

# RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT

## FOR U.S. AND NON-U.S. GRADUATES

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT (PROLAW LLM)  
MASTER OF JURISPRUDENCE (MJ) IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT (PROLAW MJ)

PROLAW is a unique program that provides practical training to advance social justice through effective, sustainable governance and improved rule of law. Loyola University Chicago School of Law offers two master's degree programs in Rule of Law for Development at Loyola's campus in Rome, Italy, which reflects Loyola's belief that establishing and strengthening the rule of law requires a multi-disciplinary effort.

The Master of Laws (LLM) in Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW LLM) is a program for current lawyers. The Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Rule of Law for Development (PROLAW MJ) is a program for professionals who do not have law degrees and currently work, or aspire to work, as advisors promoting the rule of law in transitional economies and developing countries. PROLAW provides students with the foundational knowledge and skills required to become the most qualified rule of law innovators and leaders.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The PROLAW LLM is a degree program that requires 27 academic credit hours comprising 9 courses and a major rule of law capstone project. You'll complete all onsite courses at Loyola's John Felice Rome Center in Italy, from September to February. After this, you'll complete two online courses from March to April and your capstone project requirement, by mid July, from your home country through online interaction with your project advisor.

The PROLAW MJ is a degree program that requires 30 academic credit hours comprising 10 courses and a major rule of law capstone project. You'll complete all onsite courses at Loyola's John Felice Rome Center in Italy, from September to February. After this, you'll complete two online courses from March to April and your capstone project requirement, by mid July, from your home country through online interaction with your project advisor.

While LLM and MJ students attend most of the courses in the program together, the MJ curriculum includes a specially tailored course on basic introduction to law and legal methods, which provides the background necessary for success in the other courses.

For more information, visit the PROLAW website at [LUC.edu/prolaw](http://LUC.edu/prolaw).

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### PROLAW LLM IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Applicants must possess a first degree in law from an accredited institution
- Applicants must demonstrate experience or an interest in rule of law and governance matters
- Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH PROGRAMS

### PROLAW MJ IN RULE OF LAW FOR DEVELOPMENT

- Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in an area of relevance such as gender and development, international studies, political science, justice and peace studies, criminal justice, economics, engineering, or management
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a professional connection to rule of law development matters through at least one of the following:

*Two years of relevant professional experience in rule of law or governance strengthening matters; or*

*Current employment in a governmental, international, or non-governmental organization or academia with documented responsibility or supervisor's assurance of prospective involvement in rule of law or governance strengthening matters; or*

*Documented evidence of academic and professional preparation that demonstrates a longstanding intention to pursue professional opportunities involving rule of law or governance strengthening matters.*

- Applicants must have sufficient proficiency in English
- A completed online application available at [gpem.LUC.edu/apply](https://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)
- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and any graduate work: for the PROLAW LLM, transcripts must verify completion of a bachelor's degree and a primary law degree (e.g., JD or LLB); and for the PROLAW MJ, transcripts must verify completion of a bachelor's degree (e.g., BA or BS)
- Two letters of recommendation
- A one- to two-page statement of purpose
- A resume outlining work experience, education, professional or academic achievements, and any other relevant information
- A personal interview may be required

The following documents are required, in addition to those listed above, for those who may fall into these categories:

- An official TOEFL or IELTS score report for international applicants. This requirement is waived for those applicants who come from, or have completed a bachelor's or master's degree at a recognized institution in, the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, or New Zealand, and all U.S. permanent residents. Applicants must submit the transcripts of the relevant degree on which the waiver is based. Applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in English in a country other than those listed above may submit a waiver request along with certification from the institution that the language of instruction is English. A personal interview may be required.
- International applicants or U.S. residents who completed school abroad are required to submit non-U.S. transcripts to one of the following: Educational Perspectives ([edperspective.org](https://edperspective.org)), Educational Credential Evaluators ([ece.org](https://ece.org)), or the Law School Admission Council ([lsac.org](https://lsac.org)) for evaluation of credentials. The general evaluation report must show that an applicant's non-U.S. education is equivalent to a U.S. bachelor's degree to be considered for admission.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. For current application and program information, visit [LUC.edu/prolaw](https://LUC.edu/prolaw).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](https://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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