



GeorgiaState  
University


COLLEGE  
OF LAW

LL.M. Program for  
U.S. Lawyers



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Georgia State Law,  
located in downtown  
Atlanta, understands  
the demands of today's  
legal market and  
trains lawyers who  
are innovative and  
motivated to make a  
difference in health law,  
intellectual property  
law or environmental  
and land-use law  
through its master of  
laws' concentrations.

# Welcome

Amidst the vibrant city of Atlanta, you will find a law school with heart and a building that exemplifies the program within it. The college is extremely proud of the extraordinary community of scholars and friends it has created in just 36 years. In our home at 85 Park Place, we blend state-of-the-art design and technology with our innovative and practice-based curriculum.



*“Follow in the footsteps of thousands of Georgia State Law alumni who every day profoundly impact their clients, our communities and the legal profession.”*

Wendy F. Hensel  
Dean and Professor of Law

# 85 Park Place

Within the heart of one of the world's premier cities, we truly have the ability to challenge and refine legal education. Students and graduates alike contribute to the law school and beyond. Georgia State Law's location, programs and value are unrivaled.



# Engaged Learning

Our students, faculty, staff and alumni create a rich, vibrant, supportive learning environment in which students have the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

Georgia State Law, one of the most diverse law schools in the nation, helps practicing lawyers hone their skills in health law, environmental and land-use law and intellectual property law. A dynamic global city, Atlanta is rich in law firms, Fortune 500 companies, courts and numerous federal branch offices. As a large metropolitan area, Atlanta is working to solve inequality, urban growth, health disparities and access to justice issues, creating numerous opportunities for our students.





# Atlanta

**Atlanta is the hub of business, health care, research, government, entertainment and nonprofit organizations in the South. Students network, work and train with attorneys in all areas of the law with unparalleled opportunities for real-world experience.**

With Atlanta as your playground, you can take advantage of all a big city has to offer. An urban lifestyle mixed with Southern charm provides a unique and incomparable atmosphere. Georgia State Law students can enjoy a cup of coffee and a spectacular view on the sixth-floor garden terrace, gather with friends at a museum, or dine in one of Atlanta's many eclectic neighborhoods.

During a study break, you can stroll along the historic and unique Beltline, or show your Atlanta pride while cheering for the Hawks, Braves, Falcons or Atlanta United. You can join your classmates to check out Atlanta's flourishing art scene, including concerts from local artists to today's biggest stars. Atlanta is filled with exciting events such as Jazz Fest, Music Midtown, DragonCon and the Dogwood Festival. Whether you are lounging in Piedmont Park or shopping in a trendy boutique, Atlanta offers it all.

Home to professional sports teams, the nation's largest aquarium and the busiest passenger airport, Atlanta is the capital of the South. With rich culture, thought-provoking museums and theaters, a booming music scene, a burgeoning movie industry and five-star restaurants, Atlanta is the place to be.



# Experience

Students in our LL.M. programs are given the opportunity to dive deeper into their focus area, developing the expertise in health law, environmental and land-use law, intellectual property or general legal studies, and skills needed to advise clients in these rapidly changing areas.

## Concentration in Environmental and Land-Use Law

Environmental and land-use law are exciting fields of practice with relevance to daily life. Development, transportation, housing, air quality, and management of natural resources are issues that affect all of us.

Environmental and land-use law attorneys must understand how to work collaboratively with professionals from other fields such as planners, engineers, developers and government officials. And, they must understand how to work with the affected communities. Through the LL.M. with a concentration in environmental and land-use law, students will be prepared for practice in this interdisciplinary field.

With its **Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth**, Georgia State Law offers students a unique opportunity to study and experience environmental and land-use law from a broad, global perspective. Innovative courses such as the Urban Fellows Program, International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy, and study abroad opportunities help students understand the larger picture and interconnected nature of this area of work.

### LL.M. with a Concentration in Environmental and Land-Use Law

This program is designed for attorneys transitioning to environmental and land-use law from another area of the law or seeking to deepen their knowledge to enhance their existing practice or career.

#### Requirements, 26 credits

- Urban Fellows Program . . . . . 3 credit hours
- International Perspectives on Urban Law and Policy . . . 3 credit hours
- Advanced Property Seminar . . . . . 2 credit hours
- Urban Environmental Law . . . . . 3 credit hours
- Administrative Law . . . . . 3 credit hours\*
- Land-Use Law . . . . . 3 credit hours\*
- Environmental Law . . . . . 3 credit hours\*
- Environmental and Land-Use Law Electives. . . . . 6 credit hours
- Substantial writing project through the Urban Fellows Program

\* If not satisfied through J.D. Program

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



## Concentration in Health Law

Health law is a complex and rapidly changing field, encompassing laws that regulate the health care industry, the public health, and the delivery and financing of health care services. It also includes more general laws that can impact law and health care.

From health care to patients' rights, health information privacy, prevention and control of communicable diseases, and approval of new drugs and devices, attorneys must be prepared to address cutting-edge legal, ethical, and policy issues across the field of health law.

With a top 10 nationally ranked health law program through the Center for Law, Health & Society, Georgia State Law offers educational and research programs to meet these contemporary health law challenges. Through the LL.M. with a concentration in health law, lawyers prepare for practice or policy work in health law through exposure to the foundations and key concepts, laws, policies, institutions, skills, and values in the health law field.

## Concentration in Intellectual Property Law

The information age demands qualified and skilled intellectual property lawyers, given the rise in prominence of information and knowledge. The increasing importance of IP is evident in the number of intellectual property cases taken up by the U.S. Supreme Court and the number of IP laws passed by Congress.

The LL.M. with a concentration in intellectual property law fosters the knowledge and skills that the contemporary intellectual property lawyer needs in the rapidly changing IP practice. Learn how to apply foundational legal concepts in diverse intellectual property settings, including litigation, transactional work and prosecution.

### LL.M. with a Concentration in Health Law

This program is designed for attorneys transitioning to health law from another area of the law or seeking to deepen their knowledge of a particular area of health law to enhance their existing practice or career.

#### Requirements, 26 credits

Health Law: Quality and Access. . . . .	3 credit hours*
Health Law: Finance and Delivery. . . . .	3 credit hours*
Health law electives . . . . .	12 credit hours
General law electives . . . . .	8 credit hours
Substantial writing project on a health law topic	

\* If not satisfied through J.D. Program



HEALTH LAW

### LL.M. with a Concentration in Intellectual Property Law

This program is designed for attorneys transitioning to intellectual property law from another area of the law or seeking to deepen their knowledge of a particular area of IP law to enhance their existing practice or career. Our core intellectual property courses, electives and various programmatic opportunities enrich our students' understanding of the many facets of the intellectual property field.

#### Requirements, 26 credits

Copyright Law. . . . .	3 credit hours*
Patent Law. . . . .	3 credit hours*
Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law . . . . .	3 credit hours*
IP electives . . . . .	9 credit hours
General law electives . . . . .	8 credit hours
Substantial writing project on an intellectual property law topic	

\* If not satisfied through J.D. Program

# Flexibility

Georgia State Law understands the demands of today's legal market. Our graduates are driven, passionate and capable of contributing in any position after graduation. Our holistic approach blends theory with practice, allowing our students broad academic choices while participating in externships, our research centers, clinical opportunities and practice-based classes.

Whether you are right out of law school, in a successful career, or contemplating a change in practice, our program will work for you. We offer both full-time and part-time options with classes in both the day and evening, making it possible to pursue a master of laws (LL.M.) while you tend to work, family and other responsibilities.

Georgia State Law is nationally recognized for its flexible full-time and part-time programs with day and evening courses available for LL.M. students. Regardless of which option you choose, when you apply to Georgia State Law you are applying to a world-class legal institution where all programs are taught by distinguished faculty.

Full-time students usually take one year to earn their LL.M. and may attend classes during the day, evening, or a combination thereof. Part-time students, usually those juggling full-time jobs or family obligations, typically take two years to complete their LL.M.

## Summer Courses

Our summer courses allow students to catch up or lessen their schedules during the fall and spring. For part-time students, this means you may be able to finish your degree in 18 months instead of two years.

## Our Research Centers and Institutes

- Atlanta Center for International Arbitration and Mediation
- The Center for Access to Justice
- The Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth
- The Center for Intellectual Property
- The Center for Law, Health and Society
- The Consortium on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- The National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism

Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/centers](http://law.gsu.edu/centers).

## Practice-Based and Simulation Courses

An interactive classroom experience works hand-in-hand with our foundation in practice-based learning, giving students the knowledge and skill set they need to apply the law in their work as a student as well as in their professional endeavors.

## Pro Bono Program

Our **Center for Access to Justice's** Pro Bono Program connects students with legal volunteer opportunities to address unmet legal needs under the supervision of a practicing attorney to enhance the capacity of the law to do justice. Learn more at [law.gsu.edu/pro-bono-program](http://law.gsu.edu/pro-bono-program).

## Pro-Bono Recognition Program

Georgia State Law's culture of giving back is reflected in our Pro-Bono Recognition Program. At graduation, we celebrate our students who donate significant hours of service. The Class of 2017 alone donated 13,200 pro bono hours.







*Georgia State Law's LL.M. program is one of the most affordable and economical offered anywhere.*

## Tuition and Fees

Consistently ranked a best value, Georgia State Law offers competitive LL.M. tuition rates.

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### GEORGIA RESIDENT COSTS

Full-time tuition/fees per year:	\$17,050
Full-time tuition per semester:	\$7,404
Full-time tuition per year:	\$14,808
Part-time tuition per credit hour:	\$617
Fees each semester:	\$1,121

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### NONRESIDENT COSTS

Full-time tuition/fees per year:	\$36,658
Full-time tuition per semester:	\$17,208
Full-time tuition per year:	\$34,416
Part-time tuition per credit hour:	\$1,434
Fees each semester:	\$1,121

2017-18 Tuition and fees are subject to change. Visit [law.gsu.edu/paying-for-law-school](http://law.gsu.edu/paying-for-law-school).

## Dedicated Faculty

Our professors are sought-after teachers and researchers who develop casebooks, write legal codes, help frame civil rights issues, serve as legal experts, advise internationally and keep regular office hours. In fact, all employ an open-door policy with posted hours, with offices on the same floors as our classrooms.

Once here, ask Professor Lauren Sudeall Lucas about her time clerking for Justice John Paul Stevens at the U.S. Supreme Court. Or take a seat in Professor Leslie Wolf's Human Subjects Research class and ask her about how certificates of confidentiality apply to research projects or Professor Paul Lombardo's bioethics class and ask about the history of eugenics. If your interests lie in intellectual

property or entertainment, talk to Professor Michael Landau; he's an internationally recognized authority on these subjects. Or if you are interested in environmental and land use law, touch base with Julian Juergensmeyer; the world's expert in impact fees, or John T. Marshall about his work in redeveloping New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

## Join Our Ranks

Georgia State Law builds a community. When you enter 85 Park Place, you join the ranks of people who are committed to you and one another.

### Student Organizations

We have more than 25 organizations that offer service opportunities, community events, mentorships and networking.

Our Student Bar Association sets the tone and ensures that everyone works together to advance the college and our chosen profession.

### Mindfulness

Our optional Mindfulness training and yoga can help ground you and give you the skills to find work/life balance within the profession.

### Foreign LL.M. Program

You will be joined by international lawyers from our **LL.M. Program for Foreign-Trained Lawyers**. These lawyers enrich and add a global perspective to our classrooms, while they work to advance their careers by qualifying to practice in the United States or broaden their knowledge in specialty fields. Learn more about our foreign LL.M. program at [law.gsu.edu/llm-foreign](http://law.gsu.edu/llm-foreign).

## The Center for Professional Development & Career Strategies

is dedicated to providing real value to students and alumni. Services include personalized counseling, customized and innovative job search strategies and effective networking advice for the development of authentic relationships. The overarching goal is to prepare, assist, encourage and support students and alumni throughout their career journey. The center also offers personal communication and branding workshops, networking events, on-campus interviews and job fairs, interview guidance and career coaching.



# Apply

LL.M. applicants must submit an application through **LSAC**, [llm.lisac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx](http://llm.lisac.org/LOGIN/Access.aspx). Application deadline for fall semester is **July 15**.

## The following documents are required for the LL.M.:

- Application;
- Curriculum vitae or resume;
- Personal statement;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- Transcript from the J.D. institution;
- Other graduate transcripts, if applicable; and
- A professional or academic writing sample.

There is an application fee of \$50.

It is strongly recommended that applicants have three years of post J.D. experience prior to applying to the LL.M. Program.

## Connect with Georgia State Law

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Twitter: [@GSULawadmissions](https://twitter.com/GSULawadmissions)

Our blog: [law.gsu.edu/law-school-unplugged](http://law.gsu.edu/law-school-unplugged)



## THE FINE PRINT

### ADMISSIONS DISCLOSURE

The College of Law admits students based upon certification that the application materials are complete and accurate.

If you have omitted anything or any information changes, you must amend your application immediately. This obligation shall continue until you graduate from the College of Law. Misrepresentations may result in the invalidation of your application, revocation of admission, discipline under the College of Law Honor Code, report to the LSAC or bar authorities and/or other actions.

Pay close attention to Questions 3 and 4 on the Character and Fitness section of your application and the Criminal Certification following Question 4. Note: All moving violations must be disclosed; only parking tickets are exempt.

### GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

Georgia State University is an equal opportunity educational institution. Faculty, staff and students are admitted, employed and treated without regard to race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability. Georgia State University complies

with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act, as well as other applicable federal, state and local laws.

### ABA CHARACTER AND FITNESS STATEMENT

Applicants are required to provide the ABA-accredited College of Law with information about their academic and personal background, including criminal history. The failure to answer any such questions fully and honestly may adversely affect one's application or result in actions, up to and including revocation of admission.

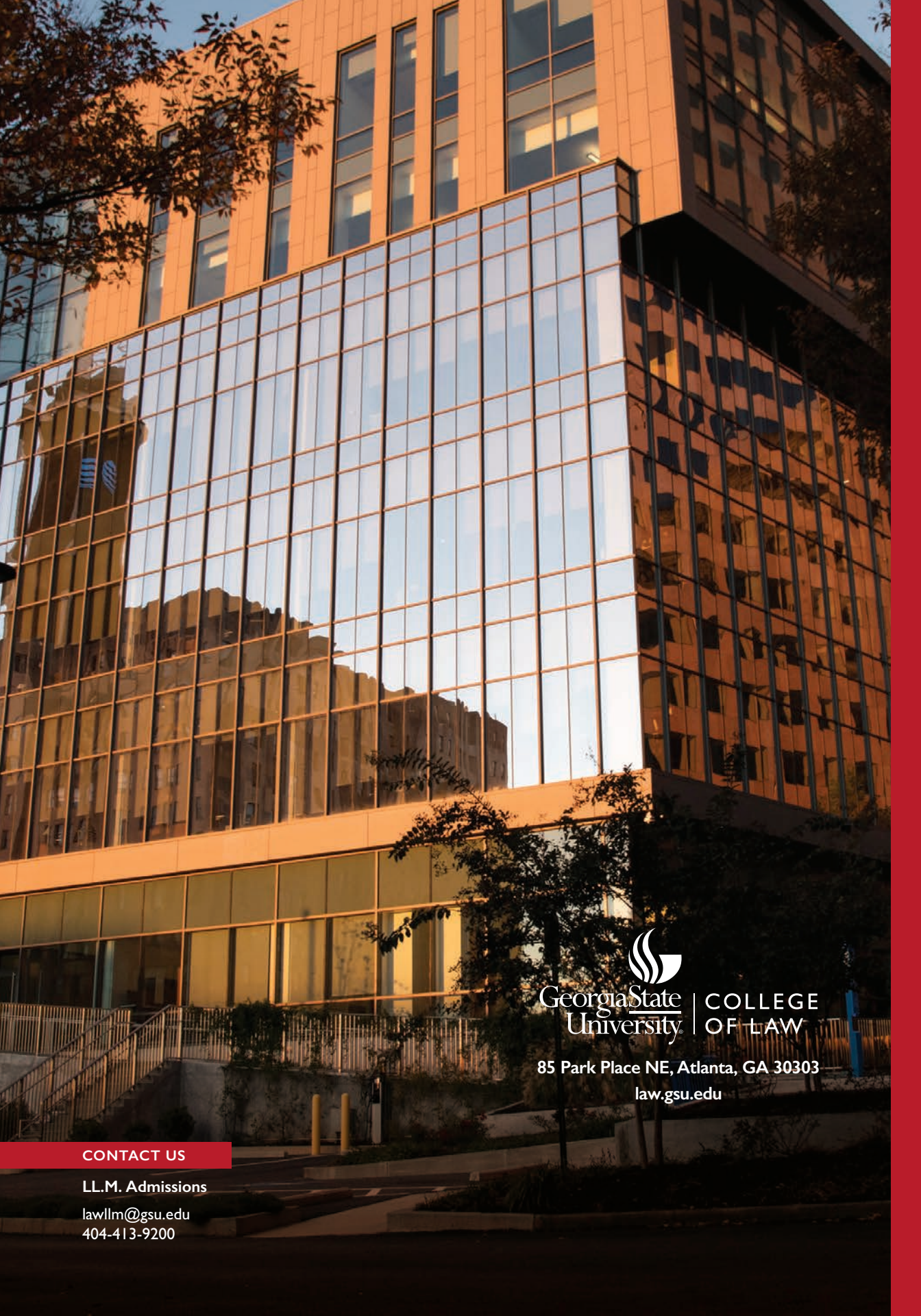
Every American jurisdiction in which you may practice law after graduation from law school requires each applicant for admission to the bar to meet character and fitness requirements as a condition of eligibility for admission. You are encouraged, as you go through the law school application process and before you enter law school, to determine the requirements of the jurisdiction(s) where you intend to practice

law. If you are uncertain where you will practice law, you may wish to review the Standard NCBE Character and Fitness Application, titled Request for Preparation of a Character Report, of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, which is used by a number of jurisdictions' bar admission authorities. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available at [ncbex.org](http://ncbex.org).

Complete information about Georgia's character and fitness rules, as well as bar exam and admission procedures, may be found at [gabaradmissions.org](http://gabaradmissions.org). Students applying for admission in states other than Georgia are encouraged to review the specific admissions requirements of those states.

### SACS ACCREDITATION

Georgia State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 or visit the website at [sacscoc.org](http://sacscoc.org) for questions about the accreditation of Georgia State University.



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