

Admissions

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Eligibility

WashU encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid, and employment. WashU does not discriminate in access to or treatment or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability, or genetic information.

To be considered for admission, all applicants must submit an online application and meet the specific degree requirements for their program of interest. While some materials are optional, they are highly recommended for a more competitive application.

Program-Specific Degree Requirements

- *Master of Legal Studies (MLS)*: Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited college or university from the applicant's home country
- *Master of Legal Studies (MLS) in Taxation*: Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) from an accredited college or university from the applicant's home country
- *LLM in U.S. Law**: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or equivalent first degree in law from the applicant's home country
- *Master of Laws*: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or equivalent first degree in law from the applicant's home country or Juris Doctor (JD) from a U.S. law school
- *LLM in Taxation*: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or equivalent first degree in law from the applicant's home country or Juris Doctor (JD) from a U.S. law school
- *LLM in Intellectual Property & Technology Law*: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or equivalent first degree in law from the applicant's home country or Juris Doctor (JD) from a U.S. law school
- *Doctor of Juridical Science (JSD)*: LLM degree from a U.S. law school

* **Note for LLM in U.S. Law applicants:** In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants intending to seek bar admission are encouraged to determine the requirements for their chosen jurisdiction by contacting the [National Conference of Bar Examiners \(NCBE\)](#).

Application Materials and Supporting Documents

- *Transcripts*: Provide copies of transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. (**Note:** Official transcripts are required for all students upon enrollment in the program.)
- *Personal Statement*: A statement of approximately 500 words detailing your interest in the program and professional goals
- *Resume or CV (Required for MLS)*: A current record of your professional and academic history
- *Letters of Recommendation (Optional)*: While not required, you may submit up to two letters of recommendation to support your application.
- *GPA Addendum*: If your cumulative GPA from a prior degree is below 3.0, you are encouraged to submit an addendum to clarify or elaborate on the circumstances regarding your academic performance.
- *Research Proposal (Required for JSD)*: Submit a proposal with a summary and description of a research problem and its relevance to law.

WashU is responsible for confirming that visitors and students possess the necessary level of English language proficiency to succeed in their respective course of study and/or program. For details on English language proficiency requirements for applicants to WashU Law's online programs, applicants should reference the [WashU Office for International Students & Scholars website](#).

Application Process

WashU Law does not charge an application fee. Candidates should apply directly through our [Online Application portal](#).

Admitted applicants are required to submit a tuition deposit to secure their seat in the class and any scholarship awards.

All admitted students are reviewed for scholarship awards. No separate documentation or additional application is required for this review; the Admissions Committee will evaluate an applicant's candidacy for scholarship based on their existing application materials.

Contact gradlaw@wustl.edu if you have any questions about applying to WashU Law.