of the American legal system and basic legal methodology. The program includes an introduction to the law library and computer-assisted legal research.

Enrollment in the LL.M. program is generally limited to no more than twenty international law graduates. Our program is a full-time program, beginning in the fall semester (August) of the year you are admitted. We may permit a student to enroll for an additional semester or year. If you are interested in enrolling in our LL.M. program for more than one academic year, please explain the circumstances in your application.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Admission decisions for the Wake Forest LL.M. program are based on many factors, including assessment of the applicant's ability to meet the demanding academic program. Among the factors we consider are the applicant's academic and professional record, the candidate's ability to enhance the academic program of the School of Law, and the geographic diversity of the class.

All courses in the program are taught in English. A thorough understanding of both written and spoken English is a prerequisite to admission. Foreign law graduates whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a minimum required TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based test), 250 (computer-based test) or 100 (internet-based test).

Applicants should register for the TOEFL at least two months before the examination is given. Score results must arrive at the School of Law by the application deadline.

VISA INFORMATION

The Wake Forest University's Center for International Studies provides personal service to all LL.M. students concerning visas and orientation to our campus, community, and culture throughout their enrollment at Wake Forest. Under U.S. Immigration regulations, Wake Forest can issue a Certificate of Eligibility for a student F-1 visa only after

- you have been accepted to our LL.M. program,
- you have paid the required deposits, and
- you have provided evidence of sufficient funds to cover your full course of study and living expenses while enrolled in the LL.M. program.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The final deadline for applying to the Wake Forest LL.M. Program is **March 15**. You should, however, submit your application and supporting materials as soon as possible. The School of Law employs a "rolling admissions" process, which means that we review applications as soon as we receive a fully completed application. Please mail your application package to:

LL.M. Admissions
Wake Forest University School of Law
Box 7206
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CONTACT

For further information, please contact:
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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

All of the following must be included in your application package to Wake Forest School of Law.

TO BE SENT DIRECTLY BY THE APPLICANT:

_____ **APPLICATION FORM.** Fully complete the attached application form for the LL.M. program, including your personal statement.

_____ **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS.** Send an official transcript from each institution of higher learning (university, college) that you have attended. The transcript must be in the language of the institution, as well as in English, and should explain the university's grading system.

_____ **APPLICATION FEE.** Send a non-refundable \$70 application fee. Please pay this fee by money order or official bank check drawn in U.S. currency, payable to Wake Forest University School of Law or an international postal money order in U.S. dollars. Credit card payments are not accepted.

_____ **DOCUMENTATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.** All applicants must provide documentation certifying adequate financial resources to pay for tuition, books, and living expenses during the one-year LL.M. program at Wake Forest. Tuition and expenses for the academic school year are listed in the Financial Insert page of this application. You must submit your application with a letter from a bank or sponsor verifying that you or your sponsor has the necessary financial resources. Financial documentation consists of two parts:

- (1) Certified Bank Statements. You (or your sponsor) must provide certified bank statements or other official financial support statements to prove that you have the funds to pay for your tuition, books, and living expenses for your year of study at Wake Forest. Bank or financial statements must be accompanied by a cover letter on the financial institution's letterhead.

- (2) Sponsorship Letter(s). If you have a scholarship, your sponsor must send us a letter affirming a commitment to provide funds for your LL.M. studies and stating the amount of the scholarship. If your parents or other family members are your sponsors, they should be specific as to the amount they will be providing. You should submit a letter from them stating their commitment to financially sponsor your education in the United States and specifying their relationship to you. Included with the letter should be an official letter from a bank or other financial institution verifying that they have sufficient funds to provide for your full course of study and living expenses.

TO BE SENT DIRECTLY BY REFERENCES:

(or included with your application package if recommendations are in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal):

_____ **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.**

TO BE SENT BY THE TESTING AGENCY:

_____ **TOEFL SCORE.** If you are from a non-English speaking country or your native language is not English, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), given by the Educational Testing Service. Please request the ETS to send official TOEFL scores to Wake Forest University School of Law. You should plan on taking the TOEFL as early as possible, since scores can take up to two months to reach us. Unless there are unusual circumstances, we require a minimum score of 600 (paper-based), 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet-based). Our institution code is 5885, and the department code is 03.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO LL.M. PROGRAM IN AMERICAN LAW

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Please attach recent photo.

NAME _____
LAST *FIRST* *MIDDLE*

PRESENT ADDRESS _____

Until _____

Telephone _____ Fax (if available) _____

E-mail (if available) _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

Telephone _____

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Citizenship _____

If now in the United States, indicate the type of visa you have _____

TOEFL Score _____ If none, indicate when you plan to take the TOEFL _____

List all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools attended or currently attending.

<i>DATES</i>	<i>INSTITUTION</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>	<i>DEGREE AND DATE</i>	<i>MAJOR</i>	<i>CLASS RANK</i>
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List all academic honors, publications, and relevant extracurricular activities.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION AND WAIVER FORM
FOR LL.M. PROGRAM IN AMERICAN LAW (INTERNATIONAL STUDENT)

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Please print.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____
LAST *FIRST* *MIDDLE*

TO THE APPLICANT

The School of Law requires two letters of recommendation that discuss your suitability for enrolling in and completing our Master of Laws program. We prefer references from former law professors, your current employer, or someone with whom you have worked in the field of law or business. Recommendation letters should be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

Please copy this form for each recommender or print additional copies from the Wake Forest LL.M. web site. Complete the first part of the form and provide the forms to your references, who are to mail the forms directly to the School of Law using the address on the recommendation form. In the alternative, the recommender may enclose the recommendation form and letter in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign it across the seal, and return it to you to be submitted, unopened, with the other application materials.

APPLICANT'S WAIVER OF RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

For the purpose of encouraging candor, I freely waive my right of access to any information supplied by the person named as reference on this form. I agree that the information shall remain confidential.

Date _____ Signature _____

TO THE WRITER OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The person named above is an applicant for admission to the Wake Forest University School of Law Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program in American Law. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your candid evaluation of this applicant. You may mail your recommendation letter and this form directly to Wake Forest School of Law LL.M. Program or you may enclose the recommendation and form in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign it across the seal, and return it to the applicant to be submitted, unopened, with the other application materials. Please consider the following questions in providing your evaluation of the applicant:

- (1) How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- (2) What is your assessment of the applicant's academic and legal abilities?
- (3) What is the applicant's proficiency in written and oral English?
- (4) What is your knowledge of the applicant's integrity or lack of integrity?
- (5) How adaptable will the applicant be to living and studying in the United States?

Please sign the statement below and return this form with your letter of recommendation.

Signature of writer of recommendation _____

Title and institution _____

Name of recommender (please print) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____



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