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Insights into how the American legal system differs from other legal systems around the world  $\,$ 

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The ability to perform legal research and analysis necessary for work in a variety of legal settings

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Improved English language and writing skills

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\*Note: USC Gould School of Law cannot determine your eligibility to sit for the California Bar exam since each applicant is reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the State Bar. Therefore, we recommendâ verifying your California Bar eligibilityâ prior to enrolling in our Online Master of Laws (LLM).

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## Synchronous and Asynchronous

Our Online LLM classes incorporate both synchronous and asynchronous activities, including interactive modules, message board participation, assignments, group work, virtual office hours, and weekly live classes via Zoom. Although the format offers flexibility in terms of scheduling, our degree is academically rigorous, and each class requires approximately 12-16 hours of work each week.

## WeekdaySchedule

Our unique academic week of Wednesday through Tuesday allows students to best maximize their time, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, to complete their course requirements.

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Uniquely Student-Centered

At the heart of our educational philosophy is a deep-rooted commitment to student success. Learn more about the student experience from our 1-year LLM alums:

Based in Shanghai, China, Huachen Yi has built an impressive resume since starting his law career in 2007 - holding positions with top companies like Electronic Arts, Siemens and Mattel. After more than a decade of experience working for international employers, he decided to further his knowledge of the United States legal system by pursuing an online graduate degree. Huachen Yi, LLM 2019

Founded in Chicago in 1928, Motorola has a long history as an innovator in the field of electronic communications technology. Having changed its name to Motorola Solutions in 2011, the company continues to provide products and services to different organizations across the globe. This includes Sao Paulo, Brazil, where William Cornetta has built a successful career as an in-house counsel for Motorola since the mid-2000s.William Cornetta, LLM 2020

Raytheon Technologies is one of the world's largest aerospace and defense suppliers. Among the talent supporting its global interests is Olga Pechkurova, who has been employed at one of the company's Canadian

offices since graduating from USC in May 2021. In her current role as a subcontracts specialist, Olga provides legal support to the company's incountry and international operations.Olga Pechkurova, LLM 2021
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Trending Topics: Compliance  $\hat{A}$  and the Importance of 'Soft Skills'

In this Q&A, we discuss USC Gould Prof. Jay Anstine's new book and why soft skills are so important for individuals working in compliance roles.

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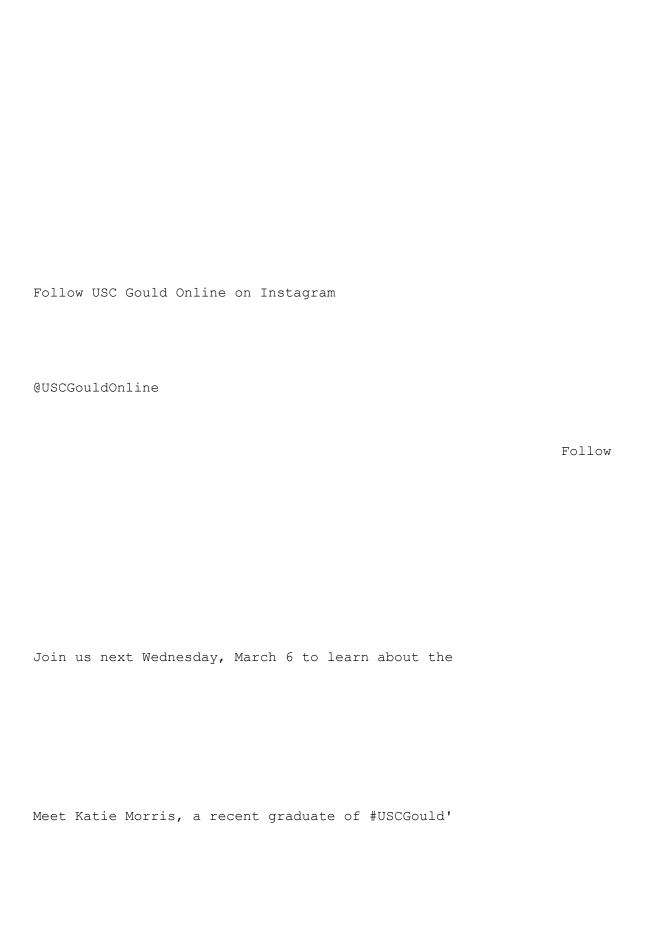
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A tremendous shift towards online learning emerged out of necessity when the COVID-19 pandemic hit at the beginning of 2020. But now, three years later, online learning has evolved to become more accessible than ever  $\hat{a}\Box$ " especially for law schools.

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To qualify for LLM admission, you must have earned your first law degree (LLB or the equivalent) outside of the United States. However, you may be considered for admission if you provide evidence of recent legal work experience and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in another field (from outside of the U.S.).

If you are currently earning your law degree and will complete it prior to the start of your LLM studies, you may be admitted but will be required to complete certain continuing registration requirements. You must submit final transcripts showing your degree was awarded before you begin the LLM.

If your degree was issued by an institution located outside the United States, you must have your transcripts authenticated and evaluated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

We do not require work experience or an LSAT/GRE score to be considered for admission to any of our graduate degrees. Should you elect to submit an LSAT or GRE score report to supplement your application, such score

will not play a key role in our admission decision-making process to ensure an equitable process for all applicants.

### Application Deadlines

USC Gould School of Law offers two starts in fall and spring. Applications become available in September for Fall semester and in June for Spring semester. To receive priority consideration and a \$75 application fee waiver, apply by our Priority Deadline (see date below for each semester). After our Priority Deadline, applications will only be accepted on a rolling basis as space is available until the final application deadline.

Below are the start dates and application deadlines:

Program Start Date Priority Deadline Final Application Deadline

Fall 2024: August 26, 2024 February 1, 2024 June 1, 2024\*

Spring 2025: January 13, 2025 September 1, 2024

November 1, 2024\*

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\*Final Application Deadline for international students who require initial I-20 documentation for their student visas is May 1, 2024Â for Fall semester and October 1, 2024Â for Spring semester. We highly encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline in order to provide sufficient time to process any required documents, including I-20 documentation for student visas, and to apply for USC campus housing. If you are planning to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam after our Priority Deadline, we highly recommend that you go ahead and submit your application (and any other completed materials) prior to taking the exam and we will accept your test scores after you receive your official results. The Admissions Committee will make a final admissions decision upon receipt of your complete application file.

All applicants will be automatically considered for a scholarship award and do not need to submit any further documents to request an award. In

addition, applicants who apply by our Priority Deadline will be automatically considered for a housing stipend.

### Application Fee

USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by the priority deadline. Fees charged by LSAC for utilizing its services are payable to LSAC. Please visit LSAC's website for more information about fees charged by LSAC, including its refund policy.

#### Application Process

To apply for admission, complete an online application through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). After you create your LSAC account, follow the instructions for applying to USC Gould using our LLM Application.

Please refer to the LSAC Checklist for instructions on the LLM application process. If you experience technical issues with your application, contact LSAC for assistance at 215-968-1315 or [email protected].

We highly recommend that you only submit one application to the degree of most interest to you. We would be happy to consider you for one of our other degrees. Once you have submitted your application to your first-choice program, please email [email protected]Â to let us know you have

applied and to indicate any additional degree for which you would like to be considered.

Among the required information and documents you will submit through LSAC are:

transcripts and degree verification

a two- to three-page statement that describes your personal, academic and professional background, and your reasons for applying a  $r\tilde{A} \otimes sum\tilde{A} \otimes r$  or curriculum vitae

TOEFL or IELTS report (no minimum score is required)

Have your official test scores sent to LSAC if you submit your application through LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395.

Test scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the application date.

TOEFL or IELTS waivers may be granted in accordance with the USC Graduate Admissions Policy; if you feel you should be allowed to waive this requirement, please submit your waiver request as an attachment to your application.

USC does NOT accept MyBest TOEFL scores of applicants as valid proof of language proficiency. We will consider the single best total TOEFL or IELTS score you submit along with the sub-scores from that test.

Letters of recommendation are not required, but we will accept up to two letters of recommendation at [email protected].

For your convenience and to streamline the application process, USC Gould requires prospective students to use LSAC's Document Assembly Service and International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service, which allows you to apply to multiple law schools while submitting only one set of materials. Credential evaluation takes 2-3 weeks to complete once LSAC has received all of your documents; there may be further delay during LSAC's peak processing periods or if LSAC determines that additional information is required to complete its review. We therefore suggest that you apply as early as possible so that there is no consequential delay in LSAC transmitting its evaluation report to us.

Application Status Check

After you submit your application through LSAC, we will send you a confirmation email that provides you with a username and password for the LSAC Online Status Check system. Then you may log in and create a new, personalized password and periodically check your application status.

#### Admission Decisions

Admissions decisions are made upon receipt of complete application files. Incomplete applications are not reviewed. We encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline to provide sufficient time for you to complete your application file. Our Admissions Committee will provide admissions decisions generally within 2-3 weeks upon our receipt of completed applications, beginning in January for Fall semester start and beginning in July for Spring semester start. You will be notified via email and postal mail. No admissions decisions will be released over the phone. We will contact you if the Admissions Committee recommends an interview or additional submissions.

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If you are admitted, you will be required to provide a financial statement that certifies that you have sufficient funds available to meet your living (housing, meals, etc.) and tuition expenses while at USC (unless you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been granted political asylum). At that time, you also must submit a copy of the photo page of your passport (and passport copies of any dependent(s) traveling with you).

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To qualify for admission to our Two-Year Extended LLM, you must have earned your first law degree (LLB or the equivalent) outside of the United States. However, you may be considered for admission if you provide evidence of recent legal work experience and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent in another field (from outside of the U.S.). If you are currently earning your law degree and will complete it prior to the start of your LLM studies, you may be admitted but will be required to complete certain continuing registration requirements. You

must submit final transcripts showing your degree was awarded before you begin the LLM.

If your degree was issued by an institution located outside the United States, you must have your transcripts authenticated and evaluated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

We do not require work experience or an LSAT/GRE score to be considered for admission to any of our graduate degrees. Should you elect to submit an LSAT or GRE score report to supplement your application, such score will not play a key role in our admission decision-making process to ensure an equitable process for all applicants.

Qualified applicants will be granted admission to both the first-year certificate in U.S. Legal Studies and the second-year LLM. You may not transfer credit from work completed at other law schools.

### Application Deadlines

Students may begin our Two-Year Extended LLM in the fall in August of each year. Applications become available in September. To receive priority consideration and a \$75 application fee waiver, apply by our Priority Deadline (see date below). After our Priority Deadline, applications will only be accepted on a rolling basis as space is available until the final application deadline. Below are the start date and priority and final application deadlines for the 2024-25 academic year:

Program Start Date Priority Deadline Final Application Deadline

Fall 2024: August 26, 2024 February 1, 2024 June 1, 2024\*

\*Final Application Deadline for international students who require initial I-20 documentation for their student visas is May 1, 2024. We highly encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline in order to provide sufficient time to process any required documents, including I-20 documentation for student visas, and to apply for USC campus housing. If you are planning to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam after our Priority Deadline, we highly recommend that you go ahead and submit your application (and any other completed materials) prior to taking the exam and we will accept your test scores after you receive your official

results. The Admissions Committee will make a final admissions decision upon receipt of your complete application file.

All applicants will be automatically considered for a scholarship award and do not need to submit any further documents to request an award. In addition, applicants who apply by our Priority Deadline will be automatically considered for a housing stipend.

## Application Fee

USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by the priority deadline.

Fees charged by LSAC for utilizing its services are payable to LSAC. Please visit LSAC's website for more information about fees charged by LSAC, including its refund policy.

### Application Process

To apply for admission, complete an online application through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). After you create your LSAC account, follow the instructions for applying to USC Gould using our LLM Application.

Please refer to the LSAC Checklist for instructions on the LLM application process. If you experience technical issues with your application, contact LSAC for assistance at 215-968-1315 or  $[email\ protected]$ .

We highly recommend that you only submit one application to the degree of most interest to you. We would be happy to consider you for one of our other degrees. Once you have submitted your application to your first-choice program, please email [email protected]Â to let us know you have applied and to indicate any additional degree for which you would like to be considered.

Among the required information and documents you will submit through LSAC are:

transcripts and degree verification

a two- to three-page statement that describes your personal, academic and professional background, and your reasons for applying a  $r\tilde{A} @ sum \tilde{A} @ or curriculum$  vitae

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Have your official test scores sent to LSAC if you submit your application through LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395.

Test scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the application date.

TOEFL or IELTS waivers may be granted in accordance with the USC Graduate Admissions Policy; if you feel you should be allowed to waive this requirement, please submit your waiver request as an attachment to your application.

USC does NOT accept MyBest TOEFL scores of applicants as valid proof of language proficiency. We will consider the single best total TOEFL or IELTS score you submit along with the sub-scores from that test.

Letters of recommendation are not required, but we will accept up to two letters of recommendation at [email protected].

For your convenience and to streamline the application process, USC Gould requires prospective students to use LSAC's Document Assembly Service and International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service, which allows you to apply to multiple law schools while submitting only one set of materials. Credential evaluation takes 2-3 weeks to complete once LSAC has received all of your documents; there may be further delay during LSAC's peak processing periods or if LSAC determines that additional information is required to complete its review. We therefore suggest that you apply as early as possible so that there is no consequential delay in LSAC transmitting its evaluation report to us.

### Application Status Check

After you submit your application through LSAC, we will send you a confirmation email that provides you with a username and password for the LSAC Online Status Check system. Then you may log in and create a new, personalized password and periodically check your application status.

#### Admission Decisions

Admissions decisions are made upon receipt of complete application files. Incomplete applications are not reviewed. We encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline to provide sufficient time for you to complete your application file. Our Admissions Committee will provide admissions decisions generally within 2-3 weeks upon our receipt of completed applications beginning in January. You will be notified via email and postal mail. No admissions decisions will be released over the phone. We will contact you if the Admissions Committee recommends an interview or additional submissions.

#### Financial Statement

If you are admitted, you will be required to provide a financial statement that certifies that you have sufficient funds available to meet your living (housing, meals, etc.) and tuition expenses while at USC (unless you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been granted political asylum). At that time, you also must submit a copy of the photo page of your passport (and passport copies of any dependent(s) traveling with you).

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### Eligibility

To qualify for admission to our LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution, you must have earned your first law degree (JD, LLB or equivalent) within or outside of the United States by the time you enroll at USC Gould School of Law.

If you are currently earning your law degree and will complete it prior to the start of your studies, you may be admitted, but will be required to complete certain continuing registration requirements. You must submit final transcripts showing your degree was awarded before your studies. If your degree was issued by an institution located outside the United States, you must have your transcripts authenticated and evaluated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). If you hold a degree from a university within the United States, USC Graduate Admissions requires that it must be a regionally accredited institution.

We do not require work experience or an LSAT/GRE score to be considered for admission to any of our graduate degrees. Should you elect to submit an LSAT or GRE score report to supplement your application, such score will not play a key role in our admission decision-making process to ensure an equitable process for all applicants.

#### Dates and Deadlines

USC Gould School of Law offers two starts in fall and spring with the option to enroll on a full-time or part-time basis. International students who require a student visa may only enroll on a full-time basis. Applications become available in September for Fall semester and in June for Spring semester. To receive priority consideration and a \$75 application fee waiver, apply by our Priority Deadline (see date below for each semester). After our Priority Deadline, applications will only be accepted on a rolling basis as space is available until the final application deadline.

Below are the upcoming start dates and application deadlines:

Program Start Date
Priority Deadline
Final Application Deadline

Fall 2024: August 26, 2024

February 1, 2024 June 1, 2024\*

Spring 2025: January 13, 2025

September 1, 2024 November 1, 2024\*

\*Final Application Deadline for international students who require initial I-20 documentation for their student visas is May 1, 2024Â for Fall semester and October 1, 2024Â for Spring semester. We highly encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline in order to provide sufficient time to process any required documents, including I-20 documentation for student visas, and to apply for USC campus housing. If you are planning to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam after our Priority Deadline, we highly recommend that you go ahead and submit your application (and any other completed materials) prior to taking the exam and we will accept your test scores after you receive your official results. The Admissions Committee will make a final admissions decision upon receipt of your complete application file. All applicants will be automatically considered for a scholarship award

and do not need to submit any further documents to request an award. In addition, applicants who apply by our Priority Deadline will be automatically considered for a housing stipend.

#### Application Process

To apply for admission, the following information and documents must be submitted:

1. Online USC Gould or LSAC Application

Note: Once you start your application by clicking above, you may be directed to complete your online application through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) if you have earned (or will earn) a degree from outside of the U.S. Applicable instructions and links will then be provided within the USC Gould application.

- 2. Personal StatementFollowing the directions provided in your online application, provide a two or three-page document that includes your personal, academic, and professional background and your reasons for pursuing the LLM in ADR degree. If you have prior education or experience in alternative dispute resolution, please take a paragraph or two to tell us about it.
- 3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV) Following the directions provided in your online application, provide a record of your employment history and list of any distinctions, publications, and licenses/credentials.
- 4. Official Transcripts and Degree VerificationYou must have earned your first law degree (JD, LLB or equivalent) by the time you enroll at USC Gould School of Law.Following the directions provided in your online application, submit official transcripts from all institutions attended. Domestic Applicants: If all of your degrees are from within the U.S., you must submit official transcripts directly to USC Gould at the address below or by email to [email protected]. Official transcripts must be received directly from the institutions.

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required to complete its review. We therefore suggest that you apply as early as possible so that there is no consequential delay in LSAC transmitting its evaluation report to us. Fees charged by LSAC for utilizing its services, including for ITAES, are payable to LSAC. Please visit LSAC's website for more information about fees charged by LSAC, including its refund policy. USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by our priority deadline.

5. English ProficiencyIf you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you must are take the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

TOEFL/IELTS waiver requests will only be considered if (1) your native language is English, or (2) you possess an undergraduate degree, masterâ degree, or doctoral degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction in accordance with the USC Graduate Admissions Policy.

USC Gould does not have a minimum TOEFL or IELTS score; however, we recommend a 90 TOEFL iBT and a 7.0 IELTS or above. Please have your official scores sent to LSAC if you submit your application through LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395. Test scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the application date.

USC does NOT accept MyBest TOEFL scores of applicants as valid proof of language proficiency. We will consider the single best total TOEFL or IELTS score you submit along with the sub-scores from that test.

The LSAT or GRE exam is not required for admission. In addition, letters of recommendation are not required.

The Admissions Committee will not review your application until all transcripts and supporting documents are received. It is your responsibility to ensure that all of your documents are submitted by the final application deadline. Be sure to regularly check the email address you have provided on the application in the event that the Admissions Committee request additional materials or information.

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#### Decisions

Admissions decisions are made upon receipt of complete application files. Incomplete applications are not reviewed. We encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline to provide sufficient time for you to complete your application file. Our Admissions Committee will provide admissions decisions generally within 2-3 weeks upon our receipt of completed applications, beginning in January for Fall semester start and beginning in July for Spring semester start. Admission decisions are sent by email and postal mail. No admission decisions will be released by telephone.

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To qualify for an LLM in International Business and Economic Law admission, you must have earned your first law degree (JD, LLB or equivalent) within or outside of the United States by the time you enroll at USC Gould School of Law.

If you are currently earning your law degree and will complete it prior to the start of your studies, you may be admitted, but will be required to complete certain continuing registration requirements. You must submit final transcripts showing your degree was awarded before your studies. If your degree was issued by an institution located outside the United States, you must have your transcripts authenticated and evaluated by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). If you hold a degree from a university within the United States, USC Graduate Admissions requires that it must be a regionally accredited institution.

We do not require work experience or an LSAT/GRE score to be considered for admission to any of our graduate degrees. Should you elect to submit an LSAT or GRE score report to supplement your application, such score will not play a key role in our admission decision-making process to ensure an equitable process for all applicants.

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Below are the start dates and application deadlines:

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Fall 2024: August 26, 2024 February 1, 2024 June 1, 2024\*

Spring 2025: January 13, 2025

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USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by the priority deadline.

#### Application Process

To apply for admission, the following information and documents must be submitted:

1. Online USC Gould or LSAC Application

Note: Once you start your application by clicking above, you may be directed to complete your online application through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). If you have earned (or will earn) a degree from outside of the U.S., applicable instructions and links will then be provided within the USC Gould application.

- 2. Personal StatementFollowing the directions provided in your online application, provide a two or three-page document that includes your personal, academic, and professional background and your reasons for pursuing the LLM in ADR degree. If you have prior education or experience in alternative dispute resolution, please take a paragraph or two to tell us about it.
- 3. Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV) Following the directions provided in your online application, provide a record of your employment history and list of any distinctions, publications, and licenses/credentials.
- 4. Official Transcripts and Degree VerificationYou must have earned your first law degree (JD, LLB or equivalent) by the time you enroll at USC Gould School of Law. Following the directions provided in your online application, submit official transcripts from all institutions attended. Domestic Applicants: If all of your degrees are from within the U.S., you must submit official transcripts directly to USC Gould at the address below or by email to [email protected]. Official transcripts must be received directly from the institutions.

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International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service (ITAES). Credential evaluation takes 2-3 weeks to complete once LSAC has received all of your documents; there may be further delay during LSAC's peak processing periods or if LSAC determines that additional information is required to complete its review. We therefore suggest that you apply as early as possible so that there is no consequential delay in LSAC transmitting its evaluation report to us. Fees charged by LSAC for utilizing its services, including for ITAES, are payable to LSAC. Please visit LSAC's website for more information about fees charged by LSAC, including its refund policy. USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by our priority deadline. 5. English ProficiencyIf you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you must are take the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). TOEFL/IELTS waiver requests will only be considered if (1) your native language is English, or (2) you possess an undergraduate degree, master $\hat{a} \square \square$ s degree, or doctoral degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction in accordance with the USC Graduate Admissions Policy.

USC Gould does not have a minimum TOEFL or IELTS score; however, we recommend a 90 TOEFL iBT and a 7.0 IELTS or above. Please have your official scores sent to LSAC if you submit your application through LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395. Test scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the application date

USC does NOT accept MyBest TOEFL scores of applicants as valid proof of language proficiency. We will consider the single best total TOEFL or IELTS score you submit along with the sub-scores from that test.

The LSAT or GRE exam is not required for admission. In addition, letters of recommendation are not required.

The Admissions Committee will not review your application until all transcripts and supporting documents are received. It is your responsibility to ensure that all of your documents are submitted by the final application deadline. Be sure to regularly check the email address you have provided on the application in the event that the Admissions Committee request additional materials or information.

Application Status Check

After you submit your application through LSAC, we will send you a confirmation email that provides you with a username and password for the Application Online Status Check system. Then you may log in and

create a new, personalized password and periodically check your application status.

#### Admission Decisions

Admissions decisions are made upon receipt of complete application files. Incomplete applications are not reviewed. We encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline to provide sufficient time for you to complete your application file. Our Admissions Committee will provide admissions decisions generally within 2-3 weeks upon our receipt of completed applications, beginning in January for Fall semester start and beginning in July for Spring semester start. You will be notified via email and postal mail. No admissions decisions will be released over the phone. We will contact you if the Admissions Committee recommends an interview or additional submissions.

#### Financial Statement

If you are admitted, you will be required to provide a financial statement that certifies that you have sufficient funds available to meet your living (housing, meals, etc.) and tuition expenses while at USC (unless you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been granted political asylum). At that time, you also must submit a copy of the photo page of your passport (and passport copies of any dependent(s) traveling with you).

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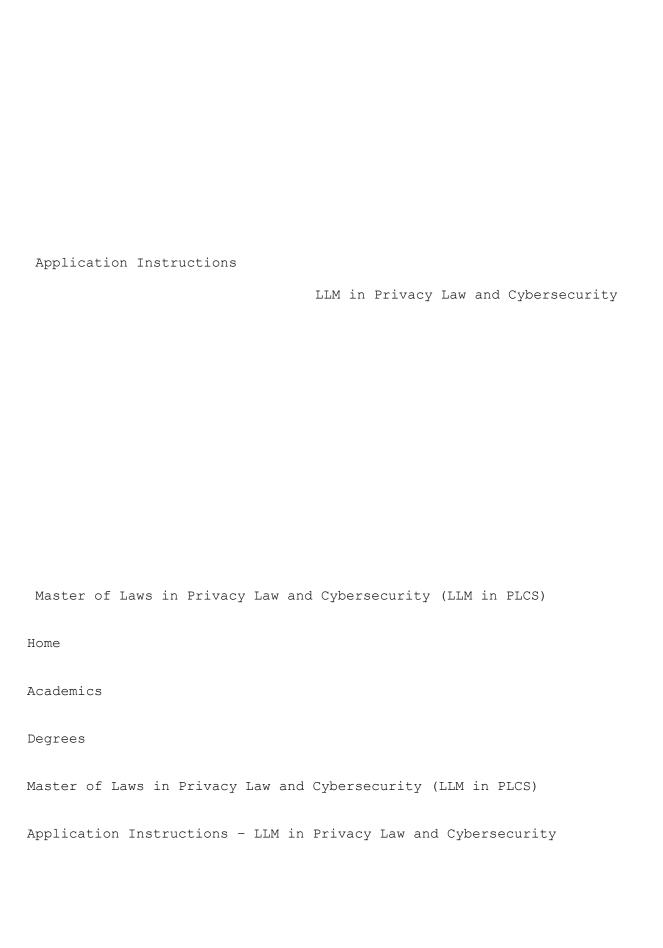
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To be eligible to apply for the Online LLM, you must have earned a first professional degree in law outside of the United States, such as Bachelor of Laws (LLB) or License in Law, before enrolling at USC Gould School of Law. We seek applicants whose academic background, professional aspirations, personal commitment, tech skills and communication skills meet the demands of a rigorous online master's degree program.

Dates and Deadlines

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{We}}$  offer three starts throughout the year in fall, spring and summer. Below are the upcoming start dates and application deadlines:

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Summer 2024 May 8, 2024 November 29, 2023 February 21, 2024 March 20, 2024

Fall 2024 September 4, 2024 March 13, 2024 June 19, 2024 July 17, 2024

Spring 2025 January 8, 2025 July 31, 2024 October 9, 2024 November 6, 2024

We recommend applying by the priority application deadline for scholarship consideration.

Application Process

Since you have earned a first professional degree in law from outside of the United States, you are required to complete the application process through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE

You may perform most of the tasks in any order you choose provided you submit your application and all supporting documents by 5 p.m. (Pacific Time) on the application deadlines listed above. You are responsible for monitoring your LSAC account to ensure that you meet all deadlines.

Create an LSAC account

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Note: The fee for EAPS, DAS, and ITAES is \$39, \$55, and \$140, respectively. LSAC will charge an additional \$34 to send your CAS Report to USC Gould. Fees charged by LSAC for utilizing its services are payable to LSAC. Please click here to read more information about fees charged by LSAC, including its refund policy.

Arrange to have your official academic records sent to LSAC

It is your responsibility to request an official copy of all required academic records to be sent to LSAC directly from each institution attended. Transcripts issued to you or sent to LSAC by you via mail or email will not be accepted or processed. Once you have listed your institutions attended, the Transcript Request Form(s) will be available through your LSAC account.

International transcripts/academic records must be mailed directly to LSAC from the issuing institution in a sealed school envelope with the school's official stamp or seal across the back flap. Schools should send your official documents to:LSAC LLM Credential Assembly Service 662 Penn Street
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Documents from institutions outside of the United States may take 2 to 3 weeks for LSAC to process once all academic records have been received; there may be further delay during LSAC's peak processing period or if LSAC determines that additional information is required to complete their review. We recommend applying as early as possible so that there is no consequential delay in LSAC transmitting its evaluation report to us. Register for an English proficiency exam (if applicable)

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you must take the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic.

English proficiency waiver requests will only be considered if (1) your native language is English, (2) you hold a bachelorâ s degree completed in its entirety in the United States or U.S. bachelorâ s-equivalent in a qualifying Anglophone country, and (3), you have completed a masterâ s or doctoral degree from a country in which English is both the language of instruction and the only official language.

USC Gould does not have a minimum TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE score; however, we recommend a 90 TOEFL iBT or above, a 6.5 IELTS or above, or 61 PTE or above.

Official scores must be sent directly to LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395.

English-proficiency scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the date you submit your application.

USC does NOT accept MyBest TOEFL scores of applicants as valid proof of language proficiency. We will consider the single best total score you submit along with the sub-scores from that test.

USC does not waive the English-proficiency requirement based on any other consideration, such as work experience, ESL enrollment, amount of time spent in the United States, etc. It also cannot be waived on the basis of programs taught in English in non-Anglophone countries.

Apply to USC Gould School of Law electronically

Under "My Home" tab in your LSAC account, click on the blue "School Search" button and on the blue "Alphabetically" button; look for "University of Southern California, Gould School of Law" and click the blue "Add" button to add USC Gould to your school list.

In your "My School List," USC Gould should be listed. If so, click on the light green "Application Information" button and then look for your term of interest (i.e., Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025) and "Online LLM for Foreign Lawyers." Then, click "Apply and Submit Online," which will add the application to your account.

Your application should be included under "My Active Applications." Click on the light green "Go to Application" button to review application instructions and complete all questions.

We have automatically waived the \$75 application fee for all USC Gould Online LLM applicants.

Submit your Statement of Purpose

The statement of purpose is your primary opportunity to discuss who you are beyond the application basics. We are particularly interested in how your academic and professional background has led to your decision to study law. This is not the place to repeat items on your resume/curriculum vitae (CV). Please address the following questions in your statement of purpose:

Why do you want to pursue the LLM degree at USC Gould? How do you plan to use this degree to advance your career? What strategies will you put into place to be a successful online graduate student? The statement of purpose should be two to three pages, double-spaced and in at least 12-point font. We value essays that are clear, concise, and compelling. Please upload this document as part of your LSAC application.

Submit your Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Provide a record of your employment history, volunteer commitments, extracurricular activities, and any awards and/or honors. Please upload this document as part of your LSAC application.

Purchase law school report through your account

Once you have completed your LSAC application, uploaded both your personal statement and resume, please purchase the CAS report fee when you apply. A \$34 report fee will be automatically added to your shopping cart when you submit an electronic application. Use your account to verify that your report was sent to USC Gould when you applied.

Note: Admission to the Online LLM does not require letters of recommendation, nor any LSAT or GRE exam scores. Additional application materials or interviews may be requested by the Admissions Committee.

The Online LLM program is not qualified to issue Form I-20 to international students. If you wish to receive a student visa, please consider our on-campus LLM program.

### Decisions

The Admissions Committee will only review your application once all transcripts and supporting documents are received through LSAC by the application deadlines shared above. You will receive a confirmation email when your application has been completed. Admissions decisions are normally released by email within two to four weeks of application confirmation. If you are admitted and decide to enroll, a commitment deposit will be required to reserve your seat.

## State Authorization Information

Due to online learning regulations in each state, our online LLM degree is not available to students residing in all states. Certain states only authorize their residents to enroll in online master's degree programs that require 30 or more units. Other states impose different restrictions.

Effective October 2, 2023, USC Gould is unable to accept new applications for admission to the online LLM program to students currently residing in Arkansas, Kansas, Minnesota, and Puerto Rico. However, we are happy to receive applications for admission to our online certificate programs from students residing in any state except for Puerto Rico. Prospective students may check this site for updates. Questions can be directed to [email protected].

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Through the yearlong curriculum, MCL students explore the differences, similarities and inter-relationships of various systems of law around the world.

The program is particularly designed for:

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bankers

USC Gould seeks MCL degree applicants with excellent law school records, proficiency in English and leadership potential.

Upon graduating with an MCL degree, you will be prepared to tackle the challenges of today's global economy and positioned to become a leader in the legal profession, wherever you choose to practice.

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As an MCL student, you will have access to an academic support system led by a full-service staff dedicated exclusively to aiding international students. You will have the opportunity to benefit from:

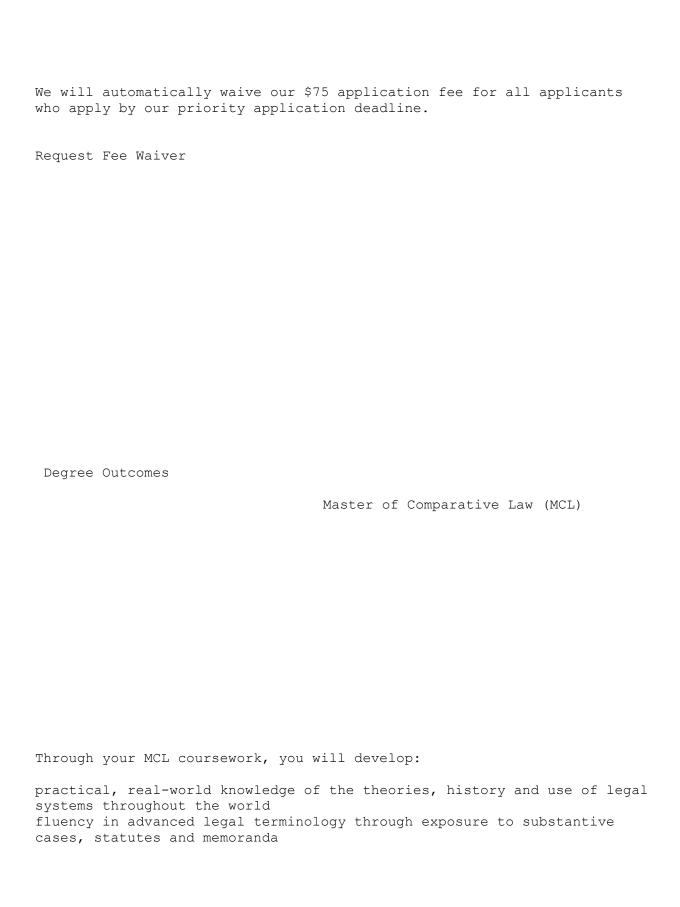
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The Summer Law and English (SLE)Â four-week intensive

Social and athletic outings with fellow students, including a night at the Hollywood Bowl, a USC Trojan football game and a professional basketball game

Our Office of International Services provides additional resources to assist you with your visa and other requirements for studying in the U.S. The University of Southern California also maintains nine international offices worldwide.

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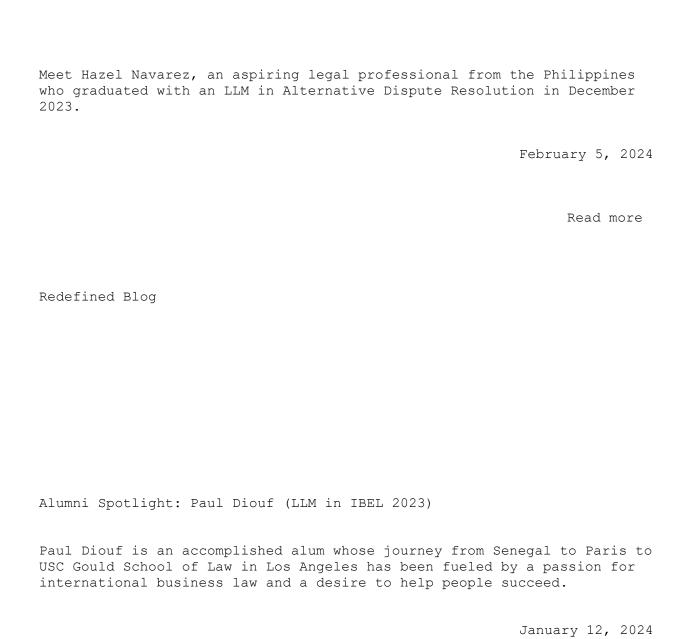
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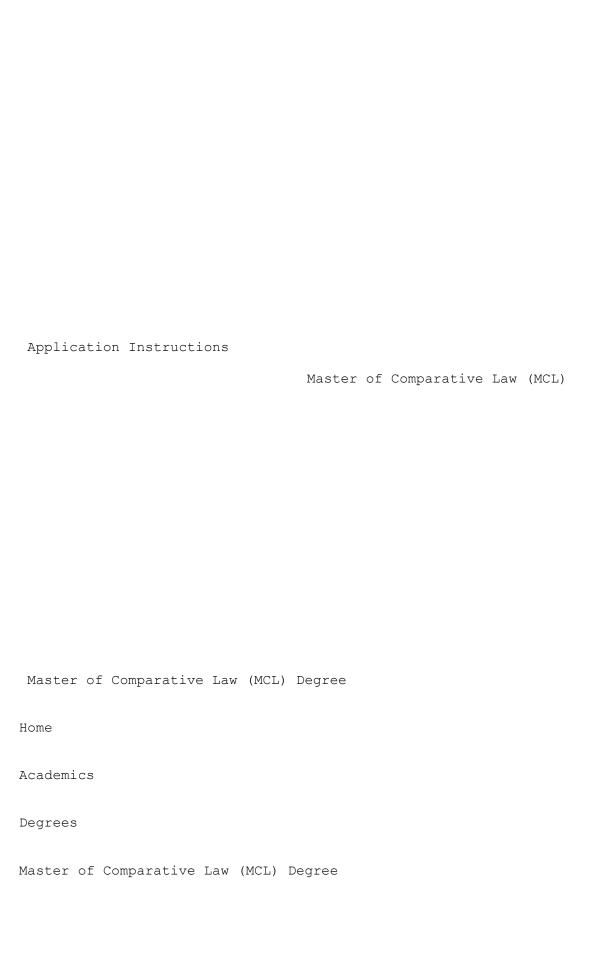
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We do not require work experience or an LSAT/GRE score to be considered for admission to any of our graduate degrees. Should you elect to submit an LSAT or GRE score report to supplement your application, such score will not play a key role in our admission decision-making process to ensure an equitable process for all applicants.

If you are applying for the MCL as USC Gould LLM student, you must have

earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the fall semester of your LLM studies.

### Application Deadlines

USC Gould School of Law offers two starts in fall and spring. Applications become available in September for Fall semester and in June for Spring semester. To receive priority consideration and a \$75 application fee waiver, apply by our Priority Deadline (see date below for each semester). After our Priority Deadline, applications will only be accepted on a rolling basis as space is available until the final application deadline.

Below are the start dates and application deadlines:

Program Start Date Priority Deadline Final Application Deadline

Fall 2024: August 26, 2024 February 1, 2024 June 1, 2024\*

Spring 2025: January 13, 2025

September 1, 2024 November 1, 2024\*

\*Final Application Deadline for international students who require initial I-20 documentation for their student visas is May 1, 2024Â for Fall semester and October 1, 2024Â for Spring semester. We highly encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline in order to provide sufficient time to process any required documents, including I-20 documentation for student visas, and to apply for USC campus housing. If you are planning to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam after our Priority Deadline, we highly recommend that you go ahead and submit your application (and any other completed materials) prior to taking the exam and we will accept your test scores after you receive your official

results. The Admissions Committee will make a final admissions decision upon receipt of your complete application file.

All applicants will be automatically considered for a scholarship award and do not need to submit any further documents to request an award. In addition, applicants who apply by our Priority Deadline will be automatically considered for a housing stipend.

#### Application Fee

USC Gould requires a \$75 application fee, which will be waived if you apply by the priority deadline.

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#### Application Process

To apply for admission, complete an online application through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). After you create your LSAC account, follow the instructions for applying to USC Gould using our LLM Application.

Please refer to the LSAC Checklist for instructions on the LLM application process. If you experience technical issues with your application, contact LSAC for assistance at 215-968-1315 or  $[email\ protected]$ .

We highly recommend that you only submit one application to the degree of most interest to you. We would be happy to consider you for one of our other degrees. Once you have submitted your application to your first-choice program, please email [email protected]Â to let us know you have applied and to indicate any additional degree for which you would like to be considered.

Among the required information and documents you will submit through LSAC are:

transcripts and degree verification

a two- to three-page statement that describes your personal, academic and professional background, and your reasons for applying a  $r\tilde{A} @ sum \tilde{A} @ or curriculum$  vitae

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Have your official test scores sent to LSAC if you submit your application through LSAC. LSAC's institutional code is 8395.

Test scores must be dated within two years (24 months) of the application date.

TOEFL or IELTS waivers may be granted in accordance with the USC Graduate Admissions Policy; if you feel you should be allowed to waive this requirement, please submit your waiver request as an attachment to your application.

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#### Admission Decisions

Admissions decisions are made upon receipt of complete application files. Incomplete applications are not reviewed. We encourage you to apply by our Priority Deadline to provide sufficient time for you to complete your application file. Our Admissions Committee will provide admissions decisions generally within 2-3 weeks upon our receipt of completed applications, beginning in January for Fall semester start and beginning in July for Spring semester start. You will be notified via email and postal mail. No admissions decisions will be released over the phone. We will contact you if the Admissions Committee recommends an interview or additional submissions.

### Financial Statement

If you are admitted, you will be required to provide a financial statement that certifies that you have sufficient funds available to meet your living (housing, meals, etc.) and tuition expenses while at USC (unless you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or have been granted political asylum). At that time, you also must submit a copy of the photo page of your passport (and passport copies of any dependent(s) traveling with you).

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From global trade to corporate governance, privacy regulations, dispute resolution and more, specialized knowledge in U.S. law can help to advance your career and reach a variety of career goals.

USCâls LLM degree provides in-depth coursework in business, compliance, education, entertainment, finance, health care, human resources and more. Upon completion of the program on the bar track, international attorneys may be eligible\* to sit for the bar exam.

Through the LLM degree law courses, you will develop:

Practical knowledge in the theories, history and use of U.S. law and understanding of the U.S. legal system, government, historical context and foundational values.

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The LLM degree enables lawyers to gain international qualifications and legal credentials while studying a specialized area of law, both through coursework in U.S. law and USC Gouldâ $\square$ s certificates in areas such as entertainment law, entrepreneurship, business law and more. Familiarity with the U.S. legal system and applicable laws can help you:

Increase your competitiveness as a job applicant by holding a master's degree in law.

Advance your current impact through greater understanding of how the law intersects with your responsibilities.

Enhance your resume by developing a specialization in business law, compliance, entertainment law, financial compliance, health care compliance, human resources law, and compliance, or privacy law and cybersecurity.

While legal job titles or responsibilities can overlap depending on the organization, possible outcomes for graduates of our LLM degree programs include:

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Director of Compliance
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An LLM degree is designed for students who are interested in expanding their knowledge of U.S. law and representing clients who have global business relationships in the United States or with U.S.-based companies. Before applying, consider whether you are looking to advance your legal career or take the next step in your academic journey. We recommend that you identify a concrete goal for earning this degree to receive the greatest benefit.

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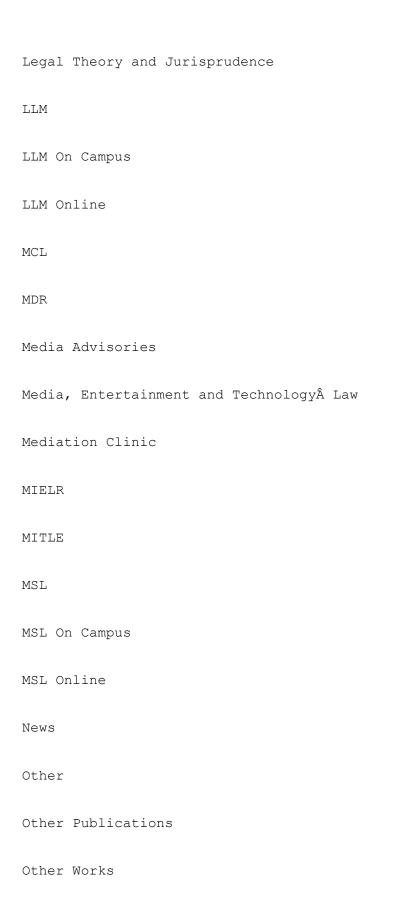
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Have you ever wondered what the differences between our Master of Studies in Law (MSL), Master of Laws (LLM) and Juris Doctor (JD) degrees are? Each of these graduate degrees serve a specific purpose and can help propel you into the next stage of your career.

 $\hat{a}\square\square$ While obtaining a Juris Doctor (JD) is the most common way to practice law, there are other degrees  $\hat{a}\square''$  including Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Studies in Law (MSL)  $\hat{a}\square''$  available to those interested in the field.

To gain a better sense of which degree is best suited for your career goals, we spoke with two experts from USC Gould School of Law: Anne Marlenga, director of special projects and adjunct assistant professor of law, and Nicholas Kajimoto, assistant director of online programs. Below, they discuss the benefits of each degree, the program requirements and the job opportunities that open up with a JD, LLM or MSL.â $\Box$  Read the full article on USC Online.

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By Desiree Jaeger-Fine Originally published on NationalJurist.com
Not every LL.M. student has the goal of staying in the U.S., but many do. Whatever your goal, there are things you can do to help achieve it.
Often, my clients tell me that there are things they would have done differently had they known during their LL.M. studies what they know now. Below are three things LL.M. graduates wish they knew during their LL.M.

1. I wish I knew how short one year is.

Too many times I receive an email along the lines: â□□I am about to graduate from my LL.M. and I really need a job, can you help?â□□ A year is a year, but the LL.M. year seems to work with a different clock. The time goes by too fast. At the beginning, we are preoccupied with understanding how U.S. law schools work, how U.S. professors teach, how to reads hundreds of pages of cases in a few days. We tell ourselves to focus on the study and to worry about the rest

later, until later arrives. I do understand the importance of adjusting to law school life, but getting stuck behind the walls of the law school is problematic. The LL.M. year offers many opportunities outside of the law school and outside the LL.M. community.

Not being interested in what is out there is detrimental to our goal, no matter the goal. I understand the difficulty in finding the right balance between managing academics and the world outside. But we must find that balance to take full advantage of what the LL.M. experience offers. An LL.M. program is a vehicle that should be steered properly to reap the benefits of that huge investment. The benefit is not the degree itself; it is what you do with it. The year is short. Donâlt postpone the things you should be doing now.

2. I wish I knew that being creative is not only allowed but appreciated. A creative approach to seizing opportunities is not only accepted but required and admired, especially for those who act out of a position of disadvantage.

Americans love the story of the underdog who succeeds against all odds. A foreign lawyer without a J.D. trying to maneuver the U.S. legal job market can certainly be considered an underdog. We call the U.S. the land of opportunities and for me, being a foreigner myself, it truly is. A creative approach in pursuing oneâls goals creates real world opportunities in ways I could not imagine happening in Europe, for example, where I come from.

We do not need the creativity of Goethe to create opportunities during our LL.M. If we have a genuine interest in the people, the legal industry and the country we will see things others don't, in places others don't look. That  $\hat{a} \square a$  creativity.

Too many people try to be interesting when being interested is so much easier and more beneficial. Interact with professionals outside of your law school on a regular basis, be interested in the country that you call your home for a year, its culture and business style and do not wait to do so until the LL.M. year is over.

3. I wish I understood the importance of networking.

The term networking sends shivers down the spines of many LL.M. students and graduates. It is the most overused and misunderstood term LL.M. students hear from the very beginning of their LL.M. program. A professional network is a support system in which people share information and services among those individuals and groups who have a common interest. Too many LL.M. students focus on the word âlsystem.âls Business networking is not a âlsystemâls that only a few understand and master, networking simply means interacting with other human beings. Instead of thinking of a âlsystem,âls it is better to focus on the words âlsupport,âls âlsharing of information,âls and âlscommon interest.âls You have been âlsnetworkingâls today without even knowing it. We have all been âlsnetworkingâls and will be doing so for rest of our lives because we are humans and do not live in solitude or in a vacuum; we are social creatures.

In our private life, when we need help we call a friend. If the friend canâ□~t help us, that friend might call someone else he knows who he thinks might help us. If we read or see something that could be useful to our friend we let him know. And so will our friend. Our friend introduces us to his friends, and we introduce him to our friends. Doesnâ□□t sound

too complicated, does it? Doing exactly that on a professional basis doesnâ the change the core of it â wapport and sharing. Interacting with professionals outside of the law school building is what LL.M. students often fail to do. Not only should we interact with other professionals but we should do so based on a genuine interest in the person we are interacting with. So, get out there and interact with professionals and do so with genuine interest. Thatâ s â the secretâ bout networking

Take full advantage of your LL.M. by seizing each moment, being creative and meeting as many people as possible.

Desiree Jaeger-Fine is director of International Programs at Brooklyn Law School and author of "A Short & Happy Guide to Networking" (West Academic Publishing) and "A Short & Happy Guide to Being Hired" (West Academic Publishing).

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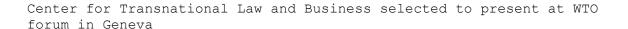
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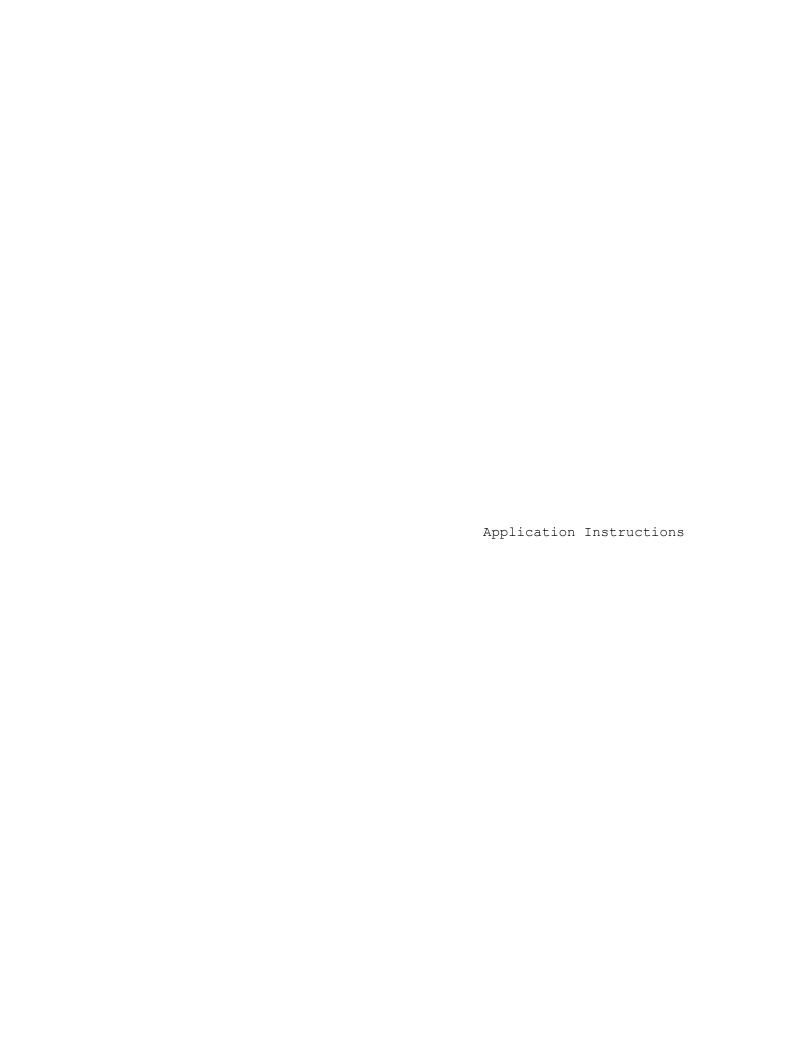
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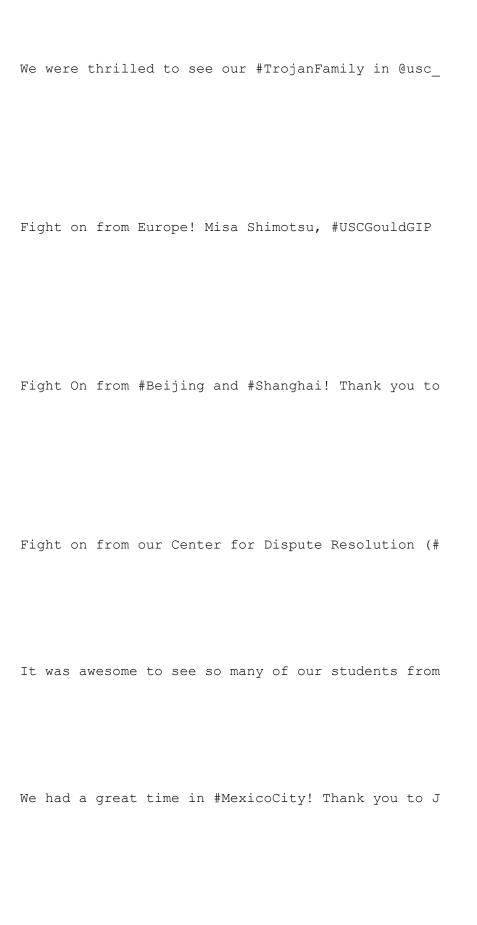
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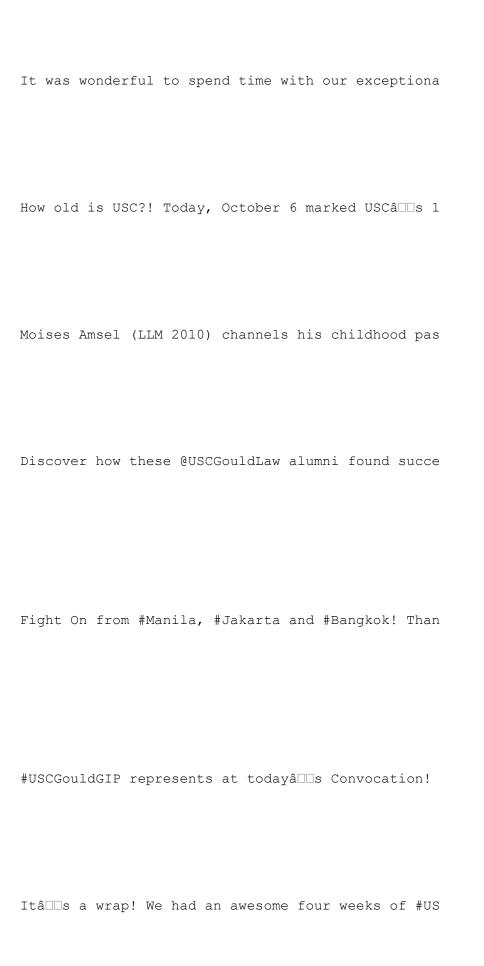
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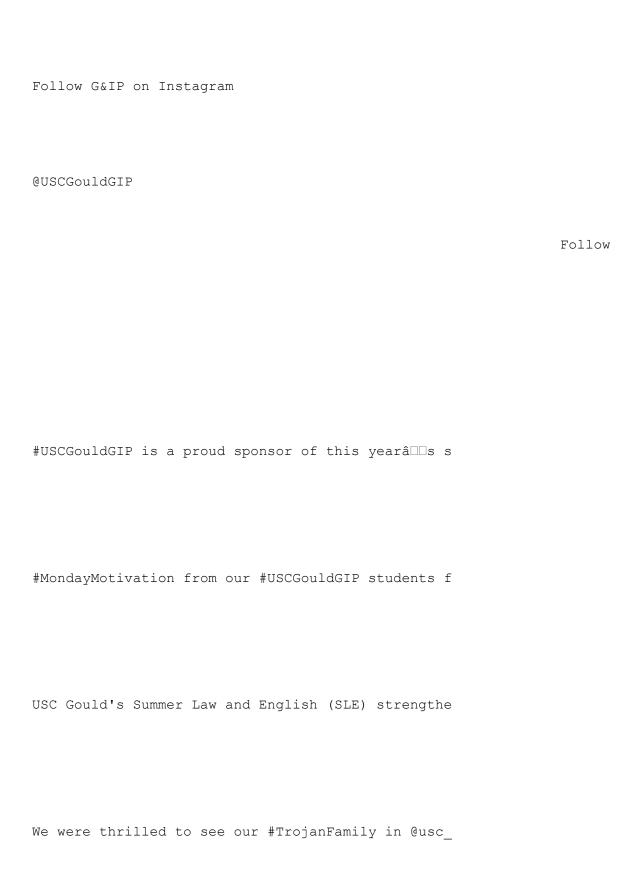
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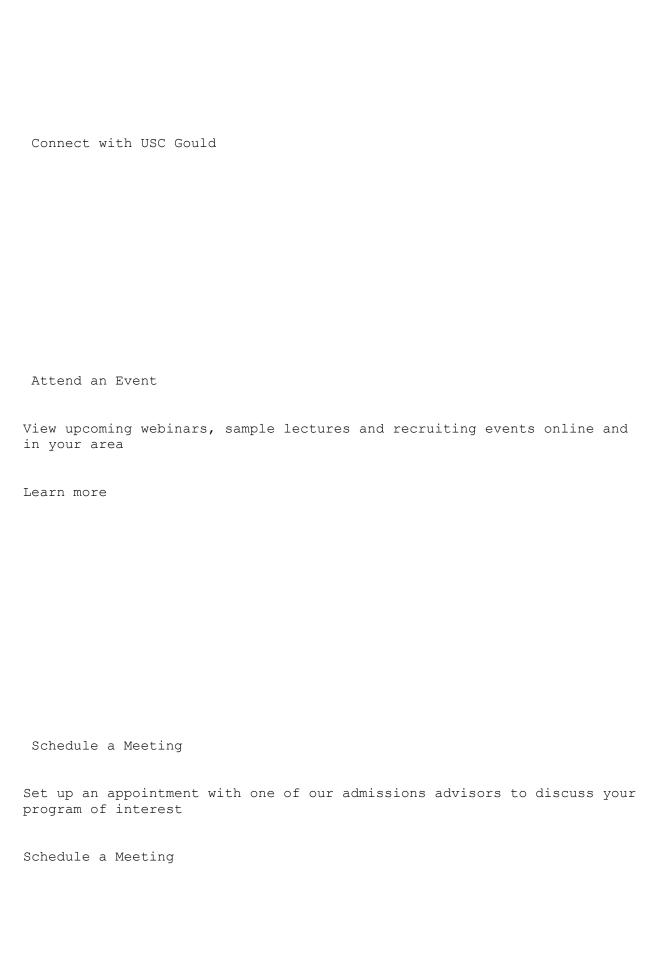
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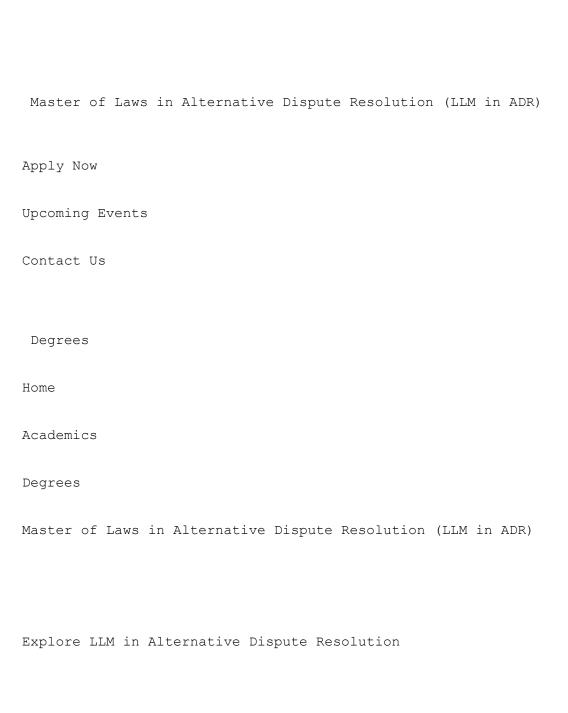
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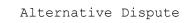
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Rohit Adlakha, LLM in ADR 2018

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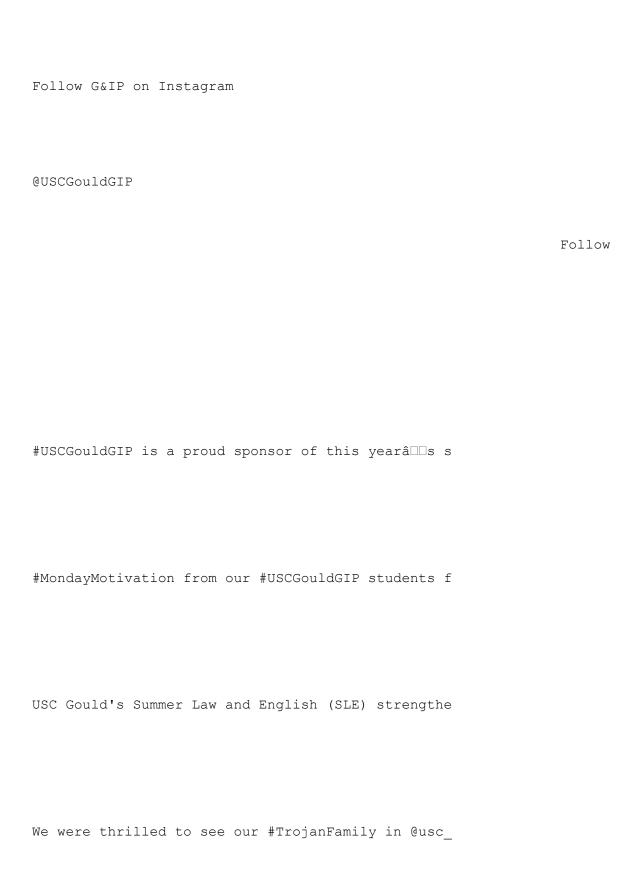
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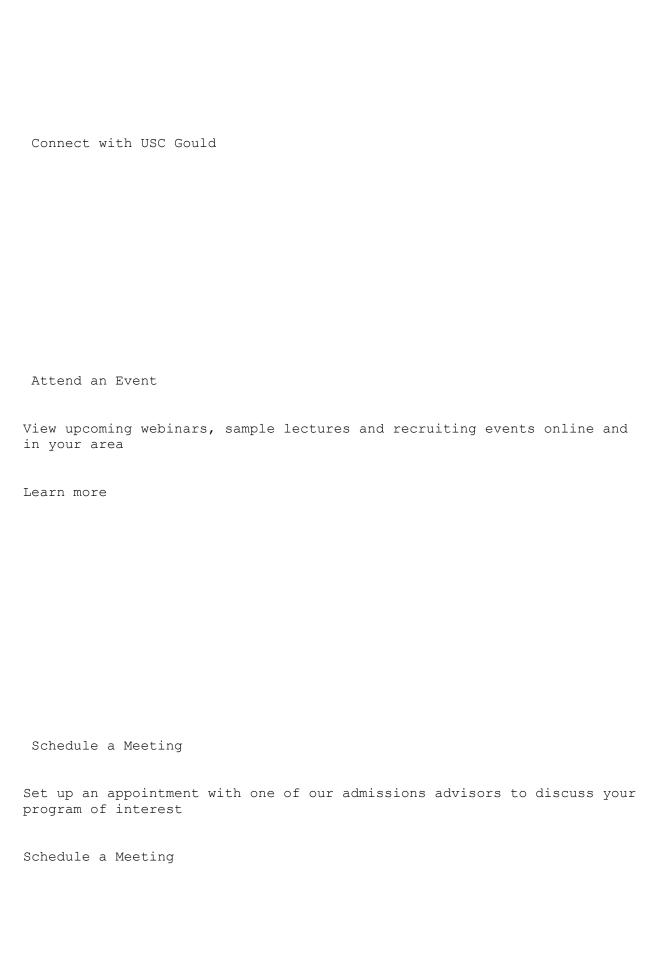
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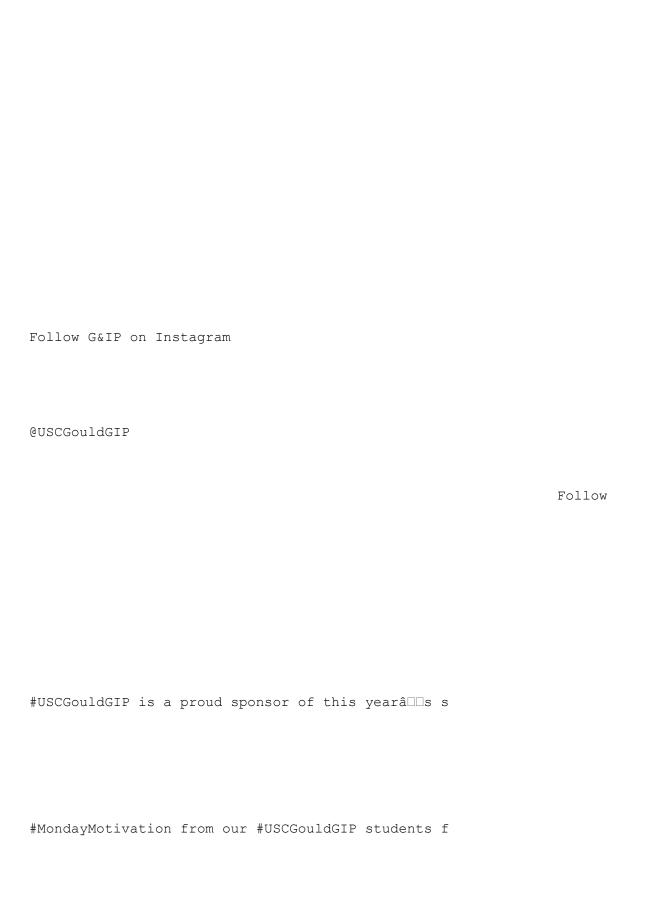
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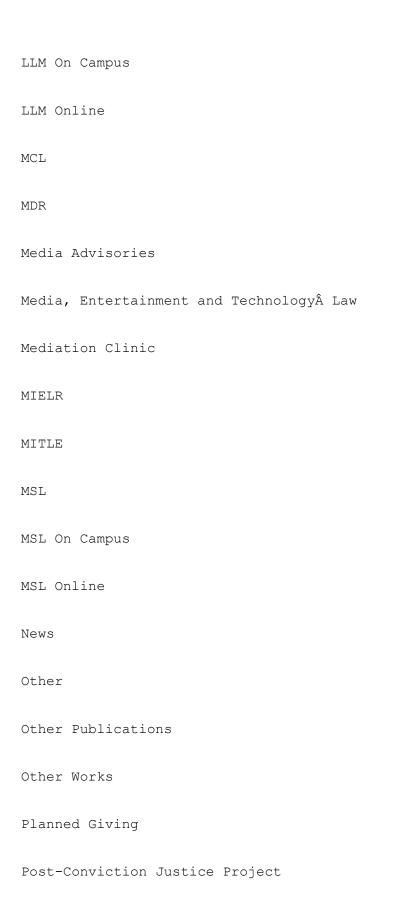
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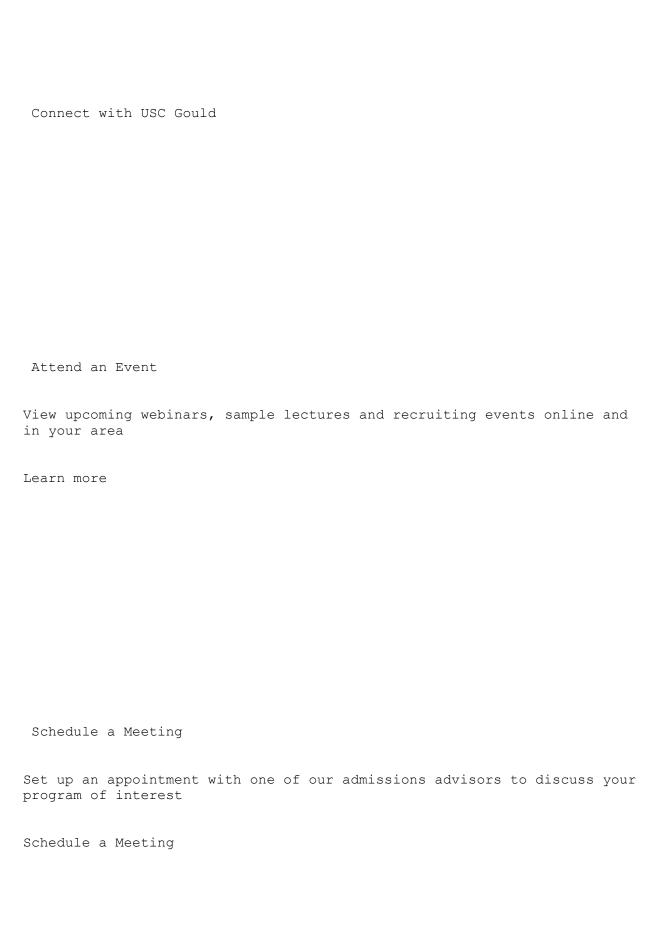
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