THE LL.M. PROGRAM
MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
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.

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.
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. in International Law trains lawyers to understand this perspective. Taught by a distinguished international law faculty with extensive real-world experience, the LL.M. Program addresses the historical, political, cultural, and economic framework within which contemporary international lawyers operate. This perspective is crucial in preparing students not only to be international lawyers but to become leaders in their fields who understand law contextually, not just as a technical tool.

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. Supporting our distinctive LL.M. programming, the LL.M. curriculum offers students a multidisciplinary experience, which includes courses in international law, business, economics, political science, diplomacy, and area studies.
A WORLD-RENOWNED FACULTY


**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 of *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.

**Louis Aucoin**, Professor of Practice in Law and Academic Director of the LL.M. Program, teaches in the fields of rule of law, transitional justice, comparative law, and European Union law. He served for a year as Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Rule of Law in Liberia in 2012.

“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

**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 recent publications include *How American Treaty Behavior Threatens National Security* in *International Security* 45 (2008).

RENEATA CAPELLA SOLER ’09 | Spain | Public International Law

**BEFORE FLETCHER**
Human Rights Officer, World Health Organization (WHO)

**AFTER FLETCHER**
Justice Mentor/Adviser, European Union Police Mission in Afghanistan (EUPOL) – Kabul, Afghanistan

Fletcher alumni network and faculty were the channels through which I learned about vacancies in EU missions, and without which I wouldn’t have even heard of, let alone applied to, my current position. My first assignment on the job in Kabul only reaffirmed the practical relevance of my Fletcher education. Called upon to give a briefing on the comparison of civil and common law systems and its rule of law implications, I started grinning as I recalled Professor Aucoin’s comparative legal systems class.
The Fletcher School LL.M. combines a top program in international law with opportunities to study related disciplines that are essential to effective international legal practice. The Fletcher LL.M. allows trade lawyers to study trade economics, finance lawyers to study finance, UN lawyers to study multilateral diplomacy, human rights lawyers to study human security, foreign ministry lawyers to study security studies, and so on. There is no better preparation for international legal practice.

— Joel P. Trachtman

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 12 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, forthcoming 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 The Future of International Law: Global Government (2013) and The Economic Structure of International Law (2008).
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:

- **John Burgess**, Adjunct Professor of International Law, teaches courses on international financial transactions, international securities regulation, and cross-border mergers and acquisitions. He has practiced law at WilmerHale for 33 years, during which time he has chaired the firm's corporate and international practice groups, and served on its management committee.

- **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.

- **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, 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.

- **Malcolm Russell-Einhorn**, Adjunct Professor of International Law, specializes in international development in relation to legal, regulatory, and public administration reform initiatives in developing and transition countries. He is Research Professor of Public Administration and Director of the Center for International Development in the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy at the State University of New York at Albany (SUNY/CID).

- **Robert D. Sloane**, Visiting Professor of International Law, is Associate Professor of Law at Boston University School of Law and has taught public international law and international criminal justice at Fletcher. He practiced international law at Debevoise & Plimpton, where he helped to litigate the Avena case before the International Court of Justice. He twice received the American Society of International Law’s Francis Lieber Prize for outstanding scholarship in the field of the law of armed conflict by an author under the age of 35.

- **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.
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 students in the LL.M. program 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 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, former 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, Deputy Director General of the World Trade Organization; Peter Olson, Legal Adviser to the Secretary General of NATO, and H.E. Bruno Simma, former Judge of the International Court of Justice.

BEFORE FLETCHER

Advocate, Havelock, Muriuki & Raval Advocates – Nairobi, Kenya

AFTER FLETCHER

Legal Affairs Officer, World Trade Organization (WTO) – Geneva, Switzerland

The Fletcher faculty is truly top-notch. In addition to expanding my knowledge of international trade, my international trade law professor encouraged me to apply for an internship at the WTO. From there, one thing led to another. The job introduced me to the practical aspects of the field, fed my interest in the area, and eventually led me to apply for a fixed-term position. The economics and development units that I was able to incorporate into my studies at Fletcher proved invaluable in carrying out my duties at a global trade organization.
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 director 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
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, LLP
- United Nations Office of Legal Affairs
- Wake Forest University School of Law
- World Trade Organization

For a representative list of employers of recent LL.M. graduates, please visit http://fletcher.tufts.edu/LLM/Career-Services.
THE FLETCHER NETWORK

BUSINESS AND TRADE

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.

HUMAN RIGHTS, JUSTICE, AND DEVELOPMENT

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.

GOVERNMENT

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.

RAFAEL LIMA ’09 | Brazil | International Economic Law

BEFORE FLETCHER
International Consultant, Linklaters LLP – Frankfurt am Main, Germany

AFTER FLETCHER
Operations Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – Washington, DC

My Fletcher experience allowed me to dare to pursue an out-of-the-box career for a lawyer, and its alumni network was the entry point into my current job. Substantively, Fletcher’s multidisciplinary curriculum enabled me to build the essential skills needed to perform my job. By allowing lawyers to deepen their specific knowledge, while also immersing themselves in the study of business, economics, and diplomacy, Fletcher equips you well with all the prerequisites for a career in any multilateral organization.
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 Highet, 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 new 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 $70
- 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.