I invite you to consider pursuing an LL.M. at Vanderbilt Law School for an important reason: The future of U.S. legal education is here.

We offer a first-rate faculty of internationally renowned scholars and teachers, a challenging and intellectually rigorous curriculum, and specialized programs—including Law and Business and International Legal Studies—all in one of the best-designed law school buildings in the United States, situated on one of the most beautiful university campuses in America.

But what truly sets Vanderbilt apart from other top law schools is the premium we place on the classroom experience. Our students benefit from close faculty supervision and accessibility, and because of its small size and selectivity, our LL.M. program offers many other advantages.

I invite you to discover them for yourself.

Chris Guthrie
Dean
John Wade-Kent Syverud Professor of Law
Each fall, approximately 30 foreign-trained attorneys and international students from all over the world come to Vanderbilt Law School for intensive graduate legal study. Students in our LL.M. program spend a challenging and productive year learning about the American legal system, being trained in American legal research methods, and exploring global legal issues in classes with American law students.

**VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL OFFERS YOU:**
- A first-rate education in the American legal system
- A close-knit school where you will be more than a face in the crowd
- Faculty and staff who work with you to tailor your education to meet your career goals
- A sophisticated, friendly and livable city
- A stimulating university community

As you study alongside students enrolled in Vanderbilt’s three-year Juris Doctor program, you’ll gain valuable insights into how U.S. attorneys are educated as you learn about the American legal system.

We invite you to apply to Vanderbilt University Law School’s LL.M. program.

“I chose Vanderbilt because I wanted the personal attention and sense of community I’d get in a smaller program. Vanderbilt’s Thesis Track program also allowed me to choose a faculty advisor, and I worked with Professors James Blumstein and Ellen Clayton because of my interest in health policy law.”

**Deborah Rubbens, Class of 2006—Kasterlee, Belgium**

Deborah was a health policy analyst with a consulting firm in Washington, D.C., before moving to Manila, Philippines, where her husband, **Jason Hutchison, J.D. Class of 2007, is Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy. She earned her LL.B. and LL.M. at Université Catholique de Louvain before pursuing her LL.M. at Vanderbilt.**
At Vanderbilt Law School, great scholarship supports great teaching. Our professors draw on their cutting-edge research to create engaging and challenging classroom experiences. Our open-door environment—a Vanderbilt tradition long cherished by our students—means that you enjoy continuing access to these exceptional teachers and mentors even outside the classroom.

With approximately 630 students in the law school, our purposefully limited size not only makes it possible for students to enjoy greater access to faculty, but it also promotes a sense of community that is one of this school’s most distinguishing attributes. Here, you will find an environment in which our faculty, administration and staff are all working toward your success.

“As a German lawyer, I found that Vanderbilt provided a terrific challenge. Its unique LL.M. program and the international atmosphere here contributed more to my legal education than I ever expected.”

Dr. Thomas Fetzer, Class of 2003
Professor of Law, Mannheim University

Dr. Fetzer taught a short course in European Union Competition Law at Vanderbilt in fall 2008.
A Multifaceted Learning Experience
During your year of study at Vanderbilt, you will learn about much more than the American legal system and American legal education. You’ll also experience life at Vanderbilt, a major American research university located in a sophisticated city with unique cultural attractions.

“A HIGHLY RANKED LAW SCHOOL”

“Today’s legal practice is international, and knowing how other legal systems work is often essential to effective lawyering. I like having LL.M. students in my classes because they bring a comparative perspective to classroom discussions, which adds a fresh perspective to the way we view our own legal institutions.”

Erin O’Hara, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Dean O’Hara’s research focuses on choice of law. She teaches Contracts and Conflict of Laws. The Law Market (Oxford Publishing, 2009), a book she coauthored, addresses an unforeseen byproduct of globalization: the ability of individuals and businesses to “shop” among various nations for the laws most favorable to the actions they want to take.
Choose Your Academic Track

Students in Vanderbilt’s LL.M. program may choose to pursue the Course Track, which concentrates exclusively on coursework, or the research-focused Thesis Track, which culminates in a substantial scholarly research and writing project in the spring semester. No matter which track you choose, you select your courses from the law school’s broad curriculum based on your intellectual and professional interests.

**LEARN TO CONDUCT LEGAL RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES**

During the fall semester, all LL.M. students take “Introduction to Legal Research and Writing in the United States,” a course that provides a distinct academic forum in which LL.M. students learn:

- How to conduct legal research in the United States;
- The fundamental, generally accepted conventions of written legal analysis and citation in the United States; and
- The basic vocabulary of legal analysis and advocacy in the United States.

“**The courses in international law and business are very relevant to my work in Korea, and Vanderbilt’s small class size makes it easy to get to know your classmates—both Americans and international students.**”

Min Soo Shin, Class of 2008—Seoul, Korea

Min Soo returned to his position as a legislative officer in Seoul after earning his LL.M. in 2008 and his Certificate in Law and Business at Vanderbilt in 2009. “My family loved the lifestyle we enjoyed in Nashville,” he says.

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**The Course Track**

Students in the Course Track program focus exclusively on coursework, choosing their courses from the law school’s extensive curriculum. Your faculty advisor or a law school
The Thesis Track: A Research-Focused Program

The Thesis Track is open to students who wish to complete a substantial research project that culminates in a scholarly paper. As a Thesis Track student, you’ll be paired with a faculty advisor with expertise in your area of study. Over the course of your year at Vanderbilt, you’ll work in close consultation with your advisor as you choose courses that support your research interest, conduct your research, and write your scholarly paper.

administrator will help you tailor your studies to your career goals and intellectual interests. This track has the advantage of allowing you to take more elective courses during your year of study at Vanderbilt. Students who enter the Course Track may also choose to apply for the Thesis Track during their first semester at Vanderbilt Law School.

PUBLISHED AUTHORS


“This program offers LL.M. students the best of both worlds: an opportunity to study law in a supportive environment and—if they choose—to work closely on research projects with internationally known professors.”

Randall Thomas
John S. Beasley II Professor of Law and Business; Director, Law & Business Program; Director, LL.M. Program

Professor Thomas is an expert in hedge fund and shareholder activism, executive compensation, and corporate and securities litigation.
Vanderbilt owes much of its reputation to the credentials of our faculty. Vanderbilt law professors are prolific scholars and researchers, nationally and internationally renowned for their research and scholarship in fields such as corporate and business law, litigation, dispute resolution, constitutional law, criminal law, environmental law, international law, health policy, regulatory governance, bioethics, and intellectual property.

More than that, they are also teachers and mentors outside the classroom. As an LL.M. student, you’ll have

“English is the international language of business law. Right now, 80 to 90 percent of my work in German regulatory and transaction finance law is done in English. I learned the terminology in my Legal English course at Vanderbilt and how to apply my knowledge in corporate law classes.”

Friedemann Kiethe, Class of 2005—Frankfurt, Germany
Friedemann is an attorney at Lovells in Frankfurt, where he focuses on banking law. He keeps in touch with LL.M. classmates in Bangkok, Seoul, Tokyo, Goa and Germany.
“Professors are friendly, supportive, and easily accessible outside the classroom, and the small size of the LL.M. program means we get much more personal attention. I had the opportunity to work as a research assistant with Professor Randall Thomas studying international executive pay.”

Anna (Jinhua) Wang, Class of 2008
Guangzhou, China

Anna earned her LL.B. at Durham University in the United Kingdom before earning her LL.M. at Vanderbilt. She and LL.M. classmate Arila (Er) Zhou are associates with Leser Hunter Taubman & Taubman in New York City.

Daniel J. Gervais focuses on international intellectual property law, having spent 10 years addressing policy issues on behalf of the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, CISAC and CCC before entering the academy. He was acting dean of the University of Ottawa’s Common Law Section before joining Vanderbilt’s law faculty in 2008.

Ingrid Brunk Wuerth’s expertise is in foreign affairs, international law, and comparative constitutional law. She has served as a research fellow in Berlin at both Humboldt University and the Free University, where she worked as a research scholar in 2007. Professor Wuerth serves as cochair of the American Society of International Law’s Interest Group on International Law in the Domestic Courts.

Michael A. Newton is an expert on international accountability, international criminal law and conduct of hostilities. He assisted with the establishment of the Iraqi High Criminal Court and served as Advisor to the Court’s Legal Judicial Chambers. At Vanderbilt, he teaches the International Law Practice Lab and International Criminal Law and develops placement opportunities for students interested in international law practice.

access to faculty members with expertise in your area of study.

Vanderbilt’s resident faculty of more than 50 scholars is supplemented by an affiliated faculty of prominent judges, scholars and noted practitioners from throughout the United States.
Vanderbilt is a student-centered law school. Our small size relative to other top law schools affords a more intimate learning environment.

Our top-tier faculty continues to build on a core strength Vanderbilt has maintained for decades—quality teaching—by integrating a commitment to creating the best learning environment imaginable with the power of the Internet. The law school building offers a wireless network, technology-friendly classrooms, ample computer lab space, a café, comfortable student lounges and dedicated legal clinic offices. Students and faculty stay connected through an intranet maintained by the law school’s information technology staff.

In the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, you’ll find quiet, comfortable study areas and staff who can help you identify available resources and find information you need in printed or electronic format.

The law school’s LL.M. program

Foreign nationals, including Masamichi Yamamoto, also enroll in Vanderbilt’s J.D. program. “Before coming to Vanderbilt, I worked as an in-house counsel for a Japanese utility company that was involved in international power and water projects,” Masa recalls. “In one project, American lawyers dominated the negotiation process. There were very few things I could do as a lawyer educated in Japan. So I decided to pursue a J.D. degree in the United States. I found myself among friends throughout the time I spent at Vanderbilt.” Masa joined Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy in New York after earning his J.D. in 2007. After spending a year in the firm’s New York office, he returned to Japan as an associate in the firm’s Tokyo office.

At Vanderbilt, I found myself among friends.

2008 graduate Supriya Routh studied at Vanderbilt Law School as a Fulbright scholar. After earning his LL.M., Supriya, who is an Assistant Professor at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences in Kolkata, India, joined a research team at the International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and spent a year examining large-scale social protection programs in East Asia and South America. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in labor law at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, in Canada.

A Community Focused on Your Success
director provides year-round support to individual students, and Vanderbilt’s Office of International Student and Scholar Services also provides a wide array of services to meet your personal needs.

**LEARN LEGAL ENGLISH**

Vanderbilt LL.M. students benefit from an intensive program designed to provide the language and academic skills they need to succeed in a demanding educational program at a top U.S. law school. The program begins with a four-week introductory course at the law school during the summer, scheduled before your LL.M. courses begin. Provided in association with the Vanderbilt University English Language Center, Vanderbilt’s Legal English program includes intensive instruction in oral and written communication and small-group discussions, legal research and scholarly writing. You’ll also practice responding quickly and concisely in large-group discussions.

To enhance your academic training, your classes in Legal English continue throughout your year of study at Vanderbilt. These extra classes increase your exposure to the language of U.S. law while you learn American legal principles and precepts in your law classes.

**A THRIVING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY**

Each year, the 10 schools that comprise Vanderbilt University attract almost 1,000 international students and post-graduate scholars from more than 90 countries around the world. Vanderbilt University comprises a highly ranked Medical School, a School of Nursing, the Owen Graduate School of Management, the Blair School of Music, Peabody College of Education and Human Development, the School of Engineering and the Graduate School of Arts and Science as well as Vanderbilt Law School. In addition to meeting students from many other countries at the law school, you’ll have opportunities to meet students from every part of the world through campus-wide academic and social organizations.

“The classes at Vanderbilt were immensely helpful in preparing me for my current work at a legal agency in the U.S. I still refer to my notes from ‘Introduction to Legal Writing in the U.S.’ when drafting legal documents.”

Anumeha Tanya, Class of 2008—Delhi, India
Anu, who earned her LL.B. at the University of Delhi, is a staff attorney with the Memphis Fair Housing Center in Memphis, Tennessee.
Programs That Prepare You for Your Chosen Path

We offer a variety of programs that allow you to focus on your particular areas of interest, including business and corporate law, litigation and dispute resolution, international law, constitutional law, intellectual property law, regulatory law, environmental law, tax law, criminal law, and social justice.

“\[I\] wanted to focus on business law because Belgium is a European business center. Vanderbilt’s business law program is really strong, and because it has a small LL.M. program compared to other law schools, most of the other students in your classes will be Americans.\]

Koen Van Cauter, Class of 2008—Brussels, Belgium

Koen studied law at Ghent University before earning his LL.M. at Vanderbilt. He is an associate with Willkie Farr & Gallagher in Brussels.

Vanderbilt’s Law and Business Program offers an innovative interdisciplinary curriculum designed for students interested in all aspects of corporate and business law. Headed by Professor Randall Thomas, an internationally renowned corporate law scholar, the Law and Business Program allows you to continue your studies for a second year to earn a certificate of specialization. Vanderbilt’s faculty also includes experts in securities regulation and international transactions as well as corporate governance and structure.

Our International Legal Studies Program combines substantive classroom exposure to cutting-edge
issues in international law with a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in their application. The program is directed by Ingrid Brunk Wuerth, an expert in comparative constitutional law who has studied in Berlin as a Fulbright Scholar and as a Chancellor’s Scholar of the Alexander Humboldt Foundation at both the Free University and Humboldt University.

LL.M. students also have an opportunity to focus on complex litigation through the Cecil D. Branstetter Litigation and Dispute Resolution Program, directed by Professor Richard Nagareda, a renowned expert in class-action tort litigation.

You’ll find complete details on our course offerings and academic programs at www.vanderbilt.edu/academics.

“I wanted to specialize in business law, and Bernt wanted to focus on intellectual property law. Vanderbilt’s programs in both of these areas are highly regarded.”

Julie Jenssen
Class of 2009
Oslo, Norway

After Class of 2009 members Julie Jenssen and Bernt Bryge earned law degrees at the University of Oslo, they came to Vanderbilt for additional legal training in their chosen areas of interest. After graduation, they returned to Oslo, where Bernt is an associate with Codex specializing in intellectual property law, and Julie is an associate with Grette specializing in corporate restructuring.
Founded in 1873 with a million-dollar endowment from Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, the university that bears his name now comprises 10 colleges and schools, including one of the nation’s top medical schools. Vanderbilt draws its 12,000 students from all 50 states and 90 foreign nations.

There is always something interesting to do or see on campus, whether it’s football, basketball or baseball games; top artists brought in by the Performances at Vanderbilt series; movies at the on-campus Sarratt Cinema; an eclectic array of music on WRVU, the
student-run radio station; or lectures by world-renowned scholars and leaders at the law school and elsewhere on campus.

Law students can unwind at the 132,000-square-foot Student Recreation Center, which features a gym with three basketball courts, a suspended running track, a 6,000-square-foot weight and cardio room, racquetball and squash courts, and a large indoor pool. Outdoor courtyards, tracks, recreational fields and an indoor tennis center are nearby. Law students regularly form teams to participate in a variety of intramural sports and enjoy the kayaking, spelunking, rock climbing and camping trips sponsored by Vanderbilt’s Outdoor Recreation Center.

“Environmental laws and policies have global implications. I encourage LL.M. and J.D. students to question underlying assumptions in ways that will help us draft better laws and make better policies in the U.S. and in other countries.”

Michael Vandenbergh, Codirector, Regulatory Program
Professor Vandenbergh, a leading environmental law scholar, directs Vanderbilt’s Climate Change Research Network, an interdisciplinary team of Vanderbilt scholars who conduct research aimed at identifying and addressing causes and issues related to climate change.

Vanderbilt’s 2009 LL.M. Class included two Fulbright scholars: Rafael Romero Moreno from Managua, Nicaragua, and Sheena Shukkur, a professor of labor and family law at Kerala University in South India. After earning her LL.M., Sheena returned to India, where she is head of the law department at Kerala University. Rafael, a lecturer in law at Central American University in Managua, won the LL.M. Research Prize with his thesis, “Aid for Trade: A Santa Claus Letter for Developing Countries,” which offers an insider’s perspective on the Nicaraguan experience with Aid for Trade. "Vanderbilt has an outstanding law library with an excellent staff who can help you find anything you need," he says. Rafael is spending a second year at Vanderbilt University to complete a master’s degree in Latin American Studies.

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An Ideal Place to Study Law

As the state capital, Nashville is a major legal, economic and political center. It’s also the center for federal legal activity in the state, with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, federal courts and many federal agencies located here.

Nashville’s legal community is very supportive of the law school. Judges, lawyers and government representatives lecture here and hire Vanderbilt law students and graduates. A number of large law firms are based here, as are many corporate headquar-
ters and entrepreneurial firms, creating opportunities in all areas of the law.

With a population of 1.5 million, Metropolitan Nashville affords a dynamic business environment. As home to Hospital Corporation of America and more than 50 health care enterprises of all types and sizes, Nashville has

“Nashville is a great city, and the people here are so warm and friendly. In Nashville I have a wonderful chance to enjoy all kinds of American music.”

David Liao, J.D. Class of 2011—Beijing, China

After starting Vanderbilt as an LL.M. student in 2007, David joined the J.D. program in 2008. He spent summer 2009 as an associate with Lovells in New York City and plans to join their New York office as an associate after graduation.
A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

When you visit—and especially when you study here—you’ll find that Nashville is an appealing place to live and work. Students say they find the city surprisingly cosmopolitan, with all of the amenities they would expect from much larger metropolitan areas, yet small and accessible enough to maintain a familiar sense of community.

The Third Coast. Country music may have put Nashville on the map, but today’s diverse music scene—ranging from the Grand Ole Opry to the Nashville Opera, and from the world-class Nashville Symphony to jazz and bluegrass performers at intimate clubs around town—reflects the city’s cultural breadth and sophistication.

Where to Play. Nashville’s entertainment opportunities also include an abundance of professional sports with the Tennessee Titans, the Nashville Predators of the National Hockey League and minor-league baseball with the AAA Nashville Sounds. Nearby parks offer quiet hiking and biking trails, and each year several Vanderbilt Law students join thousands of other runners in the Music City Marathon.

Whet Your Appetite. Dozens of restaurants are within walking distance of the law school. And thanks to Nashville’s growing diversity, you can find everything from Peruvian, Ethiopian, East Indian and West African cuisine to “meat and threes” that offer traditional Southern cooking and soul food.

A Pleasant Climate. Many students who come here from other areas of the country say they’ve never before experienced four distinct seasons. Nashville’s spectacular springs and falls show Vanderbilt’s park-like campus to its best advantage, and pleasant temperatures will beckon you to study outdoors. Winters tend to be mild.

been called the Silicon Valley of Health Care. Caterpillar, Dell, Hewlett-Packard, DuPont, Goodyear, Ford, Nissan and General Motors are among the companies with major operations in Middle Tennessee. The entertainment industry for which Nashville is famous pumps $1 billion into the local economy each year.
WE INVITE YOU TO CONTACT us to learn more about the LL.M. program at Vanderbilt University Law School. You can reach the LL.M. Admissions Department by email at llm.program@law.vanderbilt.edu, or by telephone at (+001) 615-322-6452 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

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To meet the deadline for applying to Vanderbilt’s LL.M. program, your application must be postmarked by April 30.

REGISTER WITH LSAC
We recommend that you register with LSAC for the LL.M. Credential Assembly Service (CAS) at www.LLM.LSAC.org. This service will assemble and send us the materials we need to consider your application, including your TOEFL score, photocopies of your academic transcripts, and a transcript analysis.

FAST FACTS ABOUT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
- 630 students, representing 42 states and 15 foreign countries
- More than 50 full-time faculty members
- Ranked 17th in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in 2009
- Choose a Course Track or Thesis Track LL.M. program
FAST FACTS ABOUT VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL'S LL.M. PROGRAM

Length of program: 10 months (2 semesters) of full-time study

Course structure: LL.M. candidates may choose from all courses available. They also receive additional instruction in Legal English.

Language of instruction: English

Starting date: Program begins each August

Program prerequisite: You must have or expect to receive a university degree in law from an accredited institution outside the United States before admission.

3 ways to apply at www.law.vanderbilt.edu/admiss/llm.html

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