Application Instructions

LLM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SPRING ADMISSION (JANUARY START): OCTOBER 1

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL ADMISSION (AUGUST START): APRIL 1

The Admission Committee determines admission to the LLM Program. The committee reviews each application individually, ensuring the fair appraisal of each applicant's file. Offers will be extended to eligible applicants on the basis of several factors, including law school record, proof of English proficiency if relevant, written recommendations, professional accomplishments, and expected commitment to the LLM program.

All LLM applicants must have a JD from an accredited American law school or its equivalent from a foreign law school. Official law transcripts must be sent with degree conferred (see Official, Certified Academic Records section below). If transcripts are not in English, a certified English translation must accompany the original. Please use the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) LLM Credential Assembly Service (LLM CAS) for transcript authentication and evaluation.

The priority application deadline is October 1 for spring admission and April 1 for fall admission, though applications may continue to be accepted as long as space remains in the LLM program.

Application Materials and Requirements

Willamette Law encourages you to submit application materials electronically whenever possible.

Application Processing Fee

There is no application fee.

Official Certified Academic Records

Please use the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) LLM Credential Assembly Service (LLM CAS) for all evaluation and authentication.

An official certified copy of your law school transcript, along with an official certification of your law degree (documentation of your qualification to practice law in your home country—such as a bar association ID number) is required.

All transcripts or other academic records must be official documents bearing the registrar's signature or the institution's seal. If these records are not in English, a certified English translation must be submitted together with the originals.

Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation to LSAC's LLM CAS. Note: Letters of recommendation are required to complete a law school report, without which your application will be considered incomplete. Please monitor your LSAC.org account to ensure that your letters of recommendation are uploaded and assigned to Willamette Law.

Letters of recommendation should be written by individuals who can attest to the candidate's academic aptitude and intellectual capability for law school. Letters from professors, employers, community leaders, or business colleagues are acceptable.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is an important part of your application. Since there are no personal interviews and an application alone cannot unfold your personality, the personal statement allows you to narrate your unique story. We encourage you to discuss what you seek to accomplish with legal training, why you chose to apply to Willamette Law, or anything else that sets you apart from other applicants. Your personal statement should be between 500 and 1000 words.

Résumé/CV

A résumé or CV is a required component of a completed application. A résumé/CV is not a substitute for the personal statement.
For International applicants:

International students are welcome to apply for admission to the LLM program at Willamette Law and must meet the following additional requirements:

1. All LLM applicants must have a JD from an accredited American law school or its equivalent from a foreign law school. International applicants should contact LSAC for additional information regarding degree evaluation services.

2. An international applicant whose native language is not English must either take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. For the TOEFL, a minimum score of 570 (paper based) or 88 (Internet based) is required. For the IELTS, a minimum score of 6.5 is required. Official test results of the TOEFL or IELTS should be sent directly to LSAC's LLM CAS.

3. Applicants must be able to show they have sufficient resources to fund educational and living expenses for the one-year LLM program and provide the following:
   - A completed Statement of Financial Responsibility form, which is included in the application or can be found at [https://law-admission.willamette.edu/register/financial-responsibility](https://law-admission.willamette.edu/register/financial-responsibility).
   - Official bank verification of funds (written in English), showing that you and/or your sponsor have sufficient resources to cover your educational and living expenses for the one-year LLM program.
   - A photocopy of the name/photo page of your passport showing your photograph and the correct spelling of your name.

Admitted students must send all appropriate documentation before Willamette Law will issue an I-20 (Application for Student Visa).
Program
Are you applying for admission to the LLM program for Spring (January start) or Fall (August start)?
_____ Fall (August start)
_____ Spring (January start)

Are you applying for an LLM degree in Transnational Law or Dispute Resolution?
_____ Dispute Resolution
_____ Transnational Law

Have you previously applied to Willamette Law?
_____ Yes
_____ No
If "Yes", please write the date of your previous application.

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Biographical
Prefix
_____ Mr
_____ Ms
_____ Mrs
_____ M
_____ Dr

First (given) name

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Middle name(initial)

________________________________________________________________________

Last (family) name

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Suffix

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Previous (other) name

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Biographical continued

Preferred first name

________________________________________

Gender

_____ Female
_____ Male
_____ Nonbinary

Date of birth

________________________________________

Place of birth: City

________________________________________

Place of birth: State, Country or Region

________________________________________

SSN/SIN (do not include dashes)

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LSAC Account Number

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Contact Information

Current Address

Country ________________________________
Street address--line 1 ____________________
Street address--line 2 ____________________
Street address--line 3 ____________________
City _________________________________
State/province _________________________
Zip/postal code _________________________

Current mailing address good until date __________

Day phone ________________________________

Evening phone ____________________________
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Permanent Address

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Street address--line 1  
Street address--line 2  
Street address--line 3  
City  
State/province  
Zip/postal code  
Permanent mailing address good until date  
Day phone  
Evening phone  

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address  
Secondary e-mail address  
Permanent e-mail address  
Mobile phone  
Willamette University College of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone  
___ Yes  
___ No

Demographics

Citizenship

Citizenship
___ Non-Resident Alien  
___ US Citizen  
___ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship  
Visa type  
Visa/SEVIS number  
Permanent resident number  
Permanent city  
Permanent state/province  
Permanent country  
Demographics continued

Native language ____________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?
_____ Yes
_____ No

If you selected ‘Yes’ to the above question, select an ethnicity.
_____ Chicano/Mexican American
_____ Other Hispanic/Latino

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
_____ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native
_____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian
_____ Asian/Pacific Islander
_____ Indian Subcontinent
_____ Other Asian
_____ Chinese
_____ Japanese
_____ Vietnamese
_____ Filipino
_____ Korean

Black or African American
_____ Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal
_____ Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White
_____ European
_____ Middle Eastern

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
_____ Native Hawaiian
_____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
_____ Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican
_____ Puerto Rican

Consent
_____ Decline to respond

Tribal Affiliation
Demographics continued

Tribal affiliation or village name _______________

Enrollment number (enrolled members only) ______

Standardized Testing

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Have you ever attended any law school?

- Yes
- No

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?

- Yes
- No

If you did not leave the law school in good standing, explain the circumstances.

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## Bar Admission

Bar Admission

List the states or countries of admittance and your current status (active/inactive) to practice law.

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Date of Admittance (month/year)

______________________________

Is this Bar Admission currently active?

____ Yes

____ No

Bar Admission 2

Country


______________________________

State/province

______________________________

Date of Admittance (month/year)

______________________________

Is this Bar Admission currently active?

____ Yes

____ No

If you are not a member of the bar in any state/country, when do you plan to sit for a bar examination and in which state/country?

Planned bar exam date

______________________________

Country


______________________________

State/province

______________________________

If you are not qualified to practice law, have you completed all of the academic (university level) legal education necessary to take the bar examination?

____ Yes

____ No

If you have answered "No" to the above question, when do you expect to complete the legal education requirements?


Disciplinary Action

As either an adult or juvenile, have you ever been charged with, arrested for, convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to any infraction, violation of any law or ordinance, or for the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (including all parking tickets and moving violations)? You must disclose all adjudications in which a sentence or judgment has been withheld, deferred, expunged or the record sealed, regardless of whether you understood or have been told that you need not disclose any such instance.

____ Yes
____ No

Are you or have you ever been party to a lawsuit?

____ Yes
____ No

Have you been subject to any disciplinary action or been placed on probation for academic reasons by a college or university?

____ Yes
____ No

Have you been subject to any disciplinary action, been placed on probation, suspended or dismissed for a violation of the rules of conduct by a college or university?

____ Yes
____ No

PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER THIS APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO UPDATE WILLAMETTE LAW PROMPTLY IN WRITING REGARDING MATTERS THAT RESULT IN CHANGES TO ANY OF THE RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS. ERRORS, OMISSIONS OR UNTIMELY UPDATES COULD BE REPORTED AS MISCONDUCT TO THE LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL (LSAC).

If you answer "Yes" to any of the above questions, you are required to provide a complete explanation in a separate addendum for each "Yes" answer. Please note that a "Yes" answer is not an automatic denial of admission to Willamette Law but anything less than full disclosure could result in denial of admission, dismissal from Willamette Law or, in extreme cases, revocation of an LLM.

Please note that less than full, complete and continuing disclosure may result in a report of misconduct to LSAC and may negatively impact your admission to law school. In addition, full disclosure is required as a component of satisfying Character and Fitness requirements for admission to the practice of law in any state's courts.

(See http://www.ncbex.org/comprehensive-guide-to-bar-admissions/)

Military Service

Have you ever served or are you currently serving in the US armed forces?

____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Note: If yes, you are required to explain the circumstances in a separate addendum.

____ Yes
____ No
Family

Have any Willamette Law alumni influenced your decision to apply?

____ Yes
____ No

Alumni Connection 1

First (given) name

Last (family) name

Relationship to applicant

Degree awarded

Alumni Connection 2

First (given) name

Last (family) name

Relationship to applicant

Degree awarded
Law School Interests

To which other law schools are you applying? (If none, please leave blank.)


What prompted you to apply to Willamette Law? (check all that apply)

Internet
- ABA website
- LSAC website
- Willamette Law website

Alumni/Faculty/Professional
- Alumni
- College advisor
- Faculty/Admission representative
- Legal professional
- Relative

Publications
- ABA-LSAC Official Guide
- Willamette Law publication

Recruiting Events
- Current student
- Law school/Graduate school fair
- LSAC Forum
- Visit to Willamette campus
- Willamette email
Signature

By submitting my application, I verify that all information contained in this application is honestly presented, factually correct, and complete. If I am admitted, I promptly will notify the Willamette Law if there is any change in any aspect of this application.

I understand that in seeking to enroll at Willamette Law, Willamette Law may request my education records from the college(s) I attended and these records may be disclosed to the College of Law pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) 4 CFR § 99.31(a)(2); 99.34(a)(1); 99.36(b)(3).

I represent that I wrote my Personal Statement and that no other(s) assisted in the creation of my statement beyond basic proofreading or offering a general critique of my work.

Admission to law school is only the first step toward becoming a practicing lawyer. In order to practice law, attorneys must be licensed by the state or territory in which they plan to practice. In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Learn more at the American Bar Association Admissions Information site: www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/bar_admissions.html.

Law school applicants should consult the website of the bar organization in the jurisdiction(s) in which they intend to practice law and familiarize themselves with admission requirements. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to contact a bar official as necessary with any specific character and fitness concerns to discover whether past conduct might keep them from being admitted to a bar following graduation from law school. Applicants with significant concerns may also choose to consult an attorney.

Do not submit books, research papers, videos, DVDs, CDs, articles or other publications as supplements to your application to Willamette Law.

I have read, understood and accept the foregoing information, and submitting this application serves as my original signature.

Name and Date: