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The University of Michigan Law School is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.
The University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor is one of the world's finest institutions of legal education. Housed in the Cook Quadrangle on the University of Michigan's Central Campus, the Law School is unmatched for beauty and superbly functional for its residential and scholarly community. The Law School is home to a faculty widely recognized as among the nation's best, its members preeminent in their fields. The careers of its alumni speak eloquently for the strength of the school; our graduates serve with distinction in the public, private and academic sectors in this nation and beyond. Of all the elements that combine to give Michigan its special character, the Law School takes greatest pride in its student body. Students from around the world contribute their remarkable talents and accomplishments to create an academic community characterized by seriousness of purpose, high academic achievement, social commitment and joy of intellectual inquiry.

The Law School is part of the University of Michigan, among the world's premier research and teaching universities. The University is renowned for its top ranked graduate programs in the social sciences and humanities; its schools of law, engineering, business, medicine and music; and its specialized research institutes and centers of study. Law students are able to take advantage of the rich intellectual life and the tremendous resources such as libraries, cultural and recreational facilities, and curricular offerings in other fields, made possible by the larger university environment.
The University of Michigan, founded in 1817, has a long and distinguished history. The Northwest Territorial Ordinance of 1787 provided public land for this and other Midwestern universities and established a tradition of respect for excellence in higher education. By the end of the 19th century, the University of Michigan was the largest and most generously supported public university in America and a leader in the field of graduate education.

The University of Michigan Law School, one of the oldest in the nation, was founded in 1859. Unlike other eminent law schools, Michigan was never restricted to the privileged. When Gabriel Hargo graduated from the Law School in 1870, for example, Michigan became only the second American university to confer a law degree on an African American. In 1871, Sarah Kilgore was among its graduates, the first woman in the English speaking world to receive a university law degree.

Michigan alumni are numerous on law faculties in countries around the world, and they hold leadership positions in the public and private legal sectors both within their own countries and on an international level.

The Law School’s connection to other countries began in the last century. In the 1860’s we had 26 students from Canada and 2 from England; in the 1870’s, we had 29 students from Canada, 3 from Japan, 1 from Mexico, 1 from Scotland and 2 from South Africa.

Graduate studies at the University of Michigan Law School also has a long tradition, with the first LL.M. degrees granted in the 1889-1890 academic year.

The alumni of the Law School, both the graduates of our J.D. program and of our graduate degree programs, have distinguished themselves in academia, government work and private practice in more than 75 countries. To mention just a few of our alumni, Justice Itsuo Sonobe is on the Supreme Court of Japan; Edgardo Angara and Miriam Defensor Santiago are two of the Philippines’ 24 senators; Emilio Cardenas recently stepped down as Argentinean Ambassador to the United Nations; Jochen Frowein was a member of the European Commission of Human Rights from 1973-1993, serving as its Vice President for the last 11 years, and he currently directs the Max-Planck Institute in Heidelberg; and John Toulmin, Q.C., recently served as President of the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of Europe. Michigan alumni are numerous on law faculties in countries around the world, and they hold leadership positions in the public and private legal sectors both within their own countries and on an international level.
Ann Arbor is a sophisticated, pleasant place to live. People from all over the world teach, attend classes, work, and make their homes here. Ann Arbor enjoys the energetic atmosphere of a major cultural, educational, and athletic center.

The city is known for its beautiful tree-lined streets, contemporary and traditional architecture, outstanding elementary and secondary schools, and extensive park system. It is surrounded by rivers, lakes, farmland, and forests.

Ann Arbor is filled with things to do. Entertainment options abound every night of the week. The city has developed a national reputation for excellence in the performing arts. Ann Arbor hosts internationally renowned film festivals and dance and musical performances. The many theatres, public and private galleries, and museums add to the city's liveliness. It leads the nation in book purchases per household. Each summer, the city is the site of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, which together comprise one of the largest outdoor arts and crafts exhibitions in the world. The city's cultural diversity, amply reflected in its cultural offerings, also means that there are many fascinating places to eat.
GRADUATE DEGREE

COUNTRIES represented in the 1995-96 Graduate Program

Austria
Belgium
Canada
China
Denmark
Estonia
France
Germany
Hungary
India
Israel
Japan
Korea
Latvia
Mexico
Philippines
Romania
Russia
South Africa
Spain
Taiwan
Thailand
United Kingdom
Ukraine
United States
Venezuela

The University of Michigan Law School has a long and proud tradition of welcoming international students for graduate legal studies.

In addition to our three year Juris Doctor (J.D.) program, the basic degree in law in the United States, the Law School offers several graduate degree programs. They are the Master of Laws (LL.M.) and the Master of Comparative Law (M.C.L.), both one year programs. The Master of Laws can be pursued as a general degree; it is also offered with a concentration that results in an LL.M. - International Economic Law or an LL.M. - International Law. In addition, the Law School offers the Doctor of the Science of Law (S.J.D.), for which prior completion of the LL.M. is a requirement.

STUDENT BODY

While the Law School student body totals about 1050 (mostly J.D. degree candidates), the law faculty has chosen to keep the size of the graduate degree programs small despite the large number of applications received. Approximately 35 to 40 new master's degree candidates are enrolled each year, with one to three S.J.D. students in residence. Most graduate law students are from abroad.

The Law School's commitment to the quality of academic life of the graduate students is the primary motivation for the small graduate class size. A program of size allows the students to receive individual attention from faculty as advisors and research supervisors as well as from administrative staff. It permits the Law School to accommodate graduate students in the classes of interest to them. The small number of graduate students and their integration into the classes and activities of the Law School help ensure interaction and friendship between them and J.D. students, most of whom are from the U.S. The small size also affords all members of the graduate class the chance to get to know each other well, a uniquely important and exciting opportunity because graduate students come from all over the world and represent a broad spectrum of legal, cultural and political viewpoints.

Graduates of our program prize the ongoing professional relationships they develop with classmates and faculty alike.

By being part of a small program in a large and intellectually vibrant law school, graduate students benefit from access to a vast array of courses and seminars, a law faculty representing strength in all branches of American law as well as international and comparative subjects, and a dynamic student body with an enormous range of activities and organizations.

The graduate students are themselves a diverse and distinguished group. In a typical academic year, the graduate program will include persons from 25 countries. Graduate degree candidates are young law professionals with outstanding legal educations and legal experience in their home countries or on the International level. They practice in private law firms, teach at universities around the world and work in government ministries and international organizations. Those who join our program immediately after completion of their first degrees in law generally are near the very top of their classes with significant research, extracurricular or part-time professional experience. In a recent year, the graduate program included an associate of a leading law firm in the Philippines simultaneously serving as a part-time faculty member at Ateneo Law School; a former counsel to the Ukrainian Ministry of Finance currently working for a major international law firm; the top graduate of a distinguished university in the United Kingdom on his way to an academic career; a corporate lawyer for a Mexican multinational company; a legal officer with the environmental agency of the Japanese government; a lecturer in human rights at the University of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia; clerks on the constitutional courts of several countries; and a Belgian attorney engaged in a European Union practice.
Michigan has a cutting-edge research faculty and exceptionally good library — one of the best in the world, with abundant materials in the law of the U.S. and other countries.

— DANIEL WOURISHET, Ethiopia
Active student participation brings intellectual rigor and vibrancy to the United States law classroom. Discussions are greatly enriched by the comparative perspective of a multinational student body.
ACADEMIC GOALS
Each of our graduate degree programs is designed with the overriding goal of enabling students to pursue a course of study reflecting their individual intellectual interests and career objectives. The graduate degree programs are intended for individuals who are trained in law abroad; their various objectives are to engage in comparative legal study, to gain a better understanding of the United States' legal system, to pursue a field of specialization, or to carry on advanced legal research. Before classes start, an extensive orientation program is offered to graduate students. Each student meets with the Assistant Dean of International Programs and a faculty member for individual advice on his or her selection of courses, seminars and research projects to tailor a program for his or her specific needs and interests.

THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS
The master's degree programs begin at the end of August with classes ending in May. The programs are designed to be completed in two terms (one academic year) and they demand full-time studies. Some students elect to remain in the summer to complete required research papers, provided their faculty research supervisors approve the time extension.

THE MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.)
The Law School offers an LL.M. degree, consisting primarily of courses and seminars and including an opportunity to pursue individual research. Students in this program may freely select courses and seminars according to their interests from the wide variety of subjects offered by the Law School. Graduate students take advantage of the Law School's curricular strengths in a broad range of fields including constitutional law, international law, international trade, commercial and corporate law, interdisciplinary perspectives on law, litigation, tax, and civil rights law. With the exception of two classes limited to graduate students, only one of which is required, the classes are also offered to J.D. candidates. It is customary in United States law school classes for students to participate through discussion, by faculty calling upon students for comments, and by students questioning each other and their professors. Active student participation brings intellectual rigor and vibrancy to the United States law classroom. These discussions are greatly enriched by the comparative perspective of a multinational student body.

Of the two classes limited to graduate students, one is an optional introduction to legal research and writing methods using U.S. legal materials. The second class, required unless the student received a J.D. degree in the United States, is a survey of U.S. Constitutional Law with an introduction to legal process. Both are offered in the fall term.

Other than the required Constitutional Law class, master's degree students are free to choose from the entire law curriculum to accomplish their academic goals. In addition to law class offerings, they may take up to six credit hours of independent research under law faculty supervision and up to six credit hours of courses and seminars in other graduate schools of the University of Michigan if they seek exposure to other disciplines. All master's degree students are required to complete a research paper in a seminar or as a
supervised independent research project on a topic of their choice. The LL.M. degree requires the completion of 24 credits with at least a "B" average in two terms (nine months) of study.

Many master's degree students arrive with particular subject areas they wish to explore. A typical program of study might include courses in both U.S. domestic law and international law, coupled with one of the core classes offered to first-year J.D. students, such as torts or criminal law, to gain an introduction to common law legal analysis. A master's degree student might combine the study of U.S. contract, corporate and securities law with international trade and international finance, while simultaneously taking Sex Equality and The Legal Imagination to broaden his or her perspective. Another might take classes in torts, environmental law, administrative law, international litigation and international organizations.

**LL.M. - INTERNATIONAL LAW**
**LL.M. - INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW**

In 1996-97, the Law School offered for the first time two special LL.M. degrees: an LL.M. with a concentration in international law and an LL.M. with a concentration in international economic law. These degrees are intended for students who choose to focus their graduate studies on one of these fields while still having time to gain exposure to U.S. law in other subject areas of interest.

Many students are attracted to the University of Michigan Law School because of the long-standing strength of the faculty, curriculum and library collections in international law and international economic law. The philosophy of the special degree programs is to marshal these outstanding resources to enable students to participate in the advanced study of international law or international economic law, so that achieving the degree signifies a special competence in the field the student selects. The program is small and elite by design and includes attention to the important linkages between general international law and international economic law, to international norms and national law (including constitutional law), and to disciplines other than law (for example, economics, political science and international relations theory). In our world of global economic and political interdependence, the value of a degree with a focus on advanced international and international economic legal issues is self-evident.

Students admitted to the program for the LL.M. - International Law or the LL.M. - International Economic Law must fulfill the general requirements for the LL.M. degree as well as some additional requirements for one of the special
degrees. Students who begin one of the special LLM programs but later decide to pursue the general LLM are free at any time during the program to opt out or to switch from one special degree program to another, providing the requirements are met for the program ultimately chosen.

The additional requirements to achieve one of the special degrees are as follows:

- At least 12 of the 24 credit hours required for the LLM must be from the completion of courses, seminars or research credit related to international law on a list determined each year by the Law School's International Legal Studies Committee. For the degree LLM - International Economic Law, at least two courses or seminars (e.g., half of the 12 credits) must focus on aspects of international economic law.

- The course in general International Law must be completed during the academic year unless the student demonstrates to the Law School's satisfaction that he or she has already completed such a course with scope and depth comparable to the course offered at the Law School.

- When offered, a proseminar on Advanced Problems in International Law must be completed. The proseminar will feature a particular subject of international law significance and timeliness (e.g., UN peacekeeping, dispute settlement in international trade law, war crimes and the Bosnia situation, human rights in transitional economies, treaty law compliance, treaties in domestic law) and utilize guest speakers, a special panel, a conference or "mini-conference" and other opportunities for the students to engage in discussions with distinguished visitors from academic, governmental or professional life. Many visiting speakers come from abroad and include ambassadors, high government officials, distinguished practitioners, and eminent scholars and professors. Some are here as visiting professors, research scholars, or speaking in our International Law Workshop, an annual lecture series.

- The required LLM research paper must be on a topic of significance in international law for the LLM - International Law degree or in international economic law for the LLM - International Economic Law degree. A paper for the proseminar in Advanced Problems in International Law will satisfy the LLM research paper requirement. It is expected that the LLM paper will be of high scholarly quality and students are encouraged to submit their papers for publication.

THE MASTER OF COMPARATIVE LAW (M.C.L.)

The M.C.L. degree is conferred upon students who complete 20 credit hours with a "C+" average in an approved program of study, in two terms of residence. Like the LLM candidate, the M.C.L. student must take the required Constitutional Law class and write a research paper, and otherwise has the same curricular flexibility. The lighter course load permitted by the M.C.L. program makes it more desirable for students from civil law countries who anticipate a significant adjustment for studies in English.

Each of our graduate degree programs is designed with the overriding goal of enabling students to pursue a course of study reflecting their individual intellectual interests and career objectives.
Students admitted to a master's degree program will be given an admission designation to the "M.C.L./LL.M." program and may decide, after arrival in Ann Arbor, which of the two degrees to pursue. Students from certain English speaking countries are not eligible for the M.C.L. degree. The M.C.L. degree is not available with the special concentration in international law or international economic law.

M.C.L. OR LL.M. WITH A RESEARCH FOCUS
It is possible to pursue an M.C.L. or LL.M. program with a research focus consisting of course and seminar work in the first term of enrollment and extended individual supervised research in the second term. A master's program with a research emphasis of more than six credit hours requires permission of the Law School's Graduate Committee. Considerations for approval include the quality of the student's academic performance and research proposal, and the interest and availability of a faculty supervisor. Students with an interest in this option should apply to the Assistant Dean of International Programs during their first term of enrollment.

DOCTOR OF THE SCIENCE OF LAWS (S.J.D.)
The S.J.D. degree program is intended for individuals who have given evidence of outstanding scholarship and capacity for advanced legal research. The majority of S.J.D. applicants typically are engaged in or plan to pursue academic law careers. The S.J.D. candidate must have outstanding academic credentials and demonstrate the capacity for completing a doctoral dissertation of publishable quality that will make an original contribution to scholarly legal research. Supervision of doctoral research demands specialized faculty expertise and interest; therefore, some qualified applicants may be denied admission because an appropriate faculty member is not available to serve as thesis supervisor.

In some cases, applicants with prior legal training in the Anglo-American tradition may apply for direct admission to the LL.M./S.J.D. program. They must satisfy the requirements for an LL.M. degree as an initial step toward the S.J.D. (even if they already have an LL.M. from another institution). During their required two terms of residence at the Law School, the master's portion of their program is composed of supervised research and writing on a subject approved by the S.J.D. adviser as the student's S.J.D. thesis topic. At least five of the 24 credit hours must be in Law School courses or seminars, with the remainder in supervised research.

The S.J.D. degree is conferred upon students who have:

- Completed, with an average of "B" or better, two terms of full-time residence at the Law School and at least 24 credit hours in an approved program of study which satisfies the requirements of the LL.M. degree.

When admitted to the S.J.D. program, such students must remain in residence at the Law School for at least four additional months following completion of the LL.M. program. During this four-month period, their programs of study consist exclusively of supervised research and writing on the thesis topic in preparation for the decision on admission to S.J.D. candidacy. The requirements for admission to S.J.D. candidacy and for receipt of the S.J.D. degree are the same for these students as for students admitted directly to the LL.M./S.J.D. program.
The relationship between faculty and students here is very cordial. And the courses are extremely useful for learning new concepts and frameworks.

— YOKO MASUZAWA, Japan
The Law School offers a non-degree research scholar program, attractive to legal scholars from around the world. This program is designed to meet the varying needs of scholars who engage in major research projects for which the Law School's outstanding library can be of considerable assistance. Research scholars enjoy full access to the Law School's library and research facilities to pursue their individual research agendas. They are welcome to observe classes and participate in the Law School's workshop and lecture series. Sometimes they are invited to give a presentation to the Law School community.

The research scholar program is intended primarily for junior and senior faculty members in law or in cognate fields at universities throughout the world. It is also available to individuals from abroad engaged in public service careers or in post-doctoral studies. Although research scholars do not have faculty status and do not pursue a program that would lead to a degree, every effort is made to welcome them into the intellectual and social life of the school. While research scholars are normally not given offices or secretarial assistance, they are provided library carrels in which to pursue their work. Sometimes research scholars are faculty from abroad who are engaged in collaborative research work with a member of our own faculty. Most often, they are international faculty who are looking for a quiet place to work and to engage in the informal exchange of intellectual ideas with members of the University of Michigan Law School faculty and other research scholars who share mutual academic interests.
The Law School welcomes ten to twenty research scholars annually. Their campus visits vary in length from a few weeks to one year and they may start at any time. If a research scholar would like to observe classes, he or she is encouraged to time the visit with the beginning and end of our terms. Unless visits are scheduled according to the academic calendar, research scholars may find it more difficult to obtain reasonably priced housing accommodations.

In addition to the resources offered by the Law School, research scholars have access to the considerable intellectual and cultural activities at the University of Michigan and in Ann Arbor. Frequently the interests of research scholars bring them in contact with faculty in other departments of the University such as economics or public policy studies or in the many centers which focus on significant regions of the world, such as the centers for Japanese studies, for Chinese studies, for Russian and East European studies, to name just a few.

The Law School is part of a rich and inviting community. Located in southeastern Michigan, Ann Arbor is a sophisticated city with a population just over 100,000. It is also centrally located, 30 minutes from Detroit's international airport with one-to-two-hour flights to Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C. and non-stop service to many cities in Europe, Asia, and Central America.

Research scholars pay no tuition. Those interested in visiting the Law School should send the International and Graduate Office their curriculum vitae, proposed dates of stay, and an outline of their research program. It is also helpful to know their interest in observing particular classes. Applicants for the research scholar program whose native language is not English should indicate their degree of fluency in English, specifically speaking and listening comprehension, and describe their training and experience in English.

Modest stipends are available for some research scholars. However, most are supported by funds from other sources such as Fulbright or sabbatical leave salary of their home university. Because of competition for fellowship support, not all applicants for research scholar stipends receive them. For this reason and because the stipends support only a modest student life style, applicants are encouraged to seek alternate funding sources.

Applications for research scholars are accepted at any time. Because the Law School receives applications from more people than it can invite, applicants are encouraged to apply by January 1 for visits proposed in the following summer, fall or winter terms.
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The Law School has long had a global perspective on the study of law. Our curriculum and our faculty's scholarly research reflects an awareness that a complete examination of legal questions includes an exploration of their international context and of comparative approaches.

We offer an International Law Workshop Series through which noted scholars invited to the Law School and members of our own faculty speak on a weekly basis on subjects of international significance. The high value the Law School places on the viewpoints and perspectives of international students is reflected in its long-standing commitment to its graduate studies programs. Many of our American J.D. students have strong interest in the international arena, as reflected in the significant numbers who have studied and worked abroad prior to attending law school. In 1995-96 several major symposia were organized by student organizations on global topics: one on Women's International Human Rights and one on Third World Development. The activities of student organizations such as the International Law Society and the Law and Development Society are indicators of student enthusiasm to engage in international issues. The Michigan Journal of International Law, a student-run journal, has established itself among the finest international law publications in the country.

CONFERENCES add spice, focus to Law School's academic year

Part of the spice of academic life at the University of Michigan Law School is made up of the conferences, symposiums and visits by special lecturers that pepper the calendar. The International Law Workshop series is often of special interest to graduate students.

Recent speakers and topics:

- **Yozo Yokota**, University of Tokyo Faculty of Law, "Economic Development and Human Rights — A Challenge to International Law."
- **Richard Lauwaars**, formerly of the Europa Institute at the University of Amsterdam in The Netherlands, "The Inter-Governmental Conference: Revision of the Maastricht Treaty of European Union."
- **Ernst-Ulrich Petersmann**, of the Institute of European and International Economic Law at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland, "Constitutionalism, International Law and International Organizations."
- **Guillermo Aguilar Alvarez**, the Mexican government's principal legal counsel during the NAFTA, G-3, Costa Rica and Bolivia free trade agreement negotiations; in SA, a Mexico city firm consulting in law and economics, "Regionalism and Multilateralism in International Trade."
- **Trevor Hartley**, the London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of Law (University of London), "Judicial Activism and the European Court of Justice."

STUDENT EDITED JOURNALS

Michigan Law Review
Michigan Journal of International Law
University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform
Michigan Journal of Gender and Law
Journal of Race and Law
Michigan Law and Policy Review
Michigan Telecommunications and Technology Law Review
The faculty are very good — everything here met my expectations. You find everything you need to live and study in Ann Arbor and the International and Graduate Office helps you with any problem.

— JORGE LEON ORANTES, Mexico
The Law School offers a curriculum that prepares students for legal practice anywhere in the United States and throughout much of the world. It is the School's philosophy that education for lawyers requires acquisition of a set of professional techniques and enhancement of the capacity for a full life in the law.

The Law School encourages independence and diversity of thought, which together provide the intellectual and ethical basis for a professional career. Indeed, Michigan hopes its students find a profound sense of worth in their work, rooted in their experience at the Law School.

The Law School faculty is considered one of the best in the United States. It is noted for outstanding scholarship and teaching. One of the School's strengths is national leadership in the linking of law to the insights and methods of other disciplines. In addition to their law degrees, many members of the faculty hold Ph.D.'s in history, economics, political science, public policy, psychology, sociology, classics, philosophy or literature.

Strength in the interdisciplinary approach to legal study at Michigan harmonizes with traditional legal study and research. Some of the nation's leading treatises and scholarly works, including those in commercial transactions, constitutional law, feminist jurisprudence, federal jurisdiction, evidence, criminal procedure and international trade, are the work of Michigan faculty.

Most faculty members have taught at other American universities and abroad; many have also served in the federal government or as advisors to the governments of other countries. When faculty members are away, their teaching duties are assumed by distinguished visitors whose diverse perspectives further enrich the educational experience at Michigan.

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Michigan Law School faculty members are noted for effective classroom teaching, student accessibility and collegiality, and significant contributions to legal scholarship and law reform. A partial list of their cutting-edge work includes:

- Modern Criminal Procedure, co-authored by Professors Jerold Israel and Yale Kamisar
- Corporate Income Taxation, 4th edition, by Professors Douglas Kahn and Jeffrey Lehman
- Uniform Commercial Code, 4th edition, co-authored by Professor James J. White
- Conflict of Laws in Western Europe, by Professor Mathias Reimann
- Only Words, by Professor Catharine MacKinnon
- Constitutional Law, by Professor Yale Kamisar
- Restructuring the GATT System, by Professor John Jackson
- Toward a Feminist Theory of the State, by Professor Catharine MacKinnon
- White Collar Crime: Law and Practice, co-authored by Professor Jerold Israel
- An Invitation to Law and Social Science, by Professor Richard Lempert
- Federal Practice and Procedure, Jurisdiction, co-authored by Professor Edward Cooper
- Immigration: Process and Policy, co-authored by Professor Alex Aleinikoff
- Property, co-authored by Professor Thomas Kauper
- The Authoritative and the Authoritarian, by Professor Joseph Vining
- Elements of Evidence, by Professor Richard Friedman
- The Legal Imagination, by Professor James B. White
- Legal Theory and Legal History, by Professor Brian Simpson
- Environmental Law and Policy, by Professor James Krier
- Humiliation, by Professor William I. Miller

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The library staff is just wonderful — the library is outstanding.
The computing facilities are great... the Law School is the perfect place to study.

— Marc Wahab
Belgium

from Marc
INTERNATIONAL AND GRADUATE OFFICE AT THE LAW SCHOOL

The Assistant Dean of International Programs and the staff of the International and Graduate Office are dedicated to making your academic and personal experience at the Law School a good one. Graduate degree candidates and research scholars are encouraged to use the services of the Assistant Dean and the office staff for academic counseling, assistance about housing, visas, and personal concerns. The office develops social and academic programs for graduate program participants and provides opportunities for them to meet members of the legal profession.

In addition, the office provides information about the wide range of extracurricular activities, student organizations and student journals at the Law School and the University.

CAREER SERVICES

Many of the University of Michigan Law School's most illustrious alumni are graduates of one of the Law School's graduate degree programs. The Office of Career Services is committed to providing career development assistance and professional job counseling to all students and graduates of the Law School, including international students. Services include individualized counseling, group seminars and programs, access to an excellent career library as well as on-line career data bases and Internet resources.

The office provides access to photocopying, fax and telephone services. International graduate students find that specialized programs and counseling which focus on job search skills and strategies are most helpful to them in preparing for future employment. Emphasis is put upon the development of a professional resume and cover letter as well as polishing interview and networking skills. A specialized handbook is distributed to all graduate students. The Office of Career Services maintains listings of employers that would like to receive the credentials of international graduate law students. Students may place letters of reference on file from professors or previous employers which will be forwarded to potential employers upon the student's request.

The University of Michigan Law School participates in the New York University job fair for international graduate law students each winter. Michigan students have traditionally been well received by employers interviewing in this program. International students are encouraged to make contact with American legal employers before coming to Michigan through connections they have in their own countries.

BAR ADMISSION

Each of the fifty states has its own criteria and procedures for admitting lawyers to practice. Achievement of the LL.M. degree in the United States does not qualify international lawyers to apply for admission to the bar in every state or to practice law in every state. Lawyers from other countries should seek information on requirements for the bar examination. In order to take the bar examination in every state, international students are encouraged to contact the law schools to which they wish to apply to seek information on requirements for the bar examination.
The buildings, in late Gothic or Jacobean style, were designed to achieve a maximum of convenience, utility, and beauty. They include the Lawyers Club, Legal Research, and Hutchins Hall. All are accessible to persons with disabilities.

The Lawyers Club provides residential accommodations for about 300 students. Meals are served in a spacious and inviting dining hall, and other facilities include a large lounge and recreation area. Guest rooms are available for visiting lawyers and guests of the School, its faculty and students.

The Legal Research building includes a portion of the collection of research materials and an incomparable reading room with 50 foot ceilings and stained glass windows. The reading room can comfortably seat hundreds of students. The Legal Research building also contains faculty and administrative offices, study rooms, student organization offices, a student lounge and coffee shop. Hutchins Hall contains comfortable lecture and seminar rooms, a practice courtroom, student computer facilities, faculty and administrative offices.

The cloistered architecture of the School not only allows students to live and study together, it also encourages quiet and freedom from interruption for learning and research. It is possible to “tour” the Law Quadrangle by accessing our website on the Internet at http://www.law.umich.edu/
There are extensive special collections in the fields of Roman law, international law, comparative law, trials, biography and legal biography.

Lexis and Westlaw, which provide electronic access to domestic and international legal materials, are free to law students and faculty. Terminals are readily available in the Library, and home access is available via modem.

Other outstanding University of Michigan library collections contain more than six million volumes. Special collections devoted to Asian studies, international relations, sociology, economics, history, and government are often of interest to international students and lawyers.

The Law Library offers generous hours of operation and specialized reference and collections staff to provide exceptional assistance. The reference librarians hold J.D.'s in addition to graduate degrees in library science.

**COMPUTING FACILITIES**

Students at the Law School can take advantage of a wide variety of computer support services provided by the University, as well as more specialized services provided by the Law School.

Campus-wide services are under the auspices of the University's Information Technology Division (ITD) which has 15 staffed campus computing sites spread across campus. The sites offer access to computers, printers, and support; many have access to Lexis and Westlaw.

ITD provides computer accounts to all students, allowing access to electronic mail, high-quality printing, on-line conferencing, information services, and the Internet. All law students are given free accounts to Lexis and Westlaw along with associated software. These accounts allow connection from computers in remote locations, including dorms and apartments, for those who have modems and access to telephone or data lines.

The Law School's computer lab provides some desktop computers, printers, and software and assistance with hardware use, software use, and trouble-shooting, as well as general advice concerning personal computer purchases.
TUITION, FEES AND EXPENSES

Tuition and fees for the upcoming academic year are set by the University of Michigan's Board of Regents at its summer meeting (and were not available at the time of printing). Estimated tuition and fees for the 1996-97 academic year are $16,500 for Michigan residents and $22,500 for non-residents. Estimated living expenses for 1996-97 are $11,880 for single students living on campus and $10,630 for single students living off-campus. Estimated living expenses for 1996-97 for a couple are $15,290 on campus and $16,300 off-campus.

S.J.D. students are charged tuition at the dissertation rate ($3,009 per term in 1996-97) for terms of residence after their first two terms; during their first two terms, they are charged tuition at the full rates.

Students should consult the Michigan residency information at the back of this brochure for questions concerning residency status.

Visit our website on the Internet at http://www.law.umich.edu/
A variety of housing options are available to students enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School. Single students, or those not accompanied by their spouses or partners, may apply for either single or shared rooms or suites within a University residence hall on campus. University owned apartments of various sizes are available to students accompanied by their families, as well as to single graduate students. Off-campus housing includes student owned and operated co-ops, or apartments, houses, and rooms owned by private landlords.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

The Lawyers Club, a dormitory comprising two sides of the Law Quadrangle, houses mostly J.D. and L.L.M. students, as well as some graduate students from other University departments. Many law students choose to live in the Lawyers Club, taking advantage of its beauty, convenience and camaraderie. With a lease concurrent with the Law School's academic calendar, furnished rooms, a 13-meal-per-week meal plan, and close proximity to classes and the library, the Lawyers Club offers great access to the Law School's resources and a network of friends and neighbors. Lawyers Club applications are mailed to students with their offers of admission to the Law School.

Graduate Student Residence Halls

Unaccompanied students who choose not to live in the Lawyers Club may find accommodations in other University residence halls that house graduate students from academic programs throughout the University. The University Housing Office maintains information about Cambridge House, located just across from the Law Quadrangle, Bailey Graduate Houses on the North Campus, and other residence halls. The application for University housing outside the Lawyers Club is mailed to a successful applicant after she or he has accepted an offer of admission.

Family Housing

The University provides family housing at the Northwood Apartments, located on the North Campus three miles from the Central Campus, and at Observatory Lodge, about one mile from the Law School. The Housing Office offers additional resources for families, including information about child care, local schools, and English classes for spouses and partners. Free University commuter bus service to the Law School is available on a regular basis.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

A wide variety of private off-campus rental housing is available in Ann Arbor. Off-campus housing is divided into two types: furnished housing located within walking distance of campus, where most students prefer to live; and unfurnished housing, generally located a mile or more from campus, often on a bus route, and primarily consisting of low-rise apartment complexes.

The University Housing Office keeps listings of off-campus rental opportunities to which students can refer when they arrive. In addition, the Housing Office maintains roommate matching notebooks in which students who want to be or who need roommates/housemates leave information about themselves and their housing.
from Ursula

"The small size of the program allows you to get to know most people very well. The Lawyers Club is an advantage for convenience and for meeting other students. And the professors are very interested in what you're doing and willing to help.

— Ursula Phillip, Germany"
The International Center offers services to international students, scholars, and their families traveling to the United States, and to individuals seeking to travel abroad. The services include assistance with visas, health insurance, referrals for child care, and referrals to social and community organizations. The International Center also works with community organizations that provide tours, home hospitality, speaking engagements, and assistance for spouses of international students. It provides a varied program of cultural and social events throughout the year. Students may contact the International Center by phone at 313-764-9310 or by fax at 313-747-2181 or through e-mail at internationalcenter@umich.edu.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Disabled students with questions concerning the study of law or the Law School facilities are welcome to contact the International and Graduate Office. Virtually all University facilities including the Law School’s are wheelchair accessible. Applicants who need assistance or counseling are encouraged to contact Services for Students with Disabilities, 625 Haven Hall, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1045, or by phone at 313-763-3000 or by fax at 313-936-3947 or through e-mail at sgoodin@umich.edu. Services for Students with Disabilities has been created to assure the disabled student equal educational opportunity at the University of Michigan. Among other things, services include counseling on physical, academic, economic, and social problems; help in securing attendants, readers and Braille, large print, and taped classroom materials; and assistance in finding accessible housing for students in wheelchairs.

HEALTH SERVICES AND HEALTH INSURANCE

The University requires that all international students and research scholars and their families have health insurance coverage for the cost of medical care and hospitalization in the United States. The International Center will help students and scholars enroll in the mandatory International Student and Scholar Health Insurance Plan. Those who already have health insurance and wish to obtain a waiver of the mandatory plan must contact the International Center to ensure that coverage is adequate. The University of Michigan works to promote and protect the health of its students and their families by providing a range of competent medical services through the University Health Services. Services are provided by licensed medical professionals and include general medical, gynecological, and pharmacological services.

FINANCIAL AID

Applicants to the graduate programs at the University of Michigan Law School are welcome to apply for fellowship assistance from the Law School. The demand for financial assistance always exceeds available funds, and the competition for fellowships is very keen. Usually awards do not exceed part or all of tuition; seldom do they cover the applicant's living expenses. University regulations do not permit tuition to be waived. Fellowship decisions are made independently of decisions about financial assistance. Fellowship decisions are made after an admissions decision has been made. Fellowship award decisions are based on a combination of the student's financial need and his or her academic and professional background. Students wishing to apply for Law School fellowship support must complete the financial aid section of the application form.

Because Law School fellowship funds for graduate students are limited, we cannot offer financial assistance to all who are admitted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek funding elsewhere from a variety of public and private sources and to contact their home governments and employers to seek sponsorship for study abroad. They are urged to contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their home country to learn about Fulbright and other scholarship programs. They may also contact the Law School's International and Graduate Office for information about possible sources of funding. Most funding sources require early application. Employment during the academic year is strongly discouraged.

PEP and LAWEXCEL are U.S.-sponsored loan programs available to international students who can provide a U.S. citizen or permanent resident as co-signer. The following U.S. sponsored loan programs are available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents: Stafford Loans, Law Access Loans, Law Student Loans, and 529贷款. Students eligible for U.S.-sponsored loan programs should contact the International and Graduate Office for more information.

Students admitted to our program are usually successful in securing outside funding. Students have received financial support from their employers (law firms, companies and universities), Fulbright, Muskie, DAAD, BAEF, SOROS, Rotary and a range of government and private scholarships and loans from their home countries.
The University of Michigan Law School welcomes applications from around the world. We seek to create a diverse and intellectually outstanding student body. Admission to the graduate program is very competitive and many applicants who would perform well in the program are necessarily turned away.

All applicants must have completed the first degree in law required for law practice or law teaching in the country in which law studies were pursued. U.S. applicants must have satisfied the J.D. requirements at an ABA-accredited law school. Accepted applicants have completed their legal education with distinction, graduating at or near the top of their classes or otherwise demonstrating exceptional academic ability.

Clearly a highly important consideration in the selection process is the academic and professional record of the applicants in their own countries. We seek people who have proven intellectual and professional abilities. Simply looking at grades and references does not provide an adequate yardstick to predict the outcome of our selection procedure. While a high threshold of academic and professional excellence is a minimum requirement, we also try to build a heterogeneous group of graduate students representing a wide array of qualities, including varied intellectual interests, different countries and traditions, and diverse life and professional experience. We attach importance to academic attainments and interests, non-academic achievements, law-related employment experiences, and ability to benefit from graduate studies. We take the letters of reference we receive very seriously.

Applications to the graduate degree programs at the University of Michigan Law School must submit the following materials directly to the International and Graduate Office. (Please see p. 13 for the research scholar application process.)

1. The completed application for admission on the form provided.
2. A statement of purpose and personal statement written by the applicant as further described on the application form.
3. Two letters of recommendation written in English at least one of which must be from a member of the applicant's law faculty. The letters should be from persons who know the applicant well, are able to evaluate his or her capacity for advanced legal studies and professional success, and can comment with specificity on the applicant's intellectual accomplishments. It is helpful to learn how the applicant compares to others in his or her law school cohort. Letters, specifically addressing the applicants prospects for an academic career if that is a stated professional goal, are desirable. A form to be used when the applicant requests letters of recommendation is enclosed with the application. Please photocopy the form to have sufficient copies. Applicants should photocopy the form, complete the applicant's portion, and send the form to each recommender.

4. Official transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and law schools attended. Official academic records should give results of all course work taken as well as results of yearly or comprehensive exams. Transcripts must be in English or accompanied by a certified English translation. Transcripts must be sent directly to the University of Michigan Law School from the academic institution and must bear the registrar's signature or the institution's seal. They should include, if available, official certification of the applicant's rank in class (for example, fourth in a class of 123 students), the applicant's cumulative grade point average and receipt of honors, if applicable. It is helpful to receive from each academic institution a description of its grading system, including an indication of normal length of the degree program and whether failing grades show on the transcript.
5. The applicant's TOEFL or MELAB score. Applicants must submit a current TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or MELAB (Michigan English Language Assessment Battery) score if they are not native speakers of English and have not received their university education in English. Students in the graduate programs must have a high level of English proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Usually a minimum score of 600 on the TOEFL test is required for admission. Applicants must take the English proficiency test before December 1, and arrange for the score to be sent directly to the Law School. Applications cannot be reviewed without TOEFL or MELAB scores. If an applicant has taken the TOEFL or MELAB test more than once, all test results with dates taken must be submitted with the application.

Applicants may obtain information about the TOEFL through:

TOEFL Services
P.O. Box 6151
Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA
TEL: 609-771-7100
FAX: 609-771-7500
E-MAIL: TOEFL@ets.org

The MELAB may be arranged through:

English Language Institute
The University of Michigan
2001 North University Building
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1057, USA
TEL: 313-764-2416
FAX: 313-763-0369
E-MAIL: melabelium@umich.edu

6. There are two special requirements for S.J.D. applicants. S.J.D. applicants must submit a prospectus of the proposed thesis topic in sufficient detail to indicate its significance and originality. It should describe the nature of the topic, the questions to be explored, and the research methodology. Letters of recommendation for an S.J.D. applicant must address the applicants' demonstrated capacity for advanced legal scholarship and prospects for an academic career. If an applicant has been enrolled in an LL.M. program at another U.S. law school, one of the letters of recommendation must be from a faculty member at that law school.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of the completed application and all supporting materials is January 1 of the calendar year for which admission is sought. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete by the deadline. Applications will not be reviewed until they are complete. Applicants generally receive notice of a decision in March.

All correspondence should be submitted to:

The International and Graduate Office
University of Michigan Law School
Legal Research Building
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215
TEL: 313-764-0535
FAX: 313-763-9182
E-MAIL: law.grad.admissions@umich.edu

If application materials are sent by fax or e-mail, they must be followed immediately by the original.
Our graduate program is a source of extraordinary pride for the Law School. To be an alumnus of the program means much more than to have spent a year of study in Ann Arbor. It has come to mean that one is almost predestined to be a leader within the global legal profession. Today we at Michigan are using our tradition of excellence in international legal studies as the launching pad for a broad array of new international initiatives. And our graduate program — together with the network of relationships it has created over the course of this century — is one of the critical engines of quality that we see propelling those initiatives to success.

— DEAN JEFFREY LEHMAN, J.D.’81