



UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME

The Law School

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE LL.M. OR J.S.D. PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

February 1 is the deadline for submitting an application for the LL.M. program.

The Admissions Committee may, at its discretion, decline to review any application that is not received by February 1.

Admission Requirements for the LL.M. program in International Human Rights Law

Each applicant for the LL.M. program in International Human Rights must possess the appropriate academic credentials and submit the following materials in order to apply for admission:

- \$50.00 (U.S.) application fee*;
- A completed application form;
- An authenticated transcript and diploma demonstrating that the applicant possesses a J.D., LL.B. or equivalent degree from an American law school approved by the ABA Section of Legal Education or from an accredited law school in a foreign country;
- A 3-4 page personal statement that outlines the applicant's reasons for wishing to pursue the LL.M.;
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or others who can substantively comment on the applicant's academic performance and potential; and
- Official TOEFL results (if applicant is from a country in which English is not the primary language).

Admission Requirements for the J.S.D. program in International Human Rights Law

Each applicant for the J.S.D. program in International Human Rights must possess the appropriate academic credentials and submit the following materials in order to apply for admission:

- \$50.00 (U.S.) application fee*;
- A completed application form;
- An authenticated transcript and diploma that demonstrating that the applicant possesses a J.D., LL.B. or equivalent degree from an American law school approved by the ABA Section of Legal Education or from an accredited law school in a foreign country;
- An authenticated transcript and diploma demonstrating that the applicant possesses an LL.M. degree from an approved or accredited law school or evidence that the applicant is in the process of satisfactorily completing the requirements for the LL.M. degree. Admission to the J.S.D. program in this case is contingent upon the award of that LL.M. degree;
- A 3-4 page personal statement that outlines the applicant's reasons for wishing to pursue the J.S.D.;
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or others who can substantively comment on the applicant's academic performance and potential;
- A writing sample that shows evidence of applicant's scholarly and analytic capacity; and
- A 5-10 page "Proposed Program of Study for the J.S.D. Degree," identifying the subject area in which the applicant proposes to write a dissertation, the proposed methodology and indicative bibliography.

Send completed application and all required documents to:

Center for Civil and Human Rights
2150 Eck Hall of Law
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556
United States of America

*The application fee may be waived in cases of exceptional financial hardship. To request a waiver, please submit with your application, a statement outlining your financial circumstances. There is no separate waiver request form.

Contact the Center for Civil and Human Rights by phone at 574-631-8555 or e-mail at cchr@nd.edu



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Application for admission to:

Master of Law (LL.M.) Program

Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.) Program

Optional Personal Information box containing Ethnic Background and Religious Preference

PERSONAL INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT:

Last Name First Name Middle Name

Date of Birth: day/month/year U.S. Social Security Number Gender: male female

Country of Citizenship Country of Citizenship (for dual citizens) Country of Legal Residence

Marital Status: single married divorced How many children do you have? _____

Will your spouse accompany you to the U.S.? No Yes Will your children accompany you to the U.S.? No Yes (Please note: You will need to show proof of financial responsibility for all dependents that accompany you to the U.S.)

CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

PERMANENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Street address

Street address

City State/Province

City State/Province

Postal Code Country

Postal Code Country

Telephone

Telephone

Fax

Fax

Email

Email

After what date should permanent information be used? _____

If English is not your first language:

TOEFL Date taken: Type: Paper Computer Internet Scores: Listening Writing Reading Speaking TOTAL

OR ILETS Date taken: Scores: Listening Writing Reading Speaking TOTAL

In what languages are you fluent? _____

Have you previously applied to Notre Dame Law School? No Yes If yes, when? _____

Do you intent to return to your home country to practice or teach in the field of human rights law after completing your degree program at Notre Dame? No Yes

If no, why not? _____

For any of the sections below, if you need more room to answer the questions, attach a separate sheet of paper. Please be sure to identify the question being answered, include all requested information and put your name on each page.

EDUCATION

List below (in order of attendance) all colleges, universities or professional schools that you have attended

Name of Institution	Subject(s) studied	Dates of Attendance	Degree Awarded	Class Rank/ GPA/Honors

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

List below any significant academic accomplishments not otherwise included in this application

Accomplishment/Honor	Date

List below all scholastic, honorary or professional societies of which you are or were a member

Organization	Dates of Membership	Membership type/Leadership Position

List below any volunteer service in which you are or have been involved

Activity	Hours/Week	Dates of Participation	Membership/Leadership Position(s)

List below any other extracurricular activities in which you are or have been involved

Activity	Hours/Week	Dates of Participation	Membership/Leadership Position(s)

List below any jobs you held while attending school

Employer	Type of Employment	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment

If you are not currently attending an education institution, describe the positions that you have held since your last date of attendance

Employer	Type of Employment	Hours/Week	Dates of Employment

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Each applicant for the LL.M. or J.S.D. program must submit a 3-4 page personal statement with this application to outline the applicant’s reason for wishing to pursue the degree for which he or she is applying. Include in your statement why the program in International Human Rights Law at the Notre Dame Law School would be in harmony with your personal goals. Please attach your personal statement to this application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Letters of Recommendation are required. These should be from persons who know you well enough to comment substantively as to your scholastic ability and potential, your ability to express yourself orally and in writing, your initiative, perseverance and ability to work independently, your extracurricular activities, your character in the community, and your work experiences. No specific form is required. List the names of the people submitting your recommendations in sealed, signed envelopes with your application.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

I waive access to review my letters of recommendation. I do **not** waive access to review my letters of recommendation

WRITING SAMPLE AND PROPOSED PROGRAM OF STUDY – FOR J.S.D. APPLICANTS ONLY

Each applicant for the J.S.D. program must submit a writing sample in addition to a 5-10 page “Proposed Program of Study for the J.S.D. Degree,” identifying the subject area in which the applicant proposes to write a dissertation, the proposed methodology and indicative bibliography.

FINANCIAL AID

The Center for Civil and Human Rights has a limited number of scholarships for tuition and living expenses [please see the website for current cost of tuition; living expenses (room, board, books, etc.) are estimated to be U.S.\$11,250 for the academic year]. Each applicant will be considered for a scholarship, but not all students will receive a sufficient scholarship to cover these amounts. Therefore, please indicate the amount of personal or other funds you will be able to contribute towards your tuition and/or living expenses.

I will contribute the following amount to my tuition expenses: _____

I will contribute the following amount to my living expenses: _____

I have secured a scholarship from an outside source in the amount of: _____
(Please attach documentation of award)

I have no personal or outside funds to contribute towards my tuition or living expenses.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this application and in any attached materials is true and complete.

Applicant’s Signature

Date