



Duke Law

**Master of Laws
(LLM) Program**

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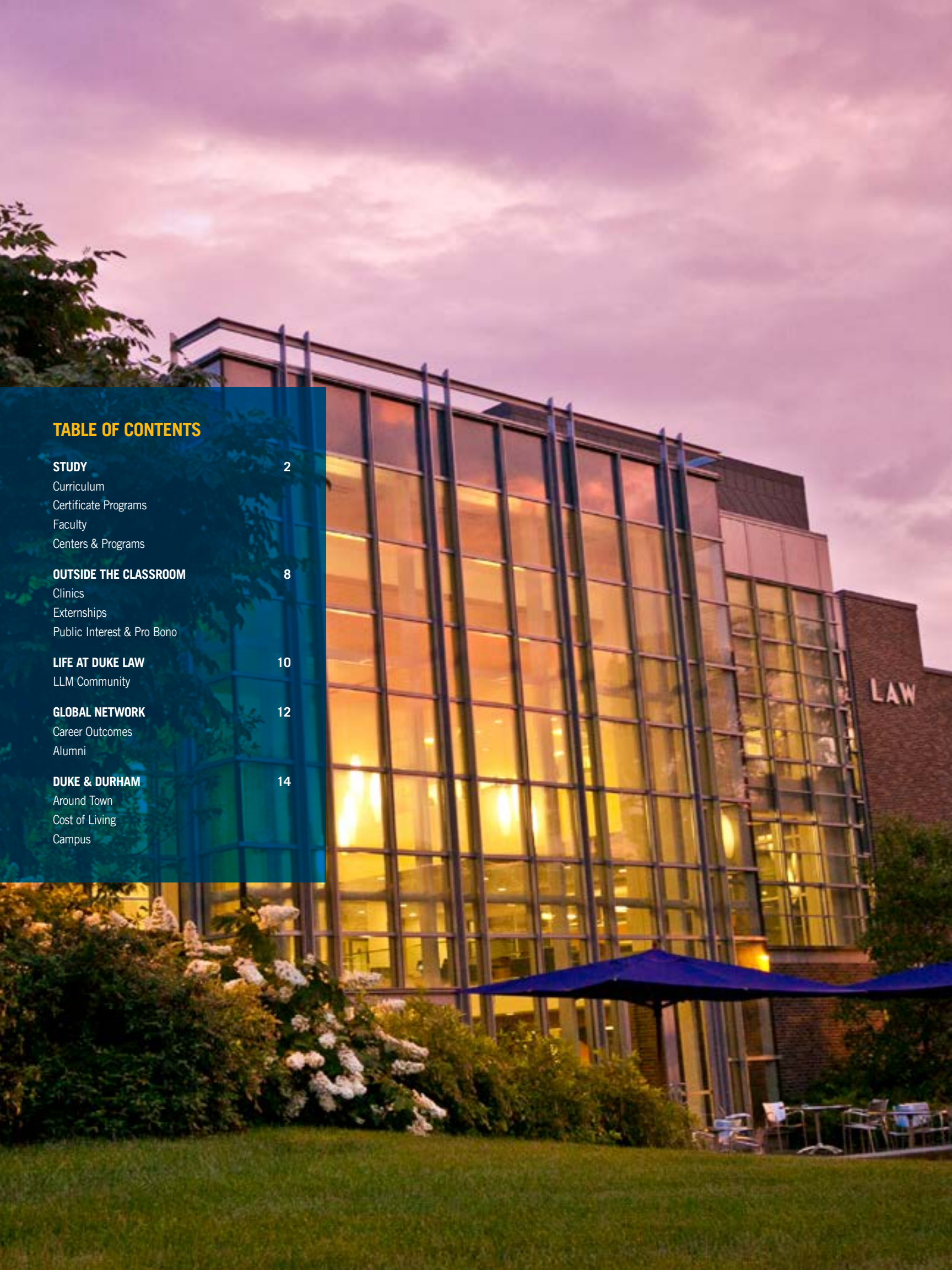
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THE DUKE LAW DIFFERENCE



What makes Duke Law different from other law schools?

Is it the world-class faculty who love to teach?

The close-knit student body who lift up and support one another?

The individualized attention from advisors and counselors
who are invested in your success long after graduation?

The global alumni network ready to help build your legal career?

It's all of the above, and more. It's all here.



FIND YOUR FOCUS

Duke Law's international graduate program provides the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the U.S. legal system and choose from a wide range of courses that fit your career goals, spark your intellectual curiosity, and meet your specific interests.

LLM students enroll in the same courses as JD students, choosing from more than 200 law courses each year. In addition, LLM students may take courses in other Duke graduate and professional schools such as the Fuqua School of Business and the Sanford School of Public Policy.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificate programs allow LLM students to further refine their research and career focus by maximizing their exposure to outstanding courses and instructors in their fields of interest.

The **Certificate in Environmental and Energy Law** provides the opportunity to study with scholars and teachers in one of the country's leading research universities in the field of environmental studies.

The **Certificate in Business Law** provides students an opportunity to choose from a deep and varied assortment of courses at the Law School and Duke's Fuqua School of Business, taught by outstanding scholars and practitioners who are leaders in their fields.



The **Certificate in Intellectual Property, Science and Technology Law** builds on Duke's deep commitment to the study of intellectual property, evidenced by the work of our Center for Innovation Policy, the Duke Science and Society Initiative, and the Center for the Study of the Public Domain.

EXTENDED LLM

The Duke Law LLM program offers the option of extending the period of study for one or two additional semesters. This allows students to take maximum advantage of Duke Law's extensive curriculum, complete both basic and skills courses required by the New York State bar, and enroll in more courses in Duke's other graduate and professional schools.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN LAW, LANGUAGE, & CULTURE

The Summer Institute in Law, Language, & Culture is a certificate program for students, attorneys, and scholars seeking an introduction to U.S. law and legal education. The institute's three-week intensive instruction introduces students to common law doctrines, U.S. legal writing, legal English, the U.S. legal system, and the U.S. law school experience.

Learn more about the program at law.duke.edu/summerinstitutes/silc/



“The LLM program flexibility is one of the best advantages of choosing Duke. Designing your curriculum with the courses you want or need offers the perfect degree for international students with previous experience in a particular field.”

LUIS LOPEZ NARANJO, Mexico,
is president of Zaffre Capital
in Chapel Hill, N.C.

TEACHERS & MENTORS

Duke Law School's faculty are an integral part of a culture that is both academically rigorous and exceptionally supportive.

At Duke, your professors will be world-renowned legal scholars, innovative interdisciplinary researchers, and advisors to governments and NGOs. But they will also be dedicated and energetic teachers who care deeply about guiding your development as legal practitioners.

They will be accessible, lingering long after class to answer questions and stopping in the hallways to ask how you are. And some will become lifelong friends and colleagues, welcoming you and your classmates into their homes for dinner, inviting you to collaborate with them on research and writing, and joining with you in extracurricular activities and projects to help the community.

FACULTY ADVISORS

Every LLM student is assigned to a faculty member or administrator whose area of scholarship aligns with the student's interests to serve as their academic advisor. Some students also serve as research assistants to faculty, helping that professor's scholarship or course preparation.

DEPARTMENT STAFF

The staff members in the Office of International Studies are available to answer your pre-admission questions, and then help orient and integrate international students into the Duke community, advise on course selection and academic questions, counsel on international career planning, and maintain international alumni relations.





"The professors were amazing. There was always the opportunity to interact with them, and I have kept in touch with some of them since I graduated. You really feel cared about, encouraged, and accompanied in the journey that is your LLM and the professional path that opens right after."

CARLA GONZÁLEZ RIERA, Spain, was part of a group of students that launched a program assisting asylum seekers facing deportation to file their applications in immigration court. She now works at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.



WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY

When you enroll at Duke Law, you become part of one of the world's leading research universities, known for its commitment to collaboration on campus and innovative interdisciplinary programs. Duke has more graduate students than undergraduates, and the Law School is steps away from Duke's prestigious schools of business, public policy, engineering, and medicine, enabling you to engage in extracurricular academic, professional, and social activities.

Duke Law has 18 centers, institutes, and programs in which faculty, working alongside student research assistants, engage in cutting-edge research and education on a range of subjects of critical importance to the law, public policy, and society. With focus areas ranging from national security to the public domain and international law, the centers are a constant source of activity at the Law School, hosting hundreds of events each year that bring some of the top legal minds to engage with Duke Law students.

Programs like **BASS CONNECTIONS** offer the opportunity to learn alongside your future colleagues — or clients — from other academic disciplines and collaborate on immersive research projects, many for academic credit. Students' work has resulted in policy recommendations, journal articles, datasets to inform research, and more.



RESEARCH CENTERS

- Bolch Judicial Institute
- Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility
- Center for Firearms Law
- Center for Innovation Policy
- Center for Institutional and Organizational Performance
- Center for International & Comparative Law
- Center for Law, Economics and Public Policy
- Center on Law, Ethics and National Security
- Center on Law, Race and Policy
- Center for Sports Law and Policy
- Center for the Study of the Public Domain
- Duke Center on Law & Technology
- Duke Center on Risk
- Duke Initiative for Science & Society
- Horvitz Program in Constitutional & Public Law
- Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions
- Voices of American Law
- Wilson Center for Science and Justice



“My work on the [Bass Connections] team helped me contribute my legal education to solve real-time community problems and develop policy solutions that can be adapted to solve these issues — my reason for deciding to become a legal practitioner.”

OLUWABAMISE ONABANJO, Nigeria, researched the impact that laws and policies have on arrest rates and recidivism for a Duke Bass Connections team focusing on mental health and the justice system in Durham County. She is currently an ESG analyst at Morrison Foerster in San Francisco.

GO BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Duke LLM students have numerous opportunities to apply the skills they're learning in real-world settings, including pro bono legal work, externships, and the Duke Law clinics.

CLINICAL PROGRAM

There's no better way to train alongside real clients than participating in one of our 12 legal clinics, all open to LLM candidates. Students are directly involved in all aspects of their cases, from interviewing clients and witnesses and conducting investigations to writing briefs and presenting arguments in court. And best of all, your work will have a real impact, whether it's submitting evidence on human trafficking victims to the U.K. Parliament through the International Human Rights Clinic or securing housing for a client facing eviction with the Civil Justice Clinic.



“I had only one year to learn how to create an LLC in America, but I was able to apply it directly to one of my cases. Before I took this clinic, I treated my clients like cases I needed to solve. But now I see the human side of the law.”

LANTO FIFA TOIG, Madagascar, advised a client in the Start-Up Ventures Clinic who was selecting a corporate structure for their new business. She said working directly with clients strengthened her time-management and communication skills. She is currently associate legal counsel at DISH Network in Denver, Colo.

EXTERNSHIP NETWORK

Students have the opportunity to earn academic credit and build connections through the Law School's externship program. They gain valuable experience working under the guidance of U.S. lawyers at nonprofit organizations, government agencies, technology firms, and more.

PUBLIC INTEREST & PRO BONO OPPORTUNITIES

International students at Duke Law participate in a range of public interest and pro bono work alongside JD students through student-led pro bono groups, including Semester Break Pro Bono trips, providing legal services to underserved and underrepresented populations. A number of Duke Law projects are attorney-supervised and count toward the New York bar pro bono requirement.

RECENT EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS

- Disability Rights North Carolina
- Dispute Settlement Center
- Duke General Counsel's Office
- Duke Office of Institutional Equity
- Duke Office of Licensing and Ventures
- DUMAC
- North Carolina Attorney General's Office
- Judge Amanda Maris, Durham County District Court
- Judge Wanda Bryant, N.C. Court of Appeals
- Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
- PrecisionHawk
- REIN
- SAS (Ethics and Compliance, International Contracts)



"The externship was a great opportunity to work in a completely new legal field and gain great experience. I reviewed investment contracts for Duke University's endowment assets, investments, and working capital, as well as analyzed limited partnership agreements and other transactions."

JASSAR AL-JOHANI, Saudi Arabia, completed an externship with DUMAC, a nonprofit support corporation that manages assets for Duke University. He is currently an associate legal counsel at Clyde & Co. in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.



"My pro bono supervisor elucidated the what, how, and why of the task. Under her supervision, I drafted and filed expunction petitions and advice letters to clients as part of an ongoing response to criminal justice system reform. The pro bono project allowed me to explore a new domain of law and the experience was an invaluable addition to my knowledge and skill set."

ANUSHRI MASKARA, India, worked with Legal Aid of North Carolina on the Durham Expunction & Restoration Program, which aims to remove barriers to employment and housing. She currently works at Clifford Chance in New York.



The campus of SAS Institute, an analytics, artificial intelligence, and data management company in Cary, which offers externship opportunities for students.



FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Duke Law students are passionate about their interests both in and out of the classroom, and with one of the strongest law school student cultures in the country, you're sure to make quick and lasting friendships across cultures, ages, and experiences.

LLM students are part of an active community and gather regularly outside of class to participate in intramural sports, try local restaurants, cheer for the Blue Devils at Duke basketball games, explore Durham's natural surroundings, or meet for dinner at a classmate's apartment. When you join the Duke Law community, you join a family and network of colleagues that will be with you for life.





"I decided to attend Duke Law's LLM program for its tightknit community and the small size of its classes. Through the program, I got involved with a community of students who gathered even before the program started and who have remained friends and colleagues up to this day. Since graduating, I have been active in the alumni community which has been rewarding and enriching, allowing me to meet with students and colleagues across various nationalities, backgrounds and experiences."

PAUL HESPEL, Belgium, is a partner at Alston & Bird in New York.



CAREER RESOURCES

The Career & Professional Development Center has outstanding resources for international students, including a dedicated staff member with significant professional law experience who guides LLM students in their job search.

International students at Duke also benefit substantially from the willingness of alumni, both in the U.S. and abroad, and Law School faculty to offer advice and assistance.

LLM graduates are highly sought after in the legal job market. They regularly join top-tier multinational law firms, Fortune 500 companies, and international organizations around the world. Some of the most popular destinations for our graduates are New York, Washington, D.C., London, Paris, Brussels, and Hong Kong.

Learn more about LLM career outcomes at law.duke.edu/career/students/llm/



“Once I started my studies at Duke Law, I had a clear roadmap for building my career in the U.S. with the help of the International Studies office and several sessions they offered. I knew exactly how to structure my classes, how to network, when to start working on my job search process, and what nuances I should watch out for as an international student. Thanks to the guidance and the opportunities that Duke Law offered me, the only thing that I had to do was to connect the dots and achieve my goal. It was also amazing to see how the Duke network is willing to guide and help each other on any matter, and it was so comforting to find the support I needed throughout my journey.”

DILARA KESIR, Turkey, is an associate at Paul Weiss in New York.

BIG BLUE WORLD



Wherever you go, our alumni are leaders in law firms, general counsels for major corporations, attorneys for government agencies, heads of nonprofits, judges, entrepreneurs, elected officials, and academics. In fact, it's difficult to find a major city, industry, or legal specialty where you won't encounter a loyal Duke Law graduate, and they love to give back. You'll see them on campus nearly every day — speaking to, mentoring, and recruiting our students. They will share your experience of Duke's collegial and intellectually rigorous culture, and will be eager to help you chart your future course.

The vibrant community of more than 12,500 Duke Law alumni can be found in 109 countries around the world. At Duke, you'll find outstanding support from the time you're admitted until long after graduation.

LOVE YOUR LIFE

Whether they're on Duke's lush and beautiful campus or in Durham's eclectic urban center, Duke Law students have many opportunities to unwind, enjoy time with friends, explore arts and culture, or take in a sporting event. We encourage students to create a well-rounded life outside of their studies, and the Bull City provides a great mix of activities for students to find what they love. With all that Duke and Durham have to offer, we're positive that you'll love your life here!





LOCAL FAVORITES

DUKE GARDENS

22 hectares of pathways to explore

MAIN STREET

Walk the shops and restaurants

DURHAM FARMERS' MARKET A

Get year-round offerings from local vendors

DURHAM BULLS B

Minor league baseball in the heart of downtown Durham

THE ENO C

Go tubing, canoeing, swimming, or hiking at this protected waterway and forest

NC MUSEUM OF ART D

Ranked as one of the top 25 museums in the country, features 66 hectares of trails and public installations

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

The North Carolina coast is just 2.5 hours from campus

ASHEVILLE

The gem of the Blue Ridge Mountains is a 3.5 hour drive



BRING THE FAMILY

Many LLM students find Durham the ideal place for their families to live. In fact, hardworking attorneys often note they specifically chose Duke so they could spend more time with their spouses and children while pursuing their LLM degree at a top-ranked U.S. law school!



Learn more about family life at Duke Law at law.duke.edu/international/family-life/



LIVE BETTER ON LESS

It's not hard to see why North Carolina, Durham, and the Triangle region regularly rank among the nation's top places to live. Here you'll find a temperate climate, affordable cost of living, proximity to the major cities of the East Coast, and a mix of lively downtown amenities and abundant natural resources.

COST OF LIVING*

• Los Angeles	\$32,246	• Washington, D.C.	\$30,320
• Berkeley, Calif.	\$31,588	• Durham	\$23,496
• New York City	\$31,801		

*Based on 2021-22 budgets for room and board plus miscellaneous expenses at selected law schools.



MAKE DUKE YOURS

Students at Duke Law are part of the larger Duke University community and enjoy all the campus has to offer, including the beautiful Duke Chapel and Duke Gardens, top-flight facilities for the arts and recreation, academic lectures and guest speeches from world-renowned scholars and leaders, and front-row seats to some of the most exciting athletic matchups.

DUKE BY THE NUMBERS

- **9,991** graduate students
- **6,789** undergraduate students
- **10** schools
- **107** interdisciplinary institutes
- **565** hectares on three campuses
- **2,913** hectares in Duke Forest
- **48** kilometers of trails in Duke Forest
- **35** campus restaurants
- **6,000,000** volumes in Duke libraries
- **17** national championships since 1986
- **54** intramural sports
- **6** art galleries
- **201** lemurs living on campus in the largest university-based research facility dedicated to endangered prosimian primates



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