WHAT IS PROLAW?
PROLAW is a Master of Laws (LLM) degree in Rule of Law for Development taught at Loyola University Chicago’s campus in Rome. This one-year program prepares students to become qualified and effective governance and rule of law advisors, particularly in countries that are developing, in economic transition, or recovering from violent conflict.

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?
The PROLAW students from the past five classes fall into the following categories:

- Lawyers who are committed to leading governance and rule of law reforms in their own countries;
- Recently qualified lawyers and law school graduates who desire international careers in development of governance and the rule of law; and
- Experienced legal professionals who wish to transition from their current work and use their skills and experience to mentor and serve as advisors to strengthen governance and the rule of law at home and abroad.

The PROLAW student body is truly multinational. The perspectives that student diversity brings to the classroom is a vital part of the PROLAW educational experience. During the first five years of the program, 104 legal professionals from 44 countries have attended.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

- Argentina
- Armenia
- Australia
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Botswana
- Bulgaria
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
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EMPLOYMENT AND ALUMNI NETWORK
PROLAW graduates become members of the Loyola University Chicago global alumni network that can provide significant career development support after graduation. PROLAW graduates maintain a unique peer-to-peer relationship with their classmates that supports the continuous exchange of experiences, lessons, and opportunities in the emerging profession of rule of law and governance reform.

PROLAW graduates are making an impact in the field. Out of the 53 respondents from the classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014, 39 percent returned to work in their own governments in North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Thirty percent are working in the field on rule of law advocacy and governance development as part of international organizations, peacekeeping missions, non-government organizations, and international consulting firms. The remaining PROLAW alumni are making a difference in their home countries as professors, researchers, and legal and corporate practitioners.
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Students are required to complete their thesis following the coursework portion of the program. Each student is matched with a thesis supervisor who is an academic leader or development specialist, selected from around the globe based on the subject matter that a student has chosen for his or her thesis.

ROME LOCATION
PROLAW is located at Loyola University Chicago’s Rome Center in the Balduina district of Monte Mario, Rome’s highest hill. Most students live in conveniently located long-stay residences or private apartments in the area.

PROLAW’s location in Rome provides students the opportunity to interact with some of the preeminent international organizations, including:

• The International Development Law Organization
• The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
• The International Fund for Agricultural Development
• The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law

PROLAW students interact with these organizations throughout the academic year through conferences, guest lectures, and internships.

FACULTY
PROLAW faculty members are international rule of law practitioners who work under the leadership of Director William T. Loris, former director general of the International Development Law Organization. The program offers an online course taught by legal writing and research faculty at the law school’s main campus in Chicago.

VISITING LECTURER SERIES
The Visiting Lecturer Series brings a diverse group of rule of law and development professionals to share their insights, ideas, and experience in the classroom. Networking with such seasoned professionals is another way that PROLAW students begin to build the connections they will need in order to be successful throughout their careers.

Some of the organizations represented in the Visiting Lecturer Series have included:

• Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
• International Development Law Organization
• International Law Institute—African Centre for Legal Excellence
• Commonwealth Secretariat
• World Bank
• Tetra Tech DPK

• World Justice Project
• USAID
• Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
• United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
• International Criminal Court
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COURSE REQUIREMENTS
27 academic credits

FALL SEMESTER

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Theory and Practice of Assessments in Rule of Law Advising
Thesis Research and Writing on the Rule of Law

SPRING SEMESTER

International Development Architecture
Advising for Economic, Social and Institutional Reform
Project Management
Design of Rule of Law Programs and Proposal Preparation
Rule of Law Thesis Supervision and Completion

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for September enrollment.
International students need to pass an English language test (TOEFL or IELTS) as well as submit a transcript evaluation from Educational Perspectives or the Law School Admission Council.

TUITION AND FEES
2016–17
$1,481 PER CREDIT HOUR
$17,772 FALL SEMESTER 2016
(12 CREDITS)
$22,215 SPRING SEMESTER 2017 (15 CREDITS)
$1,203 MANDATORY STUDENT FEES
$41,190 TOTAL

Tuition does not take into account living costs. Estimated monthly living costs for the 2016–17 academic year is approximately €1,320, (ca. $1,450), but may vary based on individual needs.

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