THE LL.M. PROGRAM
MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
As the first exclusively graduate school of international affairs in the United States, we continue to meet the demands of a world in which the only constant is change. The primary aim of The Fletcher School is the same as it was when conceived by its founders: to offer a broad program of professional education in international relations and international law to a select group of graduate students committed to shaping and improving a complex, challenging, and increasingly global society.

**Fletcher Mission**

- To educate professionals from around the world and to prepare them for positions of leadership and influence in the national and international arenas;
- To increase understanding of international problems and concerns through teaching, research, and publications;
- To serve local, national, and international communities in their search to develop relationships of mutual benefit, security, and justice in an increasingly interdependent world.

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WE TEACH LAWYERS ABOUT THE WORLD, AS WELL AS THE LAW

A traditional legal education is no longer sufficient to equip international lawyers with the tools they need to succeed in the complex field of international law. International lawyers need a broader contextual understanding, not only of the law but also of the societies and institutions in which international law is made, interpreted, and applied.

The Fletcher LL.M. program reflects these realities. It is therefore different from programs offered by traditional law schools. It is focused exclusively on issues of public and private international law, across a range of nearly 30 courses taught by experts in international law with extensive real world experience. Fletcher’s law offerings are complemented by the diverse group of other political science, history, business and economics courses that make up the Fletcher curriculum, affording students a unique depth and breadth of experience and a rich context for their legal studies. The program is limited in size, offering the opportunity for close faculty contact as well as a variety of special programs, including High Table symposia, a major piece of independent research, and a dedicated year-end colloquium.

Fletcher’s LL.M. program helps students consolidate, expand, and advance their existing careers, and it provides superb preparation for those interested in a new career in international or non-governmental organizations, government agencies, international businesses and law firms, diplomatic missions, foreign and defense ministries, and other international institutions.

Fletcher is in a unique position to prepare the next generation of global leaders. Our alumni have a global vision, as well as a pragmatic approach to solving the world’s most pressing problems. During your year at Fletcher, you will have exclusive access to some of the most innovative thinking in international law, addressing the most pressing issues of the day.

MY PROFESSIONAL TRAJECTORY HAS SKYROCKETED

BEFORE FLETCHER
Attorney at Law, JUREX Law Firm – Vilnius, Lithuania

AFTER FLETCHER
Head of Legal at LNG Terminal, AB Klaipedos Nafta – Klaipeda, Lithuania

My professional trajectory has skyrocketed after Fletcher. Immediately after graduation, I was offered prestigious internships. I started publishing in a leading Lithuanian business magazine and became well known as an energy and trade lawyer. As a result, I was entrusted with work on my home country’s top energy project, which requires significant responsibility and allows me to make an input in strengthening security of my home country.
A WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY

Michael J. Glennon, Professor of International Law, has published numerous articles on international law, terrorism, foreign relations law, and the use of force. Prior to going into teaching he was the Legal Counsel to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He is a member of the American Law Institute and the Council on Foreign Relations, as well a member of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law. His most recent book, National Security and Double Government, has been published in fall 2014 by Oxford University Press.

Ian Johnstone, Academic Dean and Professor of International Law, works in the field of international law and organizations, mainly on peace and security issues. His most recent book is The Power of Deliberation: International Law, Politics and Organizations. He was the founding editor of The Annual Review of Global Peace Operations and is co-editor The Oxford Handbook on International Organizations. Prior to joining Fletcher, he served in the office of the United Nations Secretary-General. He is also a Senior Fellow at NYU’s Center on International Cooperation, and teaches a course at NYU School of Law.

John Burgess, Professor of Practice and Executive Director of the LL.M. program, teaches courses on international financial transactions, international securities regulation, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. Prior to joining Fletcher, he practiced at the international law firm of WilmerHale for 37 years, where he chaired the firm’s corporate and international practice groups, and served on its management committee. He has regularly been listed in Best Lawyers in America and was named 2015 Boston Lawyer of the Year for capital markets. Professor Burgess is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Permanent Visiting Professor at the University of St. Gallen.

“Policymakers should have at least a rudimentary knowledge of international law themselves, because they may not have a lawyer at their side when they need one. International law cannot be understood without a broader interdisciplinary context, and Fletcher’s curriculum offers a distinct advantage in that regard.”

— Michael J. Glennon

Before Fletcher

Junior Officer at the Directorate of Protection of Indonesian National Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jakarta

After Fletcher

Third Secretary/Head of Chancery/ Vice Consul at the Indonesian Consulate General in Noumea, New Caledonia (Sui Generis Territory of France)

Fletcher has enabled me to see international issues from different perspectives. This was possible with the multidisciplinary approach taught at Fletcher, notably the blend of international relations, law, and economics. For example, in my current position I have a better understanding of the issues of self-determination and decolonization of New Caledonia thanks to Fletcher.
Antonia Chayes, Professor of Practice in International Politics and Law, has extensive government experience, including as Under Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and as a member of several federal commissions. She served on the Board of United Technologies Corporation for 21 years. Her interests encompass international conflict, law, and security. She has taught at the Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Law School, and her teaching at Fletcher focuses on international treaty behavior and civil-military relations in post-conflict environments. Her most cited book is The New Sovereignty: Compliance with International Regulatory Agreements (1995). Her book Borderless Wars: Civil Military Disorder and Legal Uncertainty will be published by Cambridge University Press mid-2015.

Hurst Hannum, Professor of International Law, focuses on human rights and its role in the international legal and political order, including issues of self-determination, minority rights, and conflict resolution. He has consulted for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Department of Political Affairs and has served as counsel in cases before European and Inter-American human rights bodies. He is co-author of a leading textbook, International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy, and Process (5th ed. 2011, with S.J. Anaya and D. Shelton).

Cecile Aptel, Associate Professor of International Law, specializes in international criminal law, transitional justice, and the rights of women and children. She has extensive international and multilateral experience, having worked for the United Nations for many years and in many parts of the World, notably at the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and most recently as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights’ Senior Legal Policy Adviser. She has consulted for several other international and non-governmental organizations, notably the International Centre for Transitional Justice, where she established and directed the Program on Children and Transitional Justice. She is also Extraordinary Professor at the Centre for Human Rights of the University of Pretoria, and Visiting Associate Professor at Harvard University.

“The Fletcher LL.M. is a means to an end, and that end should be to promote positive change, whether you want to achieve world peace, personal advancement, greater intellectual understanding, or any other worthy goal.”

– Hurst Hannum

Jeswald W. Salacuse, Henry J. Braker Professor of International Law, served as the Dean of the Fletcher School for nine years and was previously Dean of the Southern Methodist University Law School. His research and teaching interests include international negotiation, law and development, and international investment law. He has written twelve books and numerous articles, including The Law of Investment Treaties (Oxford University Press 2010) and the recently completed The Three laws of International Investment: National, Contractual, and International Frameworks for Foreign Capital (Oxford University Press, 2013). He is currently President of an international arbitral tribunal under the World Bank’s International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

Joel P. Trachtman, Professor of International Law, has research interests in international economic law, including international trade, finance, migration, investment, and business law. He has served on the Boards of the American Journal of International Law, the European Journal of International Law, and the Journal of International Economic Law, and has consulted for the UNCTAD, the OECD, the APEC, the World Bank, and the USAID. He formerly practiced international business and finance law with Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York and Hong Kong. He is the author of Trade Law, Domestic Regulation, and Development (2015), The Future of International Law: Global Government (2013) and The Tools of Argument (2013).
In addition to our permanent faculty, the LL.M. curriculum is enriched by a number of adjunct faculty who bring specialized knowledge to the program, many of whom teach on a regular basis. Recent adjunct or visiting faculty include:

- **Louis Aucoin**, Adjunct Professor of International Law, teaches in the fields of rule of law, transitional justice, comparative law, European Union law, and international criminal law. From 2010–2014 he was the Academic Director of the LL.M. Program in International Law and held the title of Professor of Practice. In his research and writing, he has studied the constitution-making process in post conflict countries and has served as a foreign advisor to the development of the constitutions in Cambodia, East Timor, Rwanda, Kosovo and the Ukraine.

- **Tara Clancy**, Adjunct Associate Professor of International Law, is a partner at K&L Gates, where her practice concentrates on patent, trademark, and copyright litigation. She teaches international intellectual property law and policy.

- **Dr. James Fry**, Visiting Professor of International Law, is Associate Professor of Law and Director of the LL.M. Programme at the University of Hong Kong, where he teaches courses on, among other things, public international law and international dispute resolution. He is a member of the Institute for Strategic Studies, the Asia Society, and a range of professional bar organizations; his most recent publication is Legal Resolution of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Disputes.

- **S. Donald Gonson**, Adjunct Professor of International Law, specializes in issues of international corporate and commercial law, as well as in corporate governance and risk management. He was for many years a senior partner in the international law firm WilmerHale.

- **Kathleen Hamill**, Adjunct Assistant Professor of International Law, received her J.D. at Boston College Law School and teaches international human rights law. She has worked as an independent researcher, advocate, and consultant on a range of human rights issues in the Americas, Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East.

- **Thomas F. Holt, Jr.**, Adjunct Professor of International Law, is a partner at K&L Gates, maintaining an active practice before federal and state courts and administrative agencies on a wide variety of matters, including business disputes, intellectual property asset protection, and environmental and land use litigation.

- **David Wirth**, Visiting Professor of International Law, holds a primary appointment as Professor of Law at Boston College Law School, where he teaches environmental, administrative, public international, and foreign relations law. He has authored numerous books, articles, and reports on international environmental law and policy for both legal and popular audiences.

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**BEFORE FLETCHER**
Chief of Staff, Domestic Affairs Committee, Mexican Senate; Revolutionary Institutional Party (PRI)’s National Representative, National Electoral Commission (IFE)

**AFTER FLETCHER**
Deputy Attorney-General for Legal and International Affairs, Office of the Attorney-General (PGR) – Mexico City, Mexico

Fletcher’s greatest asset is to create a space to bring together a highly selected breed of individuals sharing the common passion for a change in their respective home countries within their specialized areas of legal expertise. The invaluable skills and network gained at Fletcher serve as a lifelong toolset to support my career track, as they did in my appointment as the first female Deputy Attorney-General for Legal and International Affairs in Mexico, a second-in-line position in the national Attorney-General’s Office with 700 government employees.
A Fletcher education is designed to be as flexible as it is rigorous. Fletcher’s courses are
grouped into three divisions: International Law and Organizations (ILO); Diplomacy,
History, and Politics (DHP); and Economics and International Business (EIB). Courses
are open to all degree candidates, so you will find yourself taking courses with political
scientists, economists, human rights advocates, engineers, artists, and many others.

The tight-knit Fletcher community’s academic and social life promotes the contextual
learning that characterizes the LL.M. program and prepares you for the world’s
multifaceted challenges. Fletcher students represent over 85 developing and
industrialized countries. Fully three-quarters of the graduates in the LL.M. program
have come from outside the United States.

The LL.M. program is one full academic year, beginning in September. Four courses each
semester are required for the LL.M. degree. No fewer than five and a maximum of six
courses must be taken within the International Law and Organizations (ILO) division.
At least one of the eight courses must be chosen from the Diplomacy, History, and
Politics (DHP) division, and at least one from the Economics and International Business
(EIB) division. LL.M. students may also cross-register at Harvard Law School, normally
for no more than one course per academic year. Students must also complete a Capstone-
Thesis Project, which is determined in consultation with, and supervised by, a member
of the law faculty. Native English-speakers also must demonstrate proficiency in a
second language.

Find more on the Fletcher curriculum at http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Academic/Courses and
examples of LL.M. curricular tracks at http://fletcher.tufts.edu/LLM/Curriculum.
HIGH TABLE SYMPOSIUM

One of the central features of the LL.M. program is the “High Table” luncheon series, which is held approximately monthly during the academic year. The High Table is an off-the-record discussion guided by practitioners from the public and private sectors and visiting legal scholars, attended by LL.M. faculty and required for LL.M students. Some of our recent guests have included H.E. Hisashi Owada, then President of the International Court of Justice; Nobel Laureate Dr. Mohamed ElBaradei; H.E. Joseph Deiss, President of the 65th Session of the U.N. General Assembly; Luzius Wildhaber, former President of the European Court of Human Rights; John Ruggie, Berthold Beitz Professor in Human Rights and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; and Dr. Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

CAPSTONE COLLOQUIUM

LL.M. students complete their year with a Capstone Colloquium, where students present summaries of their theses, reflect upon the year’s studies, and engage in small-group discussions with legal practitioners and scholars. Guest speakers usually remain for lunch and/or dinner, offering students a unique opportunity to discuss substantive and career issues with knowledgeable international legal experts from a variety of backgrounds and institutions. Among our guests have been H.E. Joyce Aluoch, Judge of the International Criminal Court; Gian Luca Burci, Legal Counsel of the World Health Organization; Alejandro Jara, former Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization; Peter Olson, Legal Adviser to the Secretary General of NATO, H.E. Bruno Simma, former Judge of the International Court of Justice, and Jay Stephens, former General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Raytheon.

ABHISHEK BHARTI ’10 | India | International Law

BEFORE FLETCHER
Assistant Manager, Legal & Compliance – GSK India

AFTER FLETCHER
Lead Counsel – General Electric (Mar 2011 to Dec 2013)
Lead Counsel – TE Connectivity (Dec 2013 – Present)

Fletcher has given a great boost to my career profile. With an LL.M from Fletcher I gained great exposure and an opportunity to work in a culturally diverse atmosphere that positioned me to address the challenges of counsel in multi-national enterprises.
Our students represent diverse geographic regions, as shown in the map above, and have years of legal experience in various sectors, including private international law firms, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, diplomatic missions, multinational corporations, and think tanks.

During their year of studies, LL.M. students may seek career advice from Fletcher’s Office of Career Services and the program’s directors to develop a customized approach to a career in international law that meets each person’s needs and interests. In the few years since our LL.M. program graduated its first students, our alumni have gone on to work with an extraordinary range of organizations, both public and private. These include:

- Allen & Overy
- Baker Hughes, Inc.
- Booz Allen & Hamilton
- European Court of Human Rights
- European Commission
- EUPOL Afghanistan
- General Electric Corporation
- Inter-American Development Bank
- International Commission of Jurists
- International Organization for Migration

- King & Spalding
- McKinsey & Company
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, LLP
- Supreme Court of Korea
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
- Wake Forest University School of Law
- Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
- World Trade Organization

For a representative list of employers of recent LL.M. graduates, please visit http://fletcher.tufts.edu/LLM/Career-Services.
Contemporary executives must possess not only sharp management skills but also a deep understanding of the rules governing international trade and commercial relations. Leaders in trade and business increasingly find that their activities are often intertwined with broader social norms and values, not to mention world politics. Fletcher alumni are poised to take on these challenges with sophistication and nuance.

Many Fletcher students come to their graduate studies with prior experience in public or non-governmental service. Many also return to non-governmental organizations to address the challenges of Darfur or Iraq, Kosovo or Myanmar. With a broader, nuanced understanding of the international arena in which they work, they are able to more effectively address organizational goals and achieve collaborative success.

Fletcher alumni are found in important governmental positions around the world. From ambassadors to prime ministers, the United Nations and the World Bank, Fletcher graduates are adept at collaborating across sectors to address the world’s challenges.

Fletcher offered a unique opportunity to further develop my expertise in public international law, while also gaining exposure to other related areas, such as security studies, economics, human rights and philosophy. It “stretched” me in new ways, forcing me to approach problems from different points of view. The student body offers a chance to be exposed to different ways of thinking about complex questions, based on cultural and/or disciplinary backgrounds. I bring these lessons to my work at the UN on a daily basis.
The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy has focused on the practical implications of international rules, principles, and institutions, exploring the interrelationship between law and other disciplines. It began teaching international law when it was founded in 1933, a year of crisis and turmoil. The United States’ failure to join the League of Nations dealt a major blow to the hopes of its founders. The German Reichstag was set afire, and Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor. In the U.S., countless unemployed stood in soup lines. The world was soon enveloped in the dual catastrophes of the Second World War and the Great Depression.

Over the following eight decades, The Fletcher School has continued to examine international law within the context of often turbulent international relations. Fletcher has viewed with skepticism the idealistic supposition that all international law generates compliance, as well as the formalistic assumption that international law is merely a set of rules.

Over the years, these pragmatic, interdisciplinary themes have been explored by an amazing line of international law legends who have taught at Fletcher, including Roscoe Pound, Leo Gross, Hans Kelsen, Julius Stone, Walter Sterling Surrey, Philip Warren Thayer, Robert Hudec, Keith Hight, and Louis Sohn. Today, our law faculty continues this decades-old tradition of rigorous scholarship.

A network of thousands of alumni – including hundreds of lawyers – has benefited from this knowledge and insight. These former students are now leaders in business, law, government, and the non-profit sector in countries around the world.

Fletcher’s LL.M. program carries this dedication forward into the 21st century, expanding on the joint MALD-J.D. degree programs that have been in place for years with the law schools at Harvard and the University of California at Berkeley. The LL.M. program provides a first-rate education in international law for individuals poised to move into leadership roles in law, politics, and business. It affords lawyers practicing in traditional fields an opportunity to refocus their careers on international law and policy. It does so with a truly “global perspective,” the touchstone of a Fletcher education.
ADMISSIONS

We request that all LL.M. Applicants read thoroughly the Admissions section of the website (http://fletcher.tufts.edu/Admissions.aspx) before applying. The list below provides a general overview of the LL.M. application requirements.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**
- Application for Admission
- Application Fee of $80
- Official Academic Transcripts
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Supplemental Essay
- Resume
- Official TOEFL/IELTS Test Scores
- Evaluative Interview (optional)
- Scholarship Application (if applicable)

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Deadlines for applicants wishing to enroll in the Fall are as follows:
- November 15 of the preceding year: Early notification
- January 10 of the year of admission: Regular deadline
- March 1 of the year of admission: Late deadline

All supplemental materials, including recommendations, transcripts, and test scores, must arrive at the Admissions Office by the application date.

For more information about the admissions process at Fletcher, please visit Fletcher Admissions or contact us at fletcheradmissions@tufts.edu.