

RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PROLAW)

Overview

Rule of law underlies all political, economic, and social goods. To overcome today's development challenges—violence, infringements of human rights, environmental destruction, poverty and hunger—rule of law is essential. Likewise, rule of law is essential to supporting commerce, attracting investment, and achieving economic growth. Rule of law is central to the attainment of the United Nations' integrated 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

The Rule of Law for Development Program (PROLAW) at Loyola University Chicago School of Law prepares professionals to advance the rule of law throughout society and across sectors, at home and abroad. The rule of law field continues to grow in importance, allowing for varied career options in international organizations and financial institutions, governments, NGOs, public justice institutions, law firms and other corporations, and academia.

This unique practice-oriented program is taught at Loyola's John Felice Rome Center in Italy, and is open to applicants with first degrees in law as well as other subjects. The Rome location provides opportunities to develop valuable networks with leading international development and humanitarian relief organizations headquartered in Rome, as well as other Italian and European institutions.

Degrees Offered

Master of Laws (LLM degree)

One-year program for students with a first degree in law and a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the field of rule of law.

Master of Jurisprudence (MJ degree)

One-year program for students with a first degree in subjects other than law and a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the field of rule of law.

Program Objectives

At the end of this Program, students are able to inspire, lead, and manage efforts to strengthen the rule of law and prospects for national development. They know how to advise countries on the difficult change processes involved in improving the rule of law, which entails taking into account diverse stakeholder viewpoints, patiently fostering iterative progress and strengthening observance of individual rights.

Students learn to conduct rule of law assessments, develop conceptual frameworks for rule of law reforms, draft rule of law funding proposals, design and manage rule of law programs and develop rule of law policies and strategies.

Students gain understanding of how the rule of law develops in society, legal methods and concepts needed to carry out rule of law initiatives, the role of global and international institutions in establishing and maintaining the rule of law, current frameworks for sustainable development and the rule of law, and the relationship between democracy, governance, and the rule of law.

Students also gain expertise in addressing key development topics such as the control of corruption, the achievement of gender equity, the reform of justice and other state institutions, access to justice, promotion of environmental sustainability, prevention of and recovery from violent conflict, and creating conditions for economic growth.



Faculty Expertise

The PROLAW faculty members are practitioner-experts with deep multi-jurisdictional experience in supporting national initiatives aimed at improving the rule of law with assistance from the United Nations, European Union, U.S. Department of State, World Bank, the International Development Law Organization, the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and other similar partners.

The Program is directed by William T. Loris, former director general and co-founder of the International Development Law Organization—a leading inter-governmental organization in the international effort to strengthen the rule of law.

Internship Opportunities

Many students undertake internships after their course-work is complete. Rome is home to several organizations offering internship opportunities, such as the International Development Law Organization, United Nations agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and World Food Program, and Bioversity International and UNIDROIT. As home to the Vatican City, Rome also hosts numerous humanitarian and faith-based organizations that offer internships.

PROLAW works with students to find internships in other parts of the world as well, such as at the African Union, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, International Criminal Court and Organization of American States.



Student Testimonials

Loyola's rule of law alumni come from over 50 countries.



"Loyola's rule of law program focuses on both the theoretical aspects of development and how to design effective and sustainable development programs. Apply! There's no other program like PROLAW."

- **Emily Patterson, LLM '18**

"It would not be far-fetched to say that Loyola's rule of law for development program is helping to improve society as a whole."

- **Stephen Elifas Makule, MJ '18**

"Loyola empowered me to negotiate, research, write and advise; something that put me well beyond the regular lawyering skill sets. Loyola empowers students to think and derive solutions to real life problems confronting our world today, and not just to master a set of facts. "

- **Mark Marvey, LLM '16**

"The course is multi-dimensional, covering different socio-cultural, political and economic contexts that a rule of law practitioner might work in. Most importantly, the program gives students a unique opportunity to connect with a network of development practitioners around the world."

- **Buhlebenkosi Nxumalo LLM '16**

"I believe it is a unique program for international professionals who wish to pursue a career in international development having the specific knowledge and skills which are needed to be successful and effective, but which are hard to obtain elsewhere besides Loyola's program."

- **Iryna Ivankiv LLM '15**

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Academic Calendar: 2019 – 2020

Fall Semester 2019

Onsite: In Rome

September 9	First day of classes
October 28 - Nov 3	FALL BREAK - no classes
December 9 - 13	Final examinations

Spring Semester 2020

Onsite: In Rome

January 13	Classes resume after winter break
February 28	Final onsite classes / leaving dinner
February 29	First day of departure from Rome

Online: From home

March 2 - 15	SPRING BREAK: no classes
March 16 - May 2	Online classes
April 27 - May 1	Online presentation of intermediary capstone project and final examinations

Summer Semester 2020

May 4 - July 14	Independent completion of capstone project
May 8 – 9 (tentative date)	Chicago Commencement Ceremony: non mandatory
July 15	Capstone project deadline
End of August	LLM/MJ degree conferral

Cost of Program: 2019 – 2020

	LLM (27 credit hours)	MJ (30 credit hours)
Tuition per credit hour	\$1,580.00	\$1,420.00
Total tuition	\$42,660.00	\$42,600.00
Total mandatory student fees	\$1,176.00	\$1,176.00
Estimated living costs for 6 months in Rome	\$8,540.00	\$8,540.00

Curriculum

Fall Semester

- Legal Systems and Methods (MJ only)
- History, Theory and Practice of Law for Development
- Comparative and Ethical Lawyering for the Rule of Law
- Theory and Practice of Assessments in Rule of Law Advising
- Research and Writing on the Rule of Law

Spring Semester

- International Development Architecture
- Advising for Economic, Social, and Institutional Reform
- Design of Rule of Law Programs and Proposal Preparation
- Rule of Law Project Management
- Rule of Law in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

Summer Semester

- Rule of Law Capstone Project

The Law School is currently working on the strategic refinement and expansion of the PROLAW curriculum to highlight current fields of intense interest and impact, particularly Conflict Prevention, Conflict Resolution, and Peacebuilding, Building State Institutions and Constitutions, Economic Development, and Environmental Law. These changes in the curriculum are planned for academic year 2020-2021.