Master of Laws in International Business and Trade Law

Earn Your LLM in Chicago

Visit us at www.jmls.edu/international to take the next step in your career…
The IBT Program Provides Specialized Education

Building on the legal, business, and trade resources of Chicago, one of the major commercial centers in the United States, the LLM in International Business and Trade Law provides a curriculum with a rich selection of courses in international corporate and finance law and international trade law.

An IBT Externship Gives You Workplace Experience

As a student in the LLM in International Business and Trade Law program, you may elect to do an externship with a law firm or corporation. You’ll get first-hand experience in customs and trade, immigration, or international corporate work.

Our Curriculum Helps You Meet Your Career Goals

You will develop a course schedule with your advisor that meets your professional needs and career objectives. The LLM program requires that you complete 24 credit hours. In addition to courses in the IBT program, you may select up to six credits in other LLM programs at John Marshall. The curriculum is designed to prepare students to work in the global marketplace—in law firms, corporations, government, and education.

Course Offerings

Each semester you’ll choose from a rich selection of courses that are designed to provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the knowledge, tools, and skills you’ll need in the international marketplace. You may also opt to study for a certificate of concentration in either international corporate and finance law or international trade law.

Chart Your Course to the Future...

IBT courses are offered year-round at John Marshall. In addition to fall, spring, and summer classes, we also offer courses during spring break and between semesters. You’ll always have a rich selection of courses to choose from, including:

- Business Aspects of Immigration Law
- European Union Regulation and Governance
- The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- International Antitrust Issues
- International Banking and Finance Law
- International Economic Development Law
- International Sales and Carriage of Goods
- International Trade Remedies Law
- Introduction to Civil Law Systems
- Law and Practice in Trade Compliance
- U.S. Customs and Import Law
- U.S. Export Law
I use my experience as a practitioner focused on customs and international trade law to give context to my classes at John Marshall.

Lawrence M. Friedman (JD ’89/LLM ’01)
is a partner with Barnes Richardson & Colburn in Chicago. He teaches International Trade Remedies Law, Law and Practice before the U.S. Court of International Trade, and U.S. Free Trade Agreements.
Where Do IBT Graduates Work?

Graduates of the LLM in International Business and Trade Law program are working on six continents in law firms; corporations; accounting firms; law schools; local, state, and federal government offices; and in the military. Here is a partial list of where our graduates are working:

- Acuris Attorneys at Law, Munich, Germany
- Ancel, Glink, Diamon, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer PC, Chicago, IL
- Barnes/Richardson, Chicago, IL
- BMO Harris Bank, Chicago, IL
- BNP Paribas, Zurich, Switzerland
- Braumiller Schulz LLP, Oak Brook, IL
- Castaldi Mourre & Partners, Milan, Italy
- Caterpillar Inc., Peoria, IL
- Deloitte, New York, NY
- Department of Homeland Security, Edinburg, TX
- East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China
- Ernst & Young, Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; and Frankfurt, Germany
- Eversheds Södermark, Stockholm, Sweden
- Garcia & Bodan, Managua, Nicaragua
- Gichuki King’ara & Company Advocates, Nairobi, Kenya
- Global Trade Expertise, Naperville, IL and Los Angeles, CA
- Guggenheim Partners LLC, Chicago, IL
- Hamilton Sundstrand, Rockford, IL and Windsor Locks, CT
- Hankyu Law Firm, Seoul, Korea
- Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY
- Honeywell International Inc., Des Plaines, IL
- Jauregui y Navarrete SC, Mexico City, Mexico
- Jones Day, Chicago, IL
- Kangxin, Beijing, China
- KPMG, Sydney, Australia and London, UK
- Maya Holding, IKEA Turkey, Leroy Merlin, Turkey
- McGuire Woods Consulting LLC, Chicago, IL
- Ministry of Justice, Lusaka, Zambia
- Nokia Inc., Sunnyvale, CA
- Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus PA, New York, NY
- Paksoy Law Firm, Istanbul, Turkey
- Renasas Electronics America Inc., Oakland, CA
- Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, PA, Chicago, IL
- Transmodal Corporations, Lake in the Hills, IL
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Artesia, NM
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Administration, Washington, DC
- U.S. Marines JAG Corps
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY
- Ukrainian Legal Group LLC, Kiev, Ukraine
- USAID, Asunción, Paraguay
- Videojet Technologies Inc., Wood Dale, IL
- Viking Drilling, Dallas, TX
- Vouga & Olmedo, Asunción, Paraguay
- White & Case, Prague, Czech Republic
- Woodward MPC, Skokie, IL

You will find our alumni in Atlanta; Ann Arbor; Asunción; Bangkok; Beijing; Belgrade; Bucharest; Chicago; Istanbul; Lagos; Mexico City; Milan; Moscow; Munich; Nairobi; New York; Okinawa; Paris; Prague; Silicon Valley; Seoul; Shanghai; Stockholm; Washington, DC; and Zurich.

John Marshall's LLM Program in International Business and Trade Law has attracted lawyers from 34 countries.

The IBT program prepared me to tackle the problems of commerce in an increasingly global environment. John Marshall’s commendable commitment to part-time, evening students was critical to my success in the program.

Chris Peterson (JD, LLM ’10) is Chief Operating Officer at Transmodal Corporation. Chris worked full-time as vice-president for Customs and Compliance at Transmodal while pursuing both degrees.
IBT Externship

The LLM in International Business and Trade Law program offers an externship to students enrolled in the program who have completed 10 credit hours of coursework. Students are placed with law firms and corporations under the direct supervision of a licensed attorney.

Melamed Fellowship

The Melamed Fellowship in International Business and Trade Law is awarded to a full-time student in John Marshall’s LLM in International Business and Trade Law program. The fellowship provides half the cost of tuition, a paid research assistantship, and a stipend. The Melamed Fellow is selected on the basis of academic merit and the potential for excellence in the practice of international business and trade law. Please contact the Center for International Law for additional details.

Joint JD/LLM Program

Students enrolled in John Marshall’s JD program may apply to become joint JD/LLM candidates. Joint candidates are permitted to count the first 10 hours of LLM coursework towards both degrees. Joint candidates, in most cases, will be able to complete the degree requirements of both programs with 104 credit hours. Joint degree students profit from taking classes with lawyers from a variety of backgrounds and practice experiences, both from the U.S. and overseas. For more information on the Joint JD/LLM program, please contact the Center for International Law.

“Being a joint JD/LLM in International Business and Trade Law student gave me the opportunity to pursue what I am passionate about while training me in a very practical and highly-specialized field.”

James Lessard-Templin (JD ’09, LLM ’11)
is now a senior consultant in the Customs and International Trade Group in Ernst & Young’s Chicago office.

“"My externship at the Chicago law firm of Drinker Biddle was just one of the outstanding benefits of my time at John Marshall. Now that I’ve completed the degree, I’m confident that I can work with international attorneys on any trade issue.”

Marianna Matokhniuk (LLM ’10)
attended John Marshall on a Fulbright Scholarship after completing a bachelor’s degree from Ukraine. She is now working in the Indirect Tax-Customs and International Trade Group at Ernst and Young’s Frankfurt am Mein, Germany office.
**Center Lecture Series**

Throughout the year, the Center for International Law offers lectures and continuing legal education programs of interest to students, faculty, and the Chicago legal community.

- The Dominick L. DiCarlo U.S. Court of International Trade Lecture
- The Folsom Lecture on International Business and Trade Law
- International General Counsels’ Roundtable Discussion
- Careers in International Business and Trade Law
- Lunch and Learn CLE programs on private and public international law topics
- International Jurist-in-Residence Lecture

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**Why Study at John Marshall?**

- Outstanding faculty of academics and leading practitioners
- Practical, up-to-date curriculum
- Externship opportunities at law firms and corporations
- Cross-curricular options
- Seminar-size classes
- Challenging, interactive classroom environment
- Flexible scheduling
- Concentrations in international corporate and finance law or international trade law
- Full-time or part-time program options
- Classes in the late afternoon, evenings, weekends, and on an intensive basis
- Opportunity to live in a world-class city with a rich cultural life
- Networking opportunities with the Chicago legal community
- Convenient location in Chicago’s downtown area
- Diverse student body

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**The Center for International Law**

Founded in 1992, John Marshall’s Center for International Law promotes the study of public and private international law. The Center sponsors lectures and programs on international economic law, public international law, and human rights law; promotes the study of international law at the JD level; coordinates exchanges with institutions in Lucerne, Switzerland and Barcelona, Spain; welcomes visiting scholars, practitioners, and judges; and works with other Chicago institutions to promote Chicago as an international commercial center. The Center offers the following degrees:

**LLM in International Business and Trade Law**
- Certificate of Concentration in International Corporate and Finance Law
- Certificate of Concentration in International Trade Law

**LLM in Global Legal Studies (for lawyers licensed outside the U.S.)**
Chicago is one of the world’s centers for commerce and business—an ideal location to earn an LLM in International Business and Trade Law. In a city known for its world-class architecture, you’ll get a strong foundation in international economic law.

Studying in Chicago gives students all the advantages of living in a world-class city. Chicago is a major U.S. center for finance, culture, transportation, industry, medicine, and higher education. As a student at John Marshall, you will attend law school in the heart of the downtown business district, minutes away from the city’s major law firms, federal and state courts, U.S. government offices, banks, and cultural institutions. From your classroom, you may have a view of the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Public Library, the Dirksen Federal Building, the Willis Tower, or State Street’s premier shopping area.

**John Marshall’s Campus**

Downtown Chicago is your campus. Located in the South Loop area, The John Marshall Law School’s central location makes it possible for us to draw upon Chicago’s wide array of resources and to provide easy access to law firms, state and federal courts, banking institutions, and cultural institutions. John Marshall is conveniently located within a block of all major elevated and subway lines, and is a short walk to all major commuter trains.

**Life Outside the Classroom**

When you’re not in class or studying, you’ll have time to explore Chicago—its museums, restaurants, nightlife, and unique neighborhoods. Chicago has a rich cultural life with such major institutions as the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Chicago Symphony, and the Lyric Opera. We have 29 miles of lakefront, 15 miles of beaches, and over 500 parks within the city limits. Whether you like watching sports or actively taking part in them, the opportunities will astound you. And no matter what your taste in music, you will find it in Chicago, the birthplace of the Chicago blues.

“ I enjoyed being a student in Chicago. The city has a great deal to offer students. More importantly, the people in Chicago make you feel right at home. ”

**Daniel Buenter (LLM ’11)**

graduated with his LLM in International Business and Trade Law in May 2011. He is now working in a law firm in Einsiedeln in the Lake Lucerne region of Switzerland.
The John Marshall Law School is accredited by the American Bar Association and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools offering:

Juris Doctor (JD)

Master of Laws (LLM) in:
- Employee Benefits
- Global Legal Studies
- Information Technology and Privacy Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Business and Trade Law
- Real Estate Law
- Tax Law
- Trial Advocacy and Dispute Resolution

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**Degree Information**

**Starting Dates:** August, January, June

**Length of Program:** Two semesters or more

**Location:** Chicago, Illinois

**Tuition:** Approximately $32,000 USD total, paid on a semester basis

**General Requirements**

- Graduate of ABA-accredited law school, or
- Member of the bar of a U.S. state or territory, or
- Member of a foreign bar or graduate of an accredited foreign law school holding the equivalent of a U.S. law degree

**How to Apply**

Students need to complete and submit the following:

- Application form
- Statement of purpose
- Resume
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended
- Application fee

International applicants must also submit the following:

- TOEFL score
- International supplement
- Letter of recommendation
- Transcript evaluation

For further details on applying to the LLM in International Business and Trade Law program, please visit our website at [www.jmls.edu/international](http://www.jmls.edu/international).

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