Your passport to a U.S. legal education

Drexel University
Thomas R. Kline School of Law
A Philadelphia institution and national leader in higher education innovation since 1891

Distinguish yourself from the competition. The Kline School of Law offers students a unique opportunity to learn from respected faculty with a unique commitment to teaching the distinct skills of American legal practice. U.S. News & World Report has recognized Drexel University as one of the Top 8 Most Innovative Universities in the United States.

The Kline School of Law stands apart from other law schools by offering small classes and personalized education in a close and supportive community. And most importantly, our programs give students an opportunity to gain firsthand legal experience by working side by side with American lawyers. Our co-op externships allow students to earn credit by working in corporate offices, law firms, government agencies or the courts for 15 weeks.

Learn about our:

- **LLM in American Legal Practice** for internationally trained attorneys who seek an in-depth understanding of the U.S. legal system.
- **Global Access JD** for internationally educated law school graduates who wish to practice law in their home country and the U.S.

- Generous scholarships for highly qualified applicants
- LSAT is not required for either program
A practical approach and a personal focus

Drexel University is an undisputed national leader in experiential education, and the law school puts hands-on learning at the center of its curriculum through externship, clinical and community-based programs. The Global JD and LLM programs build on relationships the law school has established with hundreds of externship partners.

Our Co-op Externship allows students who have a strong facility in English and have demonstrated success in the classroom to work inside a corporation, a law firm, a judicial office or government agency. Participating students spend up to two days each week gaining hands-on exposure to the practice of law, receiving one-on-one guidance from accomplished attorneys.

Every student works with a faculty advisor to design a curriculum unique to his or her own interests. Students also collaborate with faculty on their scholarly projects, contributing to articles and taking part in reading groups with professors and their colleagues.

International students are full participants in the life of the law school, which hosts a wide variety of speakers, panels and conferences every semester. Student organizations sponsor events focused on business law, intellectual property law, international law and other areas of practice. These activities provide additional opportunities to learn more about U.S. law, professional practice and career strategies, while enabling students to socialize with other members of the law school community.

LLM in American Legal Practice

The LLM, typically completed in one year, takes advantage of the Kline School of Law’s diverse and dynamic course offerings. Foundation courses, from Introduction to the U.S. Legal System to Legal Methods, Contract Law and Legal English, provide an immersion in the U.S. legal system.

Students may work with faculty to design a personalized curriculum that suits their interests or concentrate in one of four specialized tracks:

* Business and Commercial Law
* Intellectual Property Law
* International Law
* U.S. Bar Exam Preparation

Global Access JD

The Global Access JD provides students with up to 28 advanced standing credits from their non-U.S. law degrees so that they can complete their degree in as little as two years.

Optional concentrations are available in:

* Business and Entrepreneurial Law
* Criminal Law
* Health Law
* Intellectual Property Law

Students gain professional practice experience and build networks with seasoned attorneys and judges through co-op externships, clinics and pro bono service.

“Our Co-op Externship Program gives students a chance to learn how American lawyers do business and to meet prominent professionals in the field.”

- Professor Reena Parambath
The Kline School of Law is a close-knit, lively and collegial community that includes students from a variety of nations, including Iran, Saudi Arabia, Israel, China, Armenia, Ukraine, Mexico, Colombia, Kenya, France and Australia.

Our students have backgrounds in civil and common law, as well as Shariah. While some arrive with just an LLB, others have already earned an LLM, and still others have practiced in domestic and international firms prior to enrolling at Kline. The school welcomes visitors from many countries, and the school has developed exchange programs that enable U.S. students to study abroad.

Many students join and create organizations to advance their varied interests, from the Intellectual Property Law Society to the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and the Environmental Law Society. International students take a very active part in the life of the Kline community, including giving presentations on legal matters in their home countries to classmates and professors. LLM and Global JD students interested in comparative legal research can work one-on-one with our faculty.

The law school hosts an array of conferences and panel discussions and welcomes speakers who represent varied institutions and businesses. Events in 2015-16 included:

• A talk on the global economy by the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commissioner
• A symposium on the intersection of public health, crime and community that featured scholars from Harvard, Yale and Columbia universities.
Meet our global students

Julius Müller-Auffermann, LLM

Julius completed the LLM in American Legal Practice at Kline, conducting research on the proper scope of extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction. Before coming to Kline, he practiced as an attorney at DIERLAMM Rechtsanwälte, a leading German firm in Wiesbaden.

Bachelor, Masters in Law, Johannes Gutenberg Universität

Clerked at the District Court of Wiesbaden

Atieh Babakhani, LLM

BA, Shahid Beheshti University; MA, Allameh Tabatabaeei University, valedictorian

Atieh is studying international law and the role of gender in marriage law as a student enrolled in the LLM in American Legal Practice program. Before enrolling at Kline, she practiced law in Tehran.

Ruba Noor, Global JD

After her first year at Kline, Ruba won a competitive summer clerkship position at 2016 at Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, a highly regarded national law firm. She provides pro bono legal service to patients at community health clinics through the Medical Legal Community Partnership.

LLB (with Honours), University of London International Programs, Islamabad School of Law

2016 Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Fellow

Elizabeth (Xi) Wang, Global JD

BA, Peking University; LLM, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Elizabeth is concentrating her studies in Business and Entrepreneurship Law as a student in the Global JD program. In Beijing, China, she practice as a legal consultant at Linklaters LLP, one of the world’s leading international law firms.

“The quality of education here is no less than what you find at an Ivy League institution. The approachable faculty, the warm staff and the diversity of students of different ages and from different backgrounds make this a very collegial community.”

- Elizabeth (Xi) Wang
Kline School of Law faculty are recognized scholars and innovative teachers who have practiced law in domestic and international arenas. Our faculty graduated from the most widely recognized American law schools, including Yale, Harvard, Columbia, New York University, Northwestern, Duke, the University of Chicago, and UCLA.

Several practiced as associates and partners in major American and international law firms in New York, Washington, Chicago, Philadelphia and the Silicon Valley while others are leaders in developing new laws and policies.

Most of them served in prestigious clerkships with high level federal judges. Engaging inside the classroom and accessible outside of the classroom, these professors will provide you with a rigorous introduction to principles of law as well as keen insights about professional practice.

Our distinguished faculty includes:

**Professor Reena Parambath**
Director, Co-op Externship Program

**Professor Pammela S. Quinn**
A former attorney-adviser in the U.S. State Department’s Office of the Legal Advisor, who practiced at O’Melveny & Meyers, an international firm in Washington D.C.

**Professor Karl Okamoto**
Director, Business and Entrepreneurship Law Program, an entrepreneur and former partner at global firms Dechert and Kirkland & Ellis, who also practiced at internationally known Skadden Arps.

**Professor Anil Kalhan**
A recognized scholar in comparative law who handled international human rights matters while practicing with Cleary Gottlieb in New York City and holds leadership posts within the Association of American Law Schools.

**Professor Amy Landers**
Director, Intellectual Property Law Program, patent law expert and former partner in the Silicon Valley office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, a renowned international and IP firm.

**Professor Clare Keefe Coleman**
Director of International Student Programs, a litigator who practiced with leading firms and is an experienced writing teacher, editor and writer.
Philadelphia is a lively metropolitan area of more than 6 million people – the second-largest city on the East Coast – that has been ranked #1 for culture by Travel+Leisure magazine and named one of America’s hottest cities of the future by Business Insider. Because of its central location, it is within a two-hour train ride of New York City and Washington, D.C.

Drexel University is located in Philadelphia’s University City neighborhood, which it shares with the University of Pennsylvania. The neighborhood feels like a small college town that features 7,500 international students within 2 square kilometers, an active intellectual community, restaurants that serve diverse international cuisines, and book stores, clothing retailers and other shops.

The campus is located close to the airport and just blocks from 30th Street Train Station, putting it within easy reach of other major cities. University City is so close to downtown that students can walk to their co-op externships.

Philadelphia is an affordable city that offers a huge variety of galleries, museums, performing arts venues, athletic arenas, historic sites and the nation’s largest municipal park. It’s easy to find Halal and kosher food, Indian and Ethiopian delicacies, a dim sum brunch or a Brazilian churrascaria nearby, thanks to the wide range of nationalities and ethnic groups that call Philadelphia home.
Drexel University and the Kline School of Law

Drexel is a comprehensive research university that includes schools of medicine, business, engineering, computing, public health, nursing and entrepreneurship as well as law. The University takes part in NCAA Division I sports, including basketball, soccer, golf, crew, tennis and wrestling.

The Kline School of Law has set a new standard for incorporating experiential learning in legal education, giving students unparalleled opportunities to prepare for legal practice in diverse professional settings.

The University offers numerous services and forms of support to international students:

* The English Language Center, which offers intensive English courses focusing on written and oral communication as well as advising
* International Student Orientation
* American Culture Series Workshops

Philadelphia’s nearby International House sponsors many multicultural programs and activities in the arts and humanities.

Admission Requirements

Students must have completed an undergraduate or graduate degree in law. All applicants must submit:

* a personal essay describing their interest in the program and future professional goals
* two letters of recommendation
* an academic transcript verified by the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS)
* TOEFL or IELTS score for those who have a degree not conferred by an institution where English is the primary language of instruction

Information for Applicants

* The Kline School of Law offers exceptional applicants merit and country-based scholarships
* No application fee; all applicants are automatically considered for scholarships
* No LSAT required
* Following a thorough review of your application, Drexel may request a Skype, personal or telephone interview with you

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The Kline School of Law was named the second most under-rated law school in the U.S. by Bloomberg Business in 2015.

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