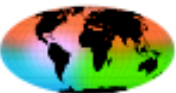
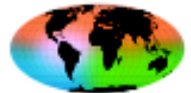




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The Office of International and Foreign Graduate Programs is always available to help you with your questions and concerns.

You should feel free to call or email us at any time. Many students prefer to come and meet with us in person. Although interviews are not required, we are always happy to speak with candidates and counsel them on the application process. Applicants living outside of the United States can also arrange for phone interviews.

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International and Foreign Graduate Programs

The Law School offers four internationally oriented Master of Laws (LL.M.) programs. The first, the LL.M. in Comparative Law, brings to Miami students who have completed a first degree in law in another country to study U.S. and international law. Many of them already have practiced law in their countries before coming to Miami. In a typical year, University of Miami may have twenty or more countries represented in its Comparative Law Program.

The three remaining LL.M. degrees are intended primarily for students who already hold American J.D. degrees, although some foreign students take them as well if they have the appropriate background. The LL.M. in Inter-American Law is ideal for attorneys who have good conversational Spanish or Portuguese, but want to learn more about the law in Latin America. Students interested in public international law or international transactions will strengthen their knowledge

through the LL.M. in International Law. Finally, we offer the LL.M. in Ocean and Coastal Law for students with maritime interests. American law students with a strong academic and professional background will find that the LL.M. program enables them with an opportunity to interact with outstanding faculty and lawyers in the South Florida community, as well as classmates from around the world, as they prepare for the next stage in their careers.


These degrees generally may be earned in one academic year of full-time study or approximately two years of part-time study. The course of study for each degree is determined in consultation with the program director and faculty chair of that program in light of the student's professional needs and interests. Candidates for these LL.M. degrees must successfully complete 24 credits, including all required courses and writing requirements, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5/4.0 (C+).



The Class of 2004, including 54 students from 21 different countries.



Required Courses by LL.M. Program



The Curriculum: International, Comparative Law and Transnational Law

The International Curriculum includes three major areas of internationally oriented law—Public International Law, Law of International Business Transactions, and Comparative and Foreign Law. Miami has considerable curricular strength in each, far more in any one area than many schools have in all three combined.

Foreign lawyers enrolled in the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law have considerable flexibility to concentrate their studies according to their personal and professional interests. Every student will meet individually with the program director for course counseling at the beginning of each semester. You may take as many courses in public international law, private international law or comparative law as you wish. You are also free to choose from any of the American law subjects that are offered to our J.D. students.

Typically, students may choose to study a combination of American and international law subjects to develop a particular expertise. Popular areas of concentration include corporate law and international business, alternative dispute resolution and international commercial arbitration, intellectual property law (including internet, copyright law, patent law) and international copyright, taxation and international environmental law, law of the sea, international human rights, and international criminal law.

Our foreign lawyers have only two required courses. Introduction to U.S. Law is a one semester course designed to

establish an understanding of the American legal system. The course provides a foundation in the common law system and case law analysis, the American constitutional structure and the jury system. The course typically draws heavily from current events and recent controversies to highlight the American political and legal culture. Legal Research and Writing (LRW) is a two semester program that is taught in small sections by practicing lawyers in the community. The course is closely modeled on the LRW course that is taught to all first year J.D. students, but with some special guidance for non-native English speakers. After having taken this course, all LL.M. students will have a basic understanding of researching and analyzing case law, and writing American legal documents.

Although many of our American law and international law subjects are taught each year, the curriculum will also vary from semester to semester depending on visiting faculty and evolving legal trends.



Joanne Harvest Koren, director of the Academic Achievement Program, teaches a student workshop.





The Faculty

The faculty's varied legal backgrounds and range of interests provide University of Miami law students with an intellectually challenging and multifaceted legal education. Faculty members are highly regarded nationally and internationally in public and private international law, comparative and transnational law, and the interconnections of these fields with American Law. A substantial percentage of them have extensive international legal experience, which is reflected in the School's curriculum.

The Law School also hosts visiting faculty from around the world with practical experience in international transactions and litigation. Their varied backgrounds and knowledge add even greater depth to the international and foreign graduate law programs. Recent visiting professors have come from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Germany, Israel, Italy, Spain and the U.K.

Along with their work on high-impact litigation, advice to domestic and foreign governments, service on high-profile councils, and speaking engagements at national and international seminars, our faculty members have become well known as authors of books and articles published in law journals. In the past few years full-time UM Law faculty members have published approximately 50 law-related books and hundreds of articles and chapters.

A recent study of U.S. law schools by Brian Leiter, *The New Educational Quality Ranking of U.S. Law Schools*,

ranks UM Law 15th among the nation's law schools in terms of scholarly impact.

In 2005 *Hispanic Business Magazine* ranked the University of Miami School of Law the best law school in the United States for Hispanic students based upon its strong international business curriculum with a particular focus on Latin America.

Although our faculty members are heavily involved in scholarly and professional activities, their first responsibility is teaching, and faculty members both encourage classroom interaction and make themselves accessible to students outside of class.



Dean Dennis Lynch meets with students on the Bricks.





The LL.M. Degree: Opening a Door to Many Career Options

Graduates of the LL.M. Programs have many different options including:

■ **Sit for the Bar Examination in a Jurisdiction that Accepts Foreign Law Graduates with an LL.M. Degree.**

New York is the most popular jurisdiction for foreign law graduates, but it is certainly not the only one. Fifteen states in the United States, and Puerto Rico, allow foreign law graduates with additional education at an ABA-approved law school to take the Bar Examination.

■ **Obtain Employment in your Home Country.**

The University of Miami currently has alumni practicing in 75 countries around the world. Our graduates work with the largest multinational law firms and corporations, as well as in academic and governmental organizations. The Law School participates in the annual International Student Interview Program held in New York, during which more than 80 law firms and corporations from around the world and the United States interview foreign attorneys enrolled in graduate law programs in the United States.

■ **Obtain Employment in the United States.**

Students on F-1 visa status are entitled to a year of Optional Practical Training, during which time employment is authorized in the United States. LL.M. students have many practice opportunities in South Florida, both with international law firms and the many multinational corporations with headquarters in the region.

■ **Transfer to The J.D. Program.** Some students will apply to transfer to the J.D.


Program so that they may sit for the Florida Bar Exam and be eligible for a wider range of employment within Florida law firms. Students who have completed all requirements for an LL.M. degree at the University of Miami and who are admitted to the J.D. program may be awarded up to 29 advanced standing credits for law courses taken in the degree-granting foreign law school.

Students must make separate application to the J.D. program following their first semester in the LL.M. program, and generally will not be considered unless they have maintained at least a B average and present an acceptable LSAT score. If the students compile a strong academic record in the LL.M. and meet the requirements set forth in detail in the Law School Bulletin, they may forego receiving the LL.M. degree and transfer most of the credits earned during the LL.M. program toward the J.D. degree, thereby earning the J.D. in two years or two years plus one summer.



Professor Keith Rosenn (center) with his two research assistants from the 2001-2002 class, Francisco Darío Lobo (Honduras) and Jessica Carvalho Morris (Brazil).





Career Planning Center

Every student's career search is different. Your options will depend on many factors, including your country of origin, your legal background, your academic records and your areas of interest. The University of Miami strives to help each graduate student evaluate the many career options available, with the hope that each student will reach the best decision based on his or her personal and professional goals.

The Law School's Career Planning Center provides individualized counseling services to students and alumni, helping them to refine their job search skills and identify and pursue their professional goals. The Center also conducts workshops and presentations on résumé and cover letter preparation, interviewing and networking

skills and job search techniques. Additionally, counselors address practical and ethical issues related to the job search process and attorneys' professional conduct. You will begin to hear from the career planning staff in the first week of orientation and will have access to the services of the Career Planning Center even after you graduate. You will also receive regular email notifications from the Program Director and the Career Planning Center announcing relevant job and internship postings.

The University of Miami participates in the international job recruitment fair based in New York in January of each year, and will work closely with all interested students in applying.



Assistant Dean of the Career Planning Center Marcy Cox, pictured left, and the CPC staff meet with students regularly to discuss career opportunities.





Alumni & Networking

Once you are admitted to the University of Miami, you become a part of our extended family of alumni around the world—currently numbering over 1000 alumni in 75 countries. The country with the largest number of alumni continues to be Germany, but we have considerable representation in all areas of the globe.

Alumni of our program are a wonderful resource to current students. They provide professional guidance and often serve as a resource in the career search. They assist with student recruitment and also donate generously to our scholarship funds. They are our ambassadors around the world and we are always happy to provide prospective students with alumni references.

Those alumni who still live in South Florida after graduation are an integral part of the LL.M. Programs. Alumni regularly



attend a fall reception in honor of our new students. Their law firms and companies often host the students for tours and information evenings. Students are often invited to firm marketing events and bar conferences. One of the distinctive aspects of the University of Miami experience is the opportunity to interact with our alumni and the unique entrée that they present to the legal market, both in Florida and internationally.

Our Founder: Professor Rafael C. Benitez



Rafael C. Benitez founded the Graduate Program for Foreign Lawyers, now known as the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law. He inaugurated the Lawyer of the Americas, the predecessor of

the *Inter-American Law Review*. Benitez also started the Masters Program in Inter-American Law for U.S. Lawyers.

Benitez was born in Puerto Rico in 1918. He attended the United States Naval Academy and Georgetown Law School, and received an LL.M. degree in Inter-American Law from the University of Miami. He served in the Navy during World War II as commander of several submarines, and later joined Pan American World Airways, eventually becoming the Vice President for Latin America. In 1967 he joined the UM School of Law faculty, and would serve as Interim Dean of the Law School and Dean of the University's Graduate School of International Studies. His vision for global education set the University on a path to excellence.





Student Life

Student Organizations

The Law School's more than 30 student organizations allow members to develop interests in specialized fields of practice, provide service to the community and interact with local practitioners. Reflecting the diversity of the student body, organizations include the Hispanic Law Students Association, the Black Law Students Association, the Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association, the Association of Caribbean Law Students and the International Law Society.

University Centers

The European Union Center was formed with a grant from the European Commission. A joint project of the University of Miami and Florida International University, the Miami European Union Center organizes research, classes, public lectures, global conferences and a multilingual web site.

The Center for Hemispheric Policy, formerly the North-South Center, sponsors activities and research which examine the relationship of the United States within the Latin American hemisphere. Areas of interest will include economic development and trade, healthcare and medical research, environmental programs, education, infrastructure, politics and security.

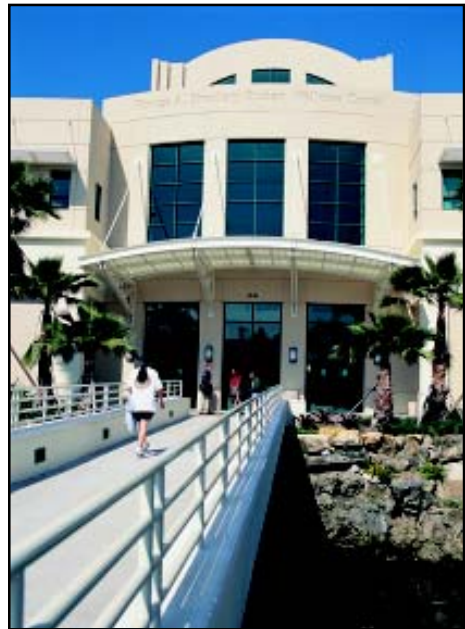
Law Journals

Students have many opportunities to publish articles and involve themselves in the important process of managing law journals. Law journals managed and edited by students include the Inter-American

Law Review, the International and Comparative Law Review, and the University of Miami Law Review.

Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

The School of Law currently offers highly popular Summer Study Abroad Programs in Europe. In addition, the Miami-Leipzig Exchange Seminar is a unique program where faculty and students visit at the host schools for an intensive week of seminars, workshops and social and cultural activities. American LL.M. students have also been able to arrange on an individual basis for study and work opportunities throughout Latin America.



The University of Miami Wellness Center





Admissions and Visas

The School's admission standards are high, and its admission process is selective. In evaluating a candidate for admission, Miami, like most law schools, carefully reviews the applicant's academic record and demonstrated ability to do graduate work. Unlike many law schools, Miami also considers personal information such as job history, significant extracurricular activities, special skills, and evidence of high motivation and maturity.

The Office of International and Foreign Graduate Programs is committed to providing patient and courteous service to every applicant. The application to our programs can be completed in print or electronic version. Applications will be reviewed throughout the year by the Admissions Committee when the application is complete. All foreign applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by May 1st to ensure sufficient time in processing student visas. Applications for the Comparative Law Program are accepted for the Fall semester only since both required courses are offered in the Fall semester only.

Applications for the Inter-American, International, and Ocean and Coastal Law Programs are accepted for the Fall and Spring semesters. Students enrolling in an LL.M. program must have earned a J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school or an equivalent law degree from a foreign law school prior to entering the LL.M. program. Foreign law applicants will generally be considered only for the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law, unless they have some specialized background relating to another LL.M. Program.

Visa Requirements

Students applying for an F-1 or J-1 visa are required to show that they have sufficient funds to provide for their educational, living and personal expenses for one year before the University of Miami will issue the necessary I-20 document for a student visa. Additional information is contained within the application for admission.

Students studying under an F-1 or J-1 visa must maintain full-time enrollment during the academic year (excluding the summer session). To maintain full-time enrollment, students studying under an F-1 or J-1 visa must register for nine or more credits each semester. Some students in the United States on other types of visas may be eligible for part-time or full-time study. However, students cannot enroll with a tourist (B1/B2) visa.

Embassies around the world require varying amounts of time to process visas. We recommend that all applicants confirm with the consulates in their home country the visa procedures currently in force. If you do not know the location of the consulate closest to you, consult the U.S. Embassy website.



Financial Aid

Foreign students should be aware that education in the United States is expensive. The Office of International and Foreign Graduate Programs will work with applicants to explore a range of options for financing their studies and personal expenses while in the United States.

Scholarships from Home Country:

Students therefore are encouraged to seek financial aid or scholarship funds from home country sources. We have always welcomed Fulbright Scholars from around the world. The selection process can vary from country to country. For assistance in locating sponsoring organizations, contact the United States Embassy or Consulate, or the United States Information Agency in your country. We have had many students who have received partial sponsorship from law firms, corporations, or other organizations.

University of Miami Scholarships: The University of Miami has several named scholarships that help provide financial

support to foreign graduate students. The School of Law also awards partial scholarships to entering students on the basis of academic merit and need. The School of Law does not provide full scholarships to foreign graduate students.

Loans: Most American law students apply for federally subsidized loans to finance their studies. U.S. citizens and permanent residents, or foreign students who have a guarantor who is a citizen or permanent resident, may be eligible for private alternative loans. Eligibility is determined by completion of a standardized form, which may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov directly. The Office of Financial Aid at the School of Law can further counsel you on these programs.

Payment Plan: Tuition is due at the beginning of each semester for which you enroll. However, UM does offer a payment plan that allows you to divide all or part of your annual educational expenses into nine convenient monthly payments.



Dean Dennis Lynch with some of the Comparative LL.M. scholarship recipients in the Class of 2005: Leif Böttcher (Fulbright Scholar, Germany); Assistant Dean Janet Stearns; Jens Bopp (Dean's Merit, Germany); Philipp Wendel (Fulbright Scholar, Germany); Nancy Galindo Esquivel (Fulbright Scholar, Mexico); Michelle Thai (Fulbright Scholar, Vietnam); Bjørg Eikeland (Dean's Merit, Norway); and Kalpana Panuganti (Dean's Merit, India).



Fulbright Scholarships
University of Miami Scholarships
Private Alternative Loans
Monthly Payment Plan



The Law School Campus & Library Facilities

The Law School encompasses a complex of buildings, which form a quadrangle around an open courtyard known as “The Bricks.” In addition to several large classrooms, these buildings contain a number of smaller rooms for seminars and workshops; moot court rooms, where trial and appellate advocacy and other competitions take place; and administrative offices. Faculty offices are located in the Law Library. The student lounge, a snack bar, and The Bricks are popular, informal gathering places for students and faculty.

The centerpiece of the Law School complex is the Law Library, one of the largest legal research libraries in the Southeast. Law Library collections comprise more than 530,000 volumes in print and microform. International law, taxation and estate planning, labor law, ocean law and environmental law are among the special subject strengths represented in the collection. In addition, the foreign law collection is exceptionally comprehensive in the law of Caribbean and Latin American nations.

The Law Library’s 78,000 square feet of space include such student-oriented facilities as group study rooms and spacious reading areas. Carrels throughout the Law Library contain computers or connections for laptops to communicate with the School of Law’s network. Computer labs within the Library also connect with this network for access to electronic databases, the Internet, our online library catalog, and other electronic capabilities such as word processing and e-mail. The Library’s friendly and responsive librarians and support staff welcome opportunities to show students how to make the best use of these resources. Adjacent to the Law School complex, the University’s Otto G. Richter Library contains more than 1.5 million volumes, offering important support for interdisciplinary research. Libraries at the Miller School of Medicine and the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science are also available for research in health law, environmental law, and related areas.



Law Library



“Miami Es El Mundo”

The School of Law is located in Coral Gables on the 260-acre main campus of the University of Miami, one of the largest private research universities in the United States. Long regarded as one of Florida’s most desirable residential areas and increasingly recognized as an international business center, Coral Gables offers all the benefits of large-city living in a relaxed subtropical setting.

Next door to Coral Gables is the City of Miami, a burgeoning international center for trade and finance and the nation’s hub between South America, Europe and Asia. Greater Miami has one of the most dynamic and rapidly expanding legal communities in the country.

Miami is one of the world’s major hubs for international commerce, finance and travel. As the major international trading center of the Americas, Miami has the busiest international cargo airport in the United States and the largest container seaport for Latin America. It also has the largest cruise ship port in the world, and the second largest U.S. international airport.

In recent years a wave of multinational corporations from the United States, Europe and Asia have set up their Latin America headquarters in Greater Miami. More than 1,000 multinational corporations, 45 international banks and banking divisions, 18 foreign trade offices, 58 foreign consulates and 34 binational Chambers of Commerce are located in the Miami-Dade County area.

The subtropical climate of South Florida, in which the sun shines nearly every day, provides for the enjoyment of nature, sports, the water, and the outdoor life year-round. The Florida Keys, Everglades National Park and John Pennekamp State Park—the only living coral reef in the United States—are nearby. The warm, teal blue water of the Atlantic attracts swimmers, snorkelers and scuba divers, as well as sailing and fishing enthusiasts.





Heidar Asberg Atlason graduated from the University of Iceland in 2000. He received the prestigious Cobb Scholarship which was endowed by University of Miami

Trustee Charles E. Cobb, former Ambassador to Iceland. With the generous support of this scholarship, Heidar studied in the University of Miami Comparative LL.M. Program in 2001-2002 while his wife was enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at the same time. Heidar has since returned to Reykjavik where he is now an associate with LOGOS Legal Services, one of the pre-eminent international law firms in Iceland, and teaches at the University of Iceland School of Law.



Arava Mohar graduated from the University of Tel Aviv *magnum cum laude* in 1999. She enrolled in the University of Miami School of Law and received her LL.M. degree

in 2002 with academic honors in Antitrust Law and International Copyright. The generous support of several scholarships and a research assistantship made her studies possible, and she was also able to locate a host family during her stay in Miami. Following her graduation from UM, Arava worked for a year as an intern with Attorney Richard Bernstein at a prominent Florida law firm where she was able to focus on international business transactions, many of which involved Israeli companies working in South Florida. She is now back in Israel as an associate to the highly regarded international law firm of Goldfarb, Levy, Eran & Co.



Violeta Longino received her first law degree with honors at the Universidad La Salle in Mexico City and was admitted to practice in Mexico in 1997. She came to the

University of Miami initially to study English, and then enrolled in the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law. At the conclusion of her LL.M. studies, she applied and was accepted to the J.D. Program. Violeta received her J.D. degree *cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law in 2003, including the Dean's Certificate in Constitutional Law I. She is now admitted to the Florida Bar. While at UM, she had the opportunity to take a class in Transnational Litigation with Pedro Martínez-Fraga and Ryan Reetz, prominent attorneys with the law firm of Greenberg Traurig P.A. Violeta now works as an associate with this firm, where she concentrates in Transnational Litigation and International Arbitration.



Alfonso Pérez-Soto studied law at the University of La Coruna in Spain and was also a visiting student at Harvard Law School. He received his degree

in Comparative Law from the University of Miami in 2003. While at UM, he had the opportunity to do a clinical placement with Universal Music Group Latin America, and then worked with the company after graduation as Senior Business Developer. He has recently been named New Media Director for Warner Music Latin America and U.S. and continues to be based in Miami.



Gabriela Alves Lanza studied law at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where she also worked at a multinational pharmaceutical

company. She then relocated to Miami to be with her husband. She was a student in the LL.M. Program in Comparative Law during the 2003-2004 academic year. She studied in corporate law and business transactions, and also served as a Research Assistant to Professor Keith Rosenn. Gabriela has successfully passed the difficult New York Bar Examination. Following her graduation in 2004, Gabriela began working at Caterpillar, Inc. as a Legal Analyst, where she focuses on commercial matters for Latin America.



Annelle Urriola is originally from Panama and received her J.D. from Georgetown University in 2002. She enrolled in the International LL.M.

Program at the University of Miami in 2003, and while in that program enrolled in the International Commercial Arbitration Seminar with Professor John Rooney. Professor Rooney is a partner at Shutts & Bowen LLP and also serves as Chair of the International Law Section of the Florida Bar Association. With the support of Professor Rooney, she was selected from an applicant pool of over 500 candidates for a prestigious two month internship with the International Court of Arbitration in Paris. The International Court of Arbitration is an entity of the International Chamber of Commerce, and according to its website is the “world’s leading organization” in the field of arbitration.



Luis La Torre completed his studies at Pontifícia Universidad Católica del Perú, in Lima Perú. He came to the University of Miami during the 2001-2002 academic year

where he studied international business transactions and international tax. After completing his LL.M. in Comparative Law, Luis successfully passed the New York Bar Examination, and since then has been working as an attorney in a well-regarded immigration law firm, Montiel Davis & Fonte.



Alexander Reus is a prominent international attorney in Florida. He obtained his German law degree in Heidelberg before coming to the University of Miami for

his LL.M. degree in 1990. After sitting for and passing the New York Bar in 1991, he also completed his J.D. degree *cum laude* at UM in 1993, and has since been admitted to practice and Board Certified in International Law in Florida. He has practiced with several major law firms focusing on international litigation and business transactions with Europe. In 2004, Alexander founded Global Expansion Group with several other UM law graduates. This international boutique law firm and business consulting group has offices in Miami, New York, Frankfurt, Berlin, Monte Carlo and Dubai. Alexander is also quite active in the community, including on the board of directors of the German-American Business Chamber, German Business Council of Florida, and the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce.



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