

The American University
of Armenia
is an exciting place
to study law
in the Western legal tradition!

Our graduates
are leaders in the community, and
serve as lawyers, judges, and
business people. Each year we
graduate approximately 20 students
from our two programs, the
Master of Laws (LLM)
and the
Master of Comparative Legal Studies
(MCLS)

Our faculty
includes past-and-present
practicing lawyers, judges, and
academics from the US and from
around the world.
Most of our visiting faculty is from
the US, but in recent years, we have
also had visiting faculty from Africa,
the Netherlands, Germany, the UK,
and Turkey. Our faculty also includes
distinguished lawyers from Armenia.

Applications for Admission

Applications are generally due each year in
April for classes that begin the following
February. For admission requirements and
deadlines, please call the University's
Office of Student Academic Affairs
Tel. (374-1) 51-27-93



The computer lab at the Legal Research Center is
open daily for students to do web-based research.

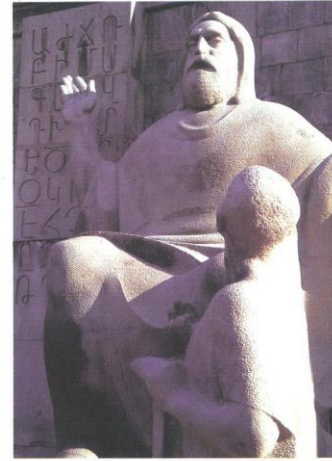
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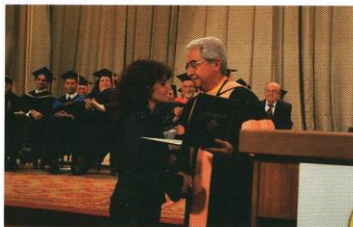


Statue of Mesrop Mashtots, the creator of the Armenian
alphabet, at the entrance to the Matenadaran in Yerevan
where legal and religious manuscripts are studied
and displayed

Yerevan, Armenia

Academic Mission

Students in our two degree programs examine the legal traditions of both the civil law (continental) and the common law (American and English) systems. The curriculum for each program focuses on comparative law in general and on comparative constitutional and commercial law, in particular.



AUA President Haroutune Arsenian presents an award to a law student during graduation ceremonies in October 2004.

Graduation Requirements

Degree candidates in both the LLM and MCLS programs are in-residence at our Yerevan campus for six 10-week quarters that span two years. Students who matriculate in February follow a schedule that allows them to complete their degree requirements by November of the following year. Classes are generally scheduled on weeknights after 4 pm and between 9 am and 4 pm on Saturdays, to accommodate the busy schedules of our working students.

In addition to classroom work, students are required to submit a Master's Essay of publishable quality, and are expected to participate actively in the extra-curricular programs of the law department.

Curriculum

The law curriculum for entering students starts with a basic introduction to the Western legal tradition.

We then build upon this foundation with courses that fall within the four pillars of (1) Comparative Law; (2) International Law; (3) Business Law; and (4) Clinical Studies. Descriptions of our classes are available on the internet (aia.am) and in the AUA course catalog.

Student Life

Students at AUA are encouraged to be active in the community, as well as in extra-curricular and semi-curricular activities and programs on campus. In the law program, students have opportunities to participate in outside-the-classroom programs such as our Law Club, and the Law Review, and to be participants and organizers of our law conferences and round table discussions about legal issues.

Student Law Club

Our students launched "SHITAK," a human rights advocacy organization in 2003. Students from both our LLM and MCLS degree programs combined their efforts to operate it as an AUA-affiliated non-governmental organization after receiving start-up funding from the United States Embassy.

The purpose of the law club is to raise awareness of human rights and to stimulate student discourse on the serious issues that confront Armenia and the world.

Throughout the year, students in the Shitak Student Law Club organize human rights activities such as law conferences and round table discussions. Some of the highlights of the past year include conferences on Human Trafficking, the Military Draft, Armenia's Anti-Corruption Efforts, and a round table on the so-called "Events of April," during which demonstrators staged huge rallies in Yerevan to demand the resignation of the Armenia's president.

The Armenian Law Review

www.ArmlawReview.org

In 2003, our law students started the first-ever English-language law review in Armenia. This online law review serves as a public forum for information about human rights news, policies, and current events.

This web-based journal features original articles written by our students as well as news items that are submitted by members of the legal community. Students in good academic standing are eligible to participate in law review after completing their first semester at AUA.

Legal Research Center

The Law Department operates the Legal Research Center as an integral part of its program. The Center provides students with a library of legal resources, both in the form of books and periodicals, and on the internet. The library currently has more than one thousand titles. Our collection of research materials covers all major fields of law, with a concentration of materials on comparative law.

Although most of our books and periodicals are printed in English, we also maintain a library of Armenian law bulletins, an electronic library of Armenian law (known as IRTEK), and an electronic library of Russian law (known as GARANT).



Associate Dean Matthew Karanian (left) and student Emilia Adumyan (Class of '04), making presentations at an AUA law conference.