The Global Mining Law program fosters productive dialogue, research, and training in global mining and natural resources law and development.

The University of Arizona commands unparalleled interdisciplinary expertise in issues related to global mining and natural resources. The James E. Rogers College of Law houses one of the nation's top faculties in the areas of international trade and business law, human rights law, environmental law, and indigenous people's law and policy, as well as substantial expertise in the areas of intellectual property law, labor law, public land law, sustainability, water law, and law and development. The Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources advances scientific, technological, and educational aspects of mineral discovery, extraction and processing, including the environmental and societal issues that accompany these processes. The University of Arizona's Global Mining Law program builds on the breadth of this expertise as the foundation to a preeminent research and educational center in mining law and policy.

The Global Mining Law program, engages in cutting-edge research on issues related to all aspects of global mining law and policy, fosters productive dialogue among various stakeholders in the mining and natural resources sector, and develops innovative real-world solutions to law and policy issues of importance to mining, natural resource, and energy development. Ideally located in Southern Arizona, a region rich in mining industry and leaders in natural resources, the program offers a variety of degree and non-degree training opportunities, including:

- Master's degrees with a Mining Law and Policy focus for both lawyers (an LLM) and non-lawyers (an MLS)—online and in-residence options.
- A concentration and certificate in Mining Law and Policy as part of the JD degree.
- Certificate courses, including online programs, for those involved in mining-related work, including executives, lawyers, managers, engineers and government officials.
- Executive education, annual conferences and workshops for those involved in mining and energy developments.

AT-A-GLANCE

- UA offers more than 44 faculty in 23 different disciplines across 10 colleges in fields related to mineral resources research.
- When fully functional, the Global Mining Law program will train hundreds of legal and mining professionals worldwide each year.
- The Global Mining Law program offers at least one annual international conference for mining professionals and a robust speaker series.

With more than a century behind us, the UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW is known for small class sizes and individualized teaching, a diverse and challenging curriculum, and a close-knit community of about 450 graduate students. We help our students find their distinct paths by giving them the best of both worlds: the ideal combination of a deliberately small, selective law school at a large, top-tier research university.

MINING LAW SUMMITS (one-day in-person seminars)

2016: “Exploring Collaborative Solutions to Mined Land Remediation”
2017: “Building Capacity for Mineral Development with Native Americans and Indigenous Communities, a Two-Way Street”
2018: “Mine Safety, Sharing Solutions” (in planning for November)
MINING LAW AND POLICY CURRICULUM

The Master of Laws (LLM) and Master of Legal Studies (MLS) Mining Law and Policy tracks take advantage of the world-class educational resources in mining and mining law available at The University of Arizona, including the James E. Rogers College of Law and the Lowell Institute for Mineral Resources (which includes that Institute's connections with the public health, science, and engineering departments at The University). As a result of these resources and the strong collaboration between the law school and the Lowell Institute's collaboration with departments undertaking mining-related research across campus, we are able to offer students both broad and deep training in a variety of aspects of mining, from the business side of mining to regulatory compliance with tax, environmental, and human-rights related laws and norms.

The requirements for the master's programs include completion of coursework that will be delivered in a combination of residence courses, short courses, and online delivery. The course selection includes coverage of both U.S. and international emphasis. Whenever a course is delivered online, face-to-face online or Skype-type conferences with the instructor or other faculty will be included as part of the course.

COURSES (subject to change)

Introduction

- Introduction to Legal Systems
- Introduction to the International Mining Industry
- Legal Overview for (U.S.) Public Land Users

Mining Law

- International and Comparative Mining Law
- U.S. Public Land and Mining Law

Environmental and Sustainability

- Environmental Law
- Natural Resource Development and Community Expectations/Community Expectations for Mineral Development and Social Sustainability
- International Environmental Law for Mineral Development

Additional courses in many areas are in development and will be available soon.

LLM TUITION AND FEES

- $26,000 per academic year regardless of residency (2017–18, subject to change); 1 year, full-time; August or January start.

LLM APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY

- Must hold a JD from an ABA-approved law school in the U.S., or a first law degree from a non-U.S. law school approved by the government or accrediting authority in the nation in which it is located.
- If English is not your first language, TOEFL score of 100 iBT, or overall IELTS score of 7.5, is required.
- Apply at law.arizona.edu/apply-llm
- Notify us of your application: mininglawcenter@email.arizona.edu

MLS TUITION AND FEES

- $26,000 per academic year regardless of residency (2017–18, subject to change); study full or part time; August or January start.

MLS APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS & HOW TO APPLY

- Must hold a Bachelor's degree.
- If English is not your first language, TOEFL score of 79 iBT, 550 PBT, or overall IELTS score of 7, is required.
- Apply at law.arizona.edu/apply-mls
- Notify us of your application: mininglawcenter@email.arizona.edu

ONLINE OPTIONS

- Visit law.arizona.edu/miningonline