American University *of* Armenia

Master of LAWS

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) program prepares high-caliber, English-speaking legal advisers, advocates, and researchers with a strong sense of integrity and mindset for problem-solving and comparative analysis. Our graduates are conversant in international best practices in the field of law and are committed to serving both public and private sectors with the goal of protecting the rights of Armenia and Armenians domestically and internationally.

The LL.M. program is proud of the scores of professionals who have gained new skills and insight through their study at AUA and who apply their knowledge for the betterment of society in public service and private practice.

The LL.M. program is a two-year, part-time evening program. Classes are typically held four nights a week after 6:00pm during the regular academic year. The degree requires completion of a minimum of 30 credits over four semesters. Students take required and elective courses earning between six and nine credits per semester. LL.M. students must also write a master's paper and fulfill the AUA Environmental Science requirement (1 credit) in order to graduate.

LL.M. program graduates are well trained and contribute in practice to:

- Efficiency and stability of transactions
- Security of investments
- Protection of fundamental rights and freedoms
- Expedience and fairness in dispute resolution
- Identifying and applying best practices in law and policy
- Prudent design and improvement of laws, regulations, policies, institutions, and legal frameworks



"Join AUA's LL.M. program to grow and progress in your career." Narek Chobanyan, LL.M. '18, law clerk at the "Armenian Bar Association"

"AUA is a level up in many senses — a level up faculty, a level up students, and a level up lifestyle."

Lilit Banduryan, LL.M. '12, assistant to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia



Curriculum

The LL.M. curriculum is tailored to build essential practice-oriented skills for attorneys while simultaneously offering new perspectives and knowledge on a variety of legal topics. Students must complete four core courses (three credits each) in addition to a number of elective courses (1 or 2 credits each). In doing so, students are able to tailor their education to their preferred interests and goals, focusing on public, private, or international law.

The LL.M. program also periodically offers courses in specialized fields of law or on topics of current interest in the profession.

Core Required Courses

- Business Organizations
- European Convention on Human Rights
- Administrative Law
- Master's Paper

Sample Electives

- Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies: Law, Business & Policy
- Artificial Intelligence and Law
- Technology and Venture Capital
- Intellectual Property
- Mergers and Acquisition
- International Investment Law
- Negotiation
- ADR: Arbitration
- Corporate Governance
- Legal Profession
- Freedom of Information & Data Protection
- International Business Transactions
- Legal Methods and Argumentation
- Public International Law
- International Criminal Law
- Anti-Corruption and Compliance
- Tax Law
- Environmental Law

Elective courses vary year to year.

Our Alumni

- Approximately 85% of our alumni are currently employed.
- Close to 50% work in the private sector while remaining in the public sector. They work for organizations including the Government of Armenia, foreign and international representations and organizations, and NGOs.

A Practice-Oriented Approach

AUA's LL.M. program aims at helping students develop the practical skills and knowledge necessary to be successful professionals in an increasingly competitive, globalized market. Our practiceoriented approach also focuses on building the analytical, advocacy, and English communication skills necessary for attorneys to succeed. Courses expose students to a range of fields as well as current trends. The program affords students opportunities to develop practitioner skills through instruction, mock trials, competitions, workshops, and daily interaction with highly qualified professionals.

Legal Resource Center

The AUA Legal Resource Center (LRC) is an integral part of the LL.M. program which organizes international conferences and summer schools and conducts various research projects involving students and alumni. LRC operates two clinics: the Technology and Innovation Legal Clinic (TIL) Clinic and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Clinic.

The TIL Clinic serves the creative community on campus and beyond, primarily supporting innovation and technology startups in Armenia while the ADR Clinic is a practice and learning platform designed for students and young members of the ADR community promoting out-of-court dispute resolution in Armenia.

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