The Catholic University of America
Department of Library and Information Science

Law Librarianship Program

Interested in a challenging professional career?
Consider studying law librarianship. If you thrive in a fast-paced environment and enjoy being part of a highly skilled team, this may be the career for you. Law librarians are essential not only to law firms, but have vital roles in federal, state and local courts as well as in academe.

Begin your Master’s studies at CUA’s Department of Library and Information Science and earn an M.S.L.I.S. specializing in law librarianship to become well versed in legal literature, skilled in legal research, and attuned to how law libraries are managed. Spend a semester in a practicum gaining real-world experience at one of the many federal or private law libraries here in our nation’s capital.

Wish to pursue two degrees simultaneously? CUA also offers an M.S.L.I.S./J.D. joint degree program with Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law, allowing students to earn dual, complementary degrees.

Application Information
- Online application available at http://admissions.cua.edu/graduate/apply/
- A short Personal Statement (fewer than 500 words)
- 3 letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your accomplishments and your academic record
- Transcript from all post-secondary education
- GRE scores for applicants with a GPA under 3.0

Required Courses
- LSC 551: Organization of Information
- LSC 553: Information Sources and Services
- LSC 555: Information Systems in Libraries and Information Centers
- LSC 557: The Information Professions in Society
- LSC 886: Law Librarianship
- LSC 830: Legal Research
- LSC 839: Advanced Legal Research

Recommended Courses
- LSC 633: Information Retrieval and Analysis
- LSC 637: Government Data and Information
- LSC 695A: Practicum

* Other courses as recommended, to total 12 courses, or 36 credit hours.*

* Students, in consultation with the law librarianship faculty advisor, Dr. Renate Chancellor, choose relevant electives.

* Students who hold a JD or other graduate degree complete 30 credit hours.