International Graduate Student Guide
This Guide is a resource to answer frequently asked questions that arise during your student life, such as choosing a degree, admissions, costs, living in Concord, NH, choosing courses, academic rules, non-curricular activities and “go to” people on the Faculty and Staff. This Guide pulls together in one place pages on the UNH Law website and externally that may be of interest to LL.M. and Master’s degree candidates.

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Graduate Programs Degrees: LL.M. and Master’s Degrees
UNH Law offers the following Graduate Program Degrees:
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Student Handbook
The Student Handbook is designed to serve as a resource on UNH Law policies, procedures, academic rules and regulations. The Handbook governs all our academic programs and should be used as a reference throughout your tenure at UNH Law. Be careful to read the specific section Graduate and Diploma Programs Academic Rules and Regulations.

Admission requirements appear in the Student Handbook, including the admissions requirements for LL.M. applicants who do not hold a law degree.

Student Survival Guide
The Student Survival Guide covers many aspects of student and community life. It is designed specifically for you by UNH Law students and staff. The guide is not to be used in place of the Yellow Pages, local publications or Google, but we hope it will help you become more familiar with the school as well as the many charming, fun and unique aspects of life in Concord.

Tuition, Fees, Living expenses
- Making law school affordable
- Resources to calculate tuition and living expenses
- On campus employment is limited. If you are looking for an on campus job, please check with each individual department for openings. The International Student Advisor can assist international students with information on how to obtain a social security number once employment has been offered.
International students must complete their degree program before applying for off campus work authorization related to their studies (Optional Practical Training).

What to do once admitted
- Checklist for admitted students
- UNH online bookstore

Graduate students should plan to buy books as soon as possible once they register for classes. You can buy books through the UNH website or through online sites like Amazon. Many faculty use the same books from year-to-year; as a result, you may be able to buy a used book from an upper class student or online.

Who's Who: A Primer for Graduate Students: This section includes information about our Intellectual Property faculty, Commerce & Technology Faculty, as well as key administrators and graduate faculty you will work with on a regular basis.

Commerce & Technology Faculty
- **Professor William Murphy**, the Department Chair of the Commerce & Technology graduate programs, was an antitrust trial attorney for the Federal Trade Commission’s Bureau of Competition (where he earned the Chairman’s Commendation for Meritorious Service “for outstanding trial advocacy in complex antitrust matters”) before continuing his education at the Harvard Business School where he received his MBA with Distinction, as well as a Doctorate in Business Administration. He also received an appointment as an Associates Fellow while at Harvard. During business school he was a contributing founder of an educational software company and global pharmaceutical clinical trials company. His areas of interest, scholarship, teaching, and research include Antitrust & Information Age Competition Law, Intellectual Property Valuation & Analytics, and Commerce & Technology Law.

- **Professor John Orcutt** spent eight years as both a capital markets attorney and an investment banker before coming to UNH Law. Professor Orcutt’s research interests focus on innovation systems and how to improve the environment for entrepreneurial companies and technology-based economic growth. Professor Orcutt does extensive work in the areas of patent valuation, technology commercialization, and startup companies. He is an advisory committee member for New Hampshire's Live Free and Start Initiative. *Live Free and Start* works to make New Hampshire an even better place for innovative businesses to start, grow and succeed.

Intellectual Property Faculty
- **Professor Ann Bartow** joined UNH Law to lead the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property in 2015. She joined the Pace Law School faculty in 2011 from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During the 2011-2012 academic year, Professor Bartow was a Fulbright Scholar at Tongji University in Shanghai, China. She teaches Copyright Law, Trademark Law, Survey of Intellectual Property Law, Art Law and Torts. She is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection between intellectual property laws and public policy concerns, privacy and technology law, and feminist legal theory, and she has published numerous articles and book chapters on these subjects.

- **Professor Jon Cavicchi** joined UNH Law in 1992 after practicing law in California and Massachusetts. He is the chief administrator of intellectual property information resources at the University of New Hampshire School of Law Intellectual Property
He teaches Legal Research: Patent Law and Mining Patent Information. He writes and speaks on IP legal research, patent informatics and copyright issues related to libraries and educators.

- **Professor Alexandra Roberts** is an Assistant Professor at the University of New Hampshire School of Law. She teaches and writes in the areas of intellectual property, trademarks and unfair competition, entertainment law, and law and literature. Her current scholarship focuses on trademark use and distinctiveness generally and how trademarks function on social media in particular. Professor Roberts holds an AB from Dartmouth College, an AM from Stanford University, and a JD from Yale Law School. She previously served as the Executive Director of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property at UNH Law and as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Boston University School of Law. Prior to entering academia, she was an associate in the intellectual property litigation group at Ropes & Gray, first in its New York and then in its Boston office.

- **Professor Christopher Frerking** is the Director of the Patent Practice and Procedure program at UNH Law. Professor Frerking is a registered patent attorney, and specialist in international patent law, with over 14 years of patent prosecution experience. Before coming to UNH Law, he was most recently based in Munich, working as a partner in a German international IP firm. His background includes both an MS and a BS in computer science, and eight years of experience at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

- **Professor Roger Ford** joined the University of New Hampshire School of Law in 2014, where he teaches and writes in the areas of intellectual property, law and technology, and privacy. Professor Ford’s scholarship studies how laws interact as complex systems, working to identify structural flaws in those interactions and examine the disruptive effects that new technologies can have on those systems. His teaching and research interests also include property, antitrust, law and economics, and civil and criminal procedure. Before coming to New Hampshire, Professor Ford served as a Bigelow Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School and a Microsoft Research Fellow at NYU School of Law’s Information Law Institute. He also practiced IP litigation and privacy law for five years at Covington & Burling LLP and clerked for Chief Judge Frank H. Easterbrook of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

- **Professor Tonya Evans** joined the UNH School of Law faculty in Fall 2017. Professor Evans is an expert in intellectual property law, trusts and estates law, and entertainment law. Her scholarship explores the intersection of intellectual property and trusts and estates law, as well as the impact of new technology and new forms of artistic expression on copyright law. Also a published author and poet, Professor Evans authored an award-winning series of legal reference guides for writers and publishing industry professionals that was identified by Writer’s Digest Book Club as a club selection. Professor Evans is a sought-after speaker who has presented to numerous groups on publishing law and intellectual property law, among other topics. Professor Evans is a former professional tennis player, having competed in the US Open, Virginia Slims of Philadelphia, and Lipton in 1993 (after attending Northwestern University on a four-year tennis scholarship). She retired from the tennis circuit in 1995 to attend Howard University School of Law, where she interned with the Honorable Arthur L. Burnett, Sr. in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia, with U.S. Congressman Chaka Fattah and with the Honorable Theodore A. McKee in the U.S. Court of Appeals.
for the Third Circuit. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Howard Law Journal. Professor Evans clerked for the Honorable Theodore A. McKee in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit after graduating with honors from Howard Law, and later worked at two national law firms in Philadelphia before establishing her own firm in 2002. She also founded an independent publishing company now known as Legal Write Publications.

- **Professor Ryan Vacca** joined the UNH School of Law faculty in Fall 2017. Professor Vacca’s research in intellectual property is diverse, covering a broad range of topics that include 3D printing, genetically-modified food, patent reform efforts, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, empirical studies, the music industry, and healthcare. He also has been frequently asked to present his research, speaking in front of lawyers, judges, and policymakers as well as at a variety of academic conferences throughout the country. Professor Vacca has experience teaching a plethora of IP courses, including Fundamentals of IP, Patents, Copyrights, Trade Secrets, Trademarks, Contracts, and Property, among others. Professor Vacca joins UNH School of Law from the University of Akron School of Law. Prior to joining Akron Law, he was a visiting professor at the University of Oregon School of Law and the University of Denver College of Law. Prior to entering academia, Professor Vacca was an attorney at the law firm of Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP (now Stinson Leonard Street) in St. Louis, Missouri, where he specialized in intellectual property and products liability.

- **Professor Ashlyn Lembree** is director of the Intellectual Property and Transaction Clinic at the University of New Hampshire School of Law’s Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property. She provides guidance to students as they gain a solid background in trademark and copyright registration practice, formation and governance for start-ups and aspirational 501(c)(3) organizations, intellectual property contract drafting, handling intellectual property infringement claims, legal writing, client counseling, and negotiations by representing clients in actual cases. With more than 15 years in practice, Professor Lembree has extensive knowledge about integrating intellectual property issues into the needs of business law clients. Prior to joining the University of New Hampshire School of Law, she practiced intellectual property law, general business law, and litigation at New Hampshire firms.

- **Professor Stanley Kowalski** is Research Professor and Director of the International Technology Transfer Institute (ITTI) at the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property at the University of New Hampshire, School of Law. ITTI is a specialized resource center dedicated to advancing science, technology and innovation in developing countries via education, outreach and capacity building in intellectual property management, technology transfer and patent information analysis. For over two decades, Dr. Kowalski worked as a scientist, holding research positions at various institutions including the University of Rochester, the National University of Singapore, Texas A&M University and the USDA in Beltsville, MD. The second phase of Dr. Kowalski’s career was a transition from research to international development work. He received a foreign language area studies scholarship and completed Cornell’s one-year intensive Chinese-language program (Chinese FALCON). Subsequently, he worked for the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA) in the intellectual property/technology transfer initiative, during which time he conducted the preliminary freedom-to-operate analysis of Golden Rice.
Other key administrators and faculty

- Pamela Neville, Associate Director of Admissions guides your admission process.

- Christine Rousseau, International Student Advisor and Housing Coordinator, assists with finding housing, Visa counseling, student organizations, and generally facilitating information and referrals on the full range of issues during your time at UNH.

- Fran Canning, Assistant Dean for Students, manages the Faculty Academic Advising Program, provides course selection advice, counsels students on personal concerns, provides transitional and ongoing support for international students and scholars and promotes wellness and school/life balance.

- Paul LaClair will help you with all of your hardware and software computer needs.

Information Technology - computer requirements

- Adam "A.J." Kierstead, Computer Services Technician and Media Producer, maintains an extensive inventory of audio/visual and presentation equipment. Contact him for classroom and event AV requests.

- Professor Jennifer Davis is Director of Graduate Programs Skills and also coordinates externships for graduate students.

- Lory Attalla, Assistant Dean for Registration and Records and Lyla Mulkhey, Assistant Registrar maintain student academic records, provide transcripts, keep track of exam numbers, and schedule classes.

Library

- Law Library Director Professor Sue Zago manages the law library, answers reference questions and teaches Legal Research courses

- Professor Tom Hemstock, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian answers reference questions and questions about library databases, including passwords for Lexis, Westlaw BloombergLaw. He also teaches legal research courses

- Professor Jon Cavicchi as Intellectual Property Librarian develops and maintains the Intellectual Property Library and answers reference questions. He teaches legal research and patent searching courses.

- Kathy Fletcher answers reference questions, fills interlibrary loan requests, and answers questions about library policy, services, hours and facilities. Kathy coordinates the library's student workers.

Your Academic Experience

Registration

LL.M. and Master's candidates register for classes before Orientation using a two-step process.

1) UNH Law will register students for required fall courses.

2) The incoming student reviews electives, completes the registration form and emails the completed form back to the International Student Advisor. A student is registered for electives before Orientation, but can make changes through the add/drop period if the student’s faculty
advisor suggests alternative electives. During Orientation, students will work with a faculty advisor to pick courses and roughly plan out their academic workload for their entire stay at UNH Law. Speak with the Registrar’s office about Registration questions.

Current Course Offerings
- View all courses for the current semester. Each record contains the faculty member, credit number, prerequisites and description.

Bookstore
The UNH Law Online Bookstore is operated by Barnes and Noble Virtual Bookstores. Graduate students should plan to buy books as soon as they register for classes. You can buy books through the UNH website or through online sites like Amazon. Many faculty use the same books from year-to-year; as a result, you may be able to buy a used book from an upper class student or online.

Curricular Planning
Required Courses
LL.M. candidates must complete a variety of required and elective courses, depending on the program in which the candidate is enrolled. See Rule II Graduate and Diploma Programs Academic Rules and Regulations
Curricular Pathways - IP programs
- Patent Law
- Trademark & Copyright Law

Faculty Advisors
You will be assigned a Faculty Advisor. Your faculty advisor is available to discuss curricular planning and to facilitate answers to other questions during your time at the law school.

What to expect in class
Professors in U.S. law schools engage in what is known as the Socratic method. Professors usually ask several questions in class about the reading that students prepared for class. Professors in an American law school expect students to actively engage and participate in the classroom discussion. The classroom discussion about the reading, in addition to any points the professor chooses to lecture about, make up the substance of the class and students are expected to follow the lecture, do independent work to understand the material, and seek out answers to any questions they have. This may or may not be similar to your previous classroom experience.

In addition, there are vast quantities of reading to be done for each class. This amount of reading can seem overwhelming to LL.M. or Master’s students when they begin their studies at UNH Law. Know that you are not alone and seek help from your professors and classmates with how to balance the demands on your time. You will be reading many legal opinions, or cases, when you prepare for your classes. Keep in mind that rules of law come from cases as well as from statutes or code in the U.S. Make a reading and study schedule and try to keep to it. Remember that things will get easier, but the first two months will likely be overwhelming at times because of the workload and difficulty of much of the material.

Clinics/Institutes
Graduate students can apply their skills in a real-world environment before they graduate in UNH Law clinics. Some clinics have prerequisites that make them unavailable to graduate students. The two IP clinics welcome you to apply.

- **Intellectual Property and Transaction Clinic** welcomes you. This Clinic is in high demand. You must apply by the lottery date. Professor Ashlyn Lembree, the IP Clinic's Director, often requires you have an interview and supply your resume. If you are interested in taking the New York Bar, participating in the IP Clinic allows you to satisfy the 50 hour pro bono requirement for that bar exam.
- **International Technology Transfer Institute (ITTI)** welcomes you. Unlike other clinics, there are no clients because ITTI works on IP capacity building projects with partners in other countries. Professor Stanley Kowalski directs ITTI.

**Library**

The Library can help you in many ways:

- Three floors of study spaces with options including tables, couches, soft seating, carrels and study rooms
- Legal research in print and online. The Library subscribes to dozens of premium databases for your use. UNH Law offers the only IP Library in the U.S.
- Legal research questions answered by the professional staff
- Research classes offered by the Library Faculty
- Social spaces for you to study or catch up
- DVD collection of law-related movies
- Course materials and texts
- Interlibrary Loan for items not held by UNH Law.
- Fun activities like Library Week raffles, free food and gifts from vendors

**Taking Exams**

- [Exam schedules and information](#)
- [UNH Law Registrar Forms](#) - students whose second language is English may request additional time on exams.
- UNH Law uses anonymous grading for many exams and papers. Anonymity is provided by exam numbers assigned by the Registrar's Office. You can change your exam number each semester.
- If you need a medical accommodation for an exam the Registrar will consider your request. For example, if you have a cold and you are coughing to the extent it would bother other students, a monitored individual room might be arranged.
- If you have an emergency when the exam is scheduled, contact the Registrar's Office or Assistant Dean of Students Fran Canning. Do not contact your professor.
- Courses that require submission of exams or projects generally have penalty clauses in the syllabus if your assignment is submitted late. It is always best to get an extension through the Registrar or the professor (in the case of projects) as a penalty will result in a lower grade.

- Grades appear in [MyCourses](#).

**Grading**
**Student Handbook states:**
All graduate degree candidates, except joint degree candidates, will be graded on a “High Honors”, “Honors”, “Pass”, and “Fail” grading scale. A student may exercise the option not to receive a letter grade (HH-F scale) in one elective offering, unless the instructor has limited the evaluation to letter grades only.

**Applying to the JD Program**
At UNH Law, we take a holistic approach to the application review process. The JD Admissions Committee will thoroughly evaluate your application and all supporting documents to arrive at a decision.

There is no fee to apply for the J.D. program.

**Application Submission**
Your application should be submitted online at www.LSAC.org. All applications must include:
- Responses to all required questions
- Personal statement
- Resume
- Supplemental statements as needed
- The LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) report
- A minimum of two, maximum of three, recommendations

Foreign lawyers, including LL.M. students, who have earned an undergraduate or graduate law degree from a law school outside of the United States are eligible for “advanced standing” or a two-year law degree. Please select applicant type “transfer” on your LSAC application. Advanced Standing candidates must notify the registrar of their intent to apply to the JD program no later than 6 weeks after matriculating at UNH Law. Advanced standing applicants will be graded according to J.D. Rule IV in the Student Handbook. Degree candidates who do not matriculate into the J.D. program may later elect to have their Rule IV grades converted into the graduate grading scale.

The **Student Handbook** has rules for Students who apply to the JD program from UNH Law’s residential LL.M. program. Students will not be required to take Contracts, Legal Writing I, or Legal Research and Information Literacy if, in American Legal Process & Analysis I, American Legal Process & Analysis II, and Graduate Contracts:

(1) They have achieved a grade of HH; and (2) The professor of the course recommends that they have achieved competency in the subject matter such that taking the JD courses would be unduly repetitive.

Students must meet the requirements above for each class for which they are seeking a waiver. Students admitted through this process may enroll in no more than one 4-credit Legal Residency or one 4-credit clinic. The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Assistant Dean of Students have discretion to waive some of these requirements for students. [For more detail, visit How to Apply](#)

**Travel Out and Re-entry to the U.S. For F-1 Students**
During your studies at UNH Law, you may wish to travel outside of the United States from time to time. In order to return to the United States after a temporary absence, Students must present specific documents to the immigration inspector at the port of entry:

- a DS-2019 form for J1 visa holders or an I-20 Form for F1 visa holders. The I-20 Form is required to have a travel signature on page 2 within the last year (for continuing students) or within six months (for students on Post-Completion Optional Practical Training [OPT]);
- a valid passport (valid six months into the future);
- a valid F-1 visa stamp (certain exceptions apply);
- original financial documentation;
- a copy of their academic transcript;
- a copy of SEVIS Fee Payment (https://www.fmjfee.com/index.html#) and
- an EAD and letter from the current employer (for students on OPT).

What Happens at the Port of Entry?

- At the port of entry, the immigration inspector should inspect the I-20 Form and return it to the student.
- The inspector should also inspect the passport with the visa (if applicable), issue an admission stamp, write "J-1 DS or F-1 DS", and return the passport to the student.
- The inspector may or may not request to see the other documents listed above.
- To be safe, you need to read Frequently Asked Questions on the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement Website.

Summer Programs
- Study with worldwide IP leaders at UNH Law/WIPO Summer IP Academy

Professional Development
Student Services provides professional development sessions throughout the year, including sessions on:
- Interview techniques;
- The power of persuasion;
- Informational interviews with alumni; and
- Networking.

Professor Jennifer Davis provides a resume and cover letter session during the fall semester and Professor Davis, Christine Rousseau, International Student Advisor, and Fran Canning, Assistant Dean for Students, are available to review resumes. There are numerous IP-related events and luncheons. Students are encouraged to attend those events and, when possible, Career Services events open to graduate students.

Externships/Curricular Practical Training
Students who plan to participate in an externship should save four (4) credits from their available degree program credits (30 for LL.M. students and 36 for Master’s students) for their externship. Professor Jennifer Davis and Christine Rousseau, International Student Advisor assist graduate students who want to participate in an externship in the U.S. Finding employment or an externship as a lawyer or IP professional in the United States is highly competitive, and there are more foreign graduates seeking jobs in the U.S. than there are positions available. Students must participate in their own job search and seek to network with other students and contacts they have both in the U.S. and abroad to secure an externship or employment.
Curricular Practical Training
Students who participate in an externship after finishing their coursework participate in Curricular Practical Training (CPT). CPT is employment that 1. Must be an integral part of the curriculum, in which the student earns academic credit; and 2. is authorized by the International Student Advisor and the Director of Graduate Programs Skills prior to the externship start date. A student must have a written employment offer from the employer to be eligible for CPT.

Eligibility requirements for CPT

- Student must be in lawful F-1 status
- Student must have been enrolled in a degree program for at least one full academic year
- Student must be in good academic standing. At UNH Law, that means students must have at least an “H” average to participate in an externship.
- The externship must be related to student's field of study/primary major and appropriate to degree level

Optional Practical Training
Optional Practical Training (OPT) allows F-1 students to obtain employment in areas related to their academic major and degree level. Twelve months of OPT is available at each degree level.

NOTE: If you have used more than 12 months of full-time Curricular Practical Training (CPT), you are not eligible to apply for OPT.

How to apply for OPT

Step 1: Attend an information session about OPT led by Christine Rousseau, International Student Advisor. These sessions are usually held early in the spring semester. Christine will provide detailed information about the OPT process and how to apply at this session.

NOTE: Once authorization to engage in OPT has been granted and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) has been issued, authorization may not be rescinded or canceled. Consult with the International Student Advisor before taking any action that may jeopardize your OPT.

CPT and OPT allow students who have completed coursework in a degree program to stay in the U.S. beyond the date indicated in their original F-1 Visa. Graduate students may be paid by their employers for work done during externships although externships (CPT) are often unpaid, both for J.D. students and graduate students.

Student organizations and events

- Expand your intellectual life beyond the classroom through involvement in academic and professional organizations like:
  - Student Intellectual Property Law Association
  - Licensing Executives Society
  - Black Law Students Association
  - Graduate Students are encouraged to join the wide range of student groups.
Living in Concord, NH
Concord is the capital city of the state of New Hampshire and the county seat of Merrimack County. Its population is approximately 50,000. Concord includes the villages of Penacook, East Concord, and West Concord.

Concord's historic Main Street area is home to various sites of cultural significance, including Railroad Square, the Eagle hotel, which hosted such notable guests as Eleanor Roosevelt and Richard Nixon, The Pierce Manse, former home of President Franklin Pierce, and the State House, the oldest state capitol in which the legislature meets in its original chambers. Far more than the sum of its history, Concord boasts a popular planetarium, plentiful performing arts and an international speedway.

- Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
- The Hippo
  - Information about arts, dining, politics and other events in central and southern New Hampshire.
- New Hampshire Life
  - Things to do in and around New Hampshire
- Tripadvisor - Things to do in Concord

Transportation
If you are an international student, your plane will likely arrive at Boston’s Logan International Airport or at an airport in New York City. Boston, MA has the closest international airport to UNH Law.

Getting to Concord, NH from Boston’s Logan International Airport
- You can take Concord Coachlines or Boston Express from Logan Airport in Boston to Concord, NH. Buy a ticket for the bus that goes straight to Concord from Logan Airport (with one stop at South Station) for the quickest travel time.
- If you are travelling from New York City to Concord, NH, you have the option of taking a train or taking a bus. Search on the internet for travelling from New York City to Concord, NH and you will find various means of getting to Concord from New York.
- When you arrive in Concord, NH you will most likely need to take a taxi or use a ride-sharing app to get to your final destination. Call (603) 226-8888 for Main Street Taxi in Concord if you choose to travel by taxi.

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport
If you are traveling within the U.S. once you arrive in Concord, the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport is a great access point rather than flying out of Boston’s Logan Airport.

Local & Regional Transportation
- Concord Coachlines and Boston Express provide transportation regionally so that you can visit Boston, New York, or other cities. The Concord Transportation Center at 30 Stickney Ave. in Concord is a central location for bus transportation to other parts of the country.
- This link to the Concord area Chamber of Commerce has a map of the area and information about buses and other transportation.
- Call (603) 226-8888 for Main Street Taxi in Concord.

Finding a Place to Live
One of your first things to do before you come to Concord is to find a place to live. This will likely be a place you and maybe your family will be spending a lot of quality time. The process of renting a place to live in the U.S. may be different in some ways than in your country. Here are some things to think about as you begin and proceed with your search:

- Do you want to rent a house, apartment or room?
- What is your budget for housing? Rent varies greatly depending on what you are renting and if you have any special requirements.
- Work with Christine Rousseau, the Housing Coordinator and International Student Advisor during the process. She can help you with a list of questions for landlords.
- Ask many questions of the landlord. Ask whether utilities are included in the rent. Ask what provisions for parking are included in your rental agreement.
- Remember that your rental agreement is a contract.
- Over time, Graduate Students have chosen to share housing with law students or other Graduate Students. Some have found living with law students to be beneficial academically and personally rewarding.
- Another approach over the years is to connect and collaborate with others from your country so that you live in India House or Korea House or China House. Also students from the same countries have rented apartments in the same apartment complex so they and maybe their families are close together for studying and social reasons.

- **Survival Guide - Establishing your home in Concord**
  - This page in the survival guide has information about housing as well as mailing services, laundry services, hardware stores, child care, and registering your children for school. Contact Christine Rousseau, the Housing Coordinator and International Student Advisor, for help with housing and other issues regarding your transition to UNH Law.
- **Survival Guide -- Basic landlord/tenant concepts to understand when renting.**
- **Using local newspapers and Craigslist to find housing.** There is also a housing board in the hallway leading to student lockers.
- **Survival Guide -- Apartment Complexes in the area**

**Local utility companies**

**Internet & cable television**

**Comcast**

Comcast provides Internet, cable service (including local channels) as well as internet phone service. 800-934-6489

There are other internet providers in the area. Fairpoint is probably the most well-known alternative to Comcast. Check here for an overview of internet providers in the area.

**Electricity**

- **Unutil Energy Systems, Inc.** (top provider in Concord)
- **Eversource (formerly PSNH)**
- Note that in N.H., you can choose one company to deliver your electricity and another for the electricity. Many students opt to use the same company for both. If you want to save a little money, shop around.

**Gas**

- **Liberty Utilities**
Child Care
- **Survival Guide - Establishing your home in Concord**
  - This page in the survival guide has information about child care. Contact Christine Rousseau, the Housing Coordinator and International Student Advisor, for help with the numerous child care options in the area.
- The [Childcare Center US](#) website has a list of possible child care resources for your information.

Finding a School for Your Children
For students new to Concord, immunization records and the address of the previous school are necessary. A birth certificate or copy of a birth certificate is needed for students starting in kindergarten. Forms for the immunization record are available at the school. Call the Superintendent of School's Office at 603-225-0811 to find out which school is appropriate for your neighborhood and child's grade. If you do not have the child's previous school records, the school will send for them.

The [Concord School District website](#) lists all Concord public schools and links to the school's web pages.

The [Private School Review](#) has a listing of private schools in the Concord area.

Drivers' Licenses and non-driver identification
- Here you will find some basic information about your international driver's permit and driving laws in New Hampshire. You may drive **up to 60 days** in New Hampshire with both a license from your home country and an international driver's permit.
- The Non-U.S. citizen office of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) makes all policies and rules regarding obtaining a New Hampshire driver's license for international students. You can find information about obtaining a NH driver's license or non-driver identification card [here](#).
- Information about the type of documentation and the requirements for obtaining a NH license is [here](#).
- **New Hampshire Permit Practice Test**

Hungry While at School?
The [Jury Box Cafe](#) serves as a place to eat, relax, and chat with fellow students.

When the Jury Box is closed, there is an area nearby that has food vending machines, a refrigerator, microwave and utensils.

Within several blocks you can find a cafe, pizza shop and market.
- [Washington Street Cafe](#)
- [Checkmate Pizza](#)
- Food Basket also offers traditional Korean recipes

Dining
Concord has a wealth of places to eat, including some ethnic restaurants. The first link below will take you to the student survival guide which lists many Concord area restaurants under the
link “Eat”. Also provided below are a few links to ethnic restaurants not listed on the survival guide.

- Student Survival Guide - List of Area Restaurants
- Tea Garden Restaurant
- House of India
- Taj India
- India Palace
- Hermanos Cocina Mexicana
- Dos Amigos Burritos

**Grocery Stores**

Student Survival Guide - Grocery Stores

Concord, Manchester and Nashua are centers for grocery stores specializing in food from Africa, Asia, and India. Some of those stores are listed below.

**Concord**

- Katmandu Bazaar brings you the Asian and African goods that you cannot find in the typical American market.
- Concord Mart Indian Grocery Store
- New African Asian Market

**Manchester**

- Saigon Asian Market
- Long Hai Asian Market
- Himalayas General Store
- Namaste Nepal - South Asian Food and Grocery
- Lanna Asian Market

**Nashua**

- Global Flavors - Indian grocery
- Shree Gopu Grocery

**Local Places of Worship**

The Student Handbook provides a list of Concord places of worship.

If you are Jewish and are looking for a place to observe the high holy days in NH, below are several options that are available to you. If you prefer to attend services in a different location or denomination, look online for a synagogue and contact them directly to ask if students may attend for free or at a discounted ticket price.

- **Temple Beth Jacob, Concord NH (reform)**
  - Rabbi Robin Nafshi and TBJ welcome students to join the congregation for services. The calendar for services is available on TBJ’s website [here](#). If you’d like to attend, you must email the Temple office (office@tbjconcord.org) to get on the guest list.

- **Temple Israel, Dover NH (reform)**
  - Rabbi Sam Seicol invites UNH Law students to attend high holiday services for free and requests an $18 donation. A schedule for services is available on the Temple Israel [calendar](#). There is no deadline to reserve a spot.

- **Temple Israel, Manchester NH (conservative)**
• Rabbi Eric Cohen invites UNH Law students to attend services in Manchester free of charge. When you arrive, you should identify yourself as a student and a guest of Rabbi Cohen’s. The schedule for services is here.

• Hindu Temple of New Hampshire in Nashua offers services and opportunities to satisfy the religious, spiritual and cultural needs of the Hindu Community in the New England Area.

• IISGC: Concord NH Mosque, associated with the IQRA Islamic Society of Greater Concord, is located at 18 Eastman Street.

• In addition, the Concord Monitor usually publishes an “In the Churches” page on Saturdays which highlights area churches and provides service times.

Opening a bank account

You will need your passport and your visa as well as proof of residence, such as an electric bill or rental lease, to open a bank account in the U.S. Banks are called both banks and credit unions. Credit unions are generally smaller and cater to the individual customers, offering lower loan rates and other customer friendly services. Some banks require a social security number, too, and may refuse to open a bank account for a non-citizen without one. Here are some options for banks in the Concord area:

• TD Banknorth is located on North Main Street and has weekend hours which are convenient for busy law students!

• Bank of America is located at 118 Storrs Street in Concord, NH. Bank of America will allow customers a zero balance and has many ATMs across the country because it is a very large bank.

• There are many credit unions in Concord. Service Credit Union has supermarket branches that are convenient on weekends and many students consider it a student friendly banking option.

• Citizens Bank, 1 Capital Plaza. Citizens Bank has smaller fees and may require a lower balance on certain accounts than other banks. The bank also has several locations in Concord, some at grocery stores.

Need a document notarized or a Justice of the Peace?

Students often need notaries for documents ranging from leases, visa forms, financial documents and bar admissions. The school offers notaries to assist you at no cost. The school also offers two Justices of the Peace who have performed marriage ceremonies for students.

Notaries:
• Lynn Blanchard
• Jon R. Cavicchi
• Kathy Fletcher

Justices of the Peace:
• Lynn Blanchard
• Peter S. Wright

Buying a Car...buying car insurance?

Whether to buy a car depends on your circumstances. If you are here without family, you might rent an apartment or room within walking distance from the law school, since most of your time might be spent at the school. You can get rides from other students to do shopping or join social events.
If you decide you want to buy a car, you should consider whether you want to buy a new or used vehicle. New cars are expensive. Many students buy a used car from the many dealers and sell it when they graduate - sometimes to incoming students.

New cars can be discovered online or by visiting the many new car dealerships in Concord. Used cars can be discovered online ranging from Auto.com to Craigslist. One approach is to find the Graduate Students who are departing and ask to buy their car.

Part of the decision process relates to insuring the vehicle. New Hampshire is among a small handful of states that has no mandatory car insurance laws. State law, however, does require you to pay for costs of bodily injury or property damage resulting from a car accident you caused. The best way to meet this requirement is by purchasing New Hampshire car insurance.

New Hampshire Car Insurance Requirements
Although auto insurance is not mandatory in New Hampshire, most drivers opt to purchase it anyway. New Hampshire's uninsured driver rate is, in fact, lower than the national average.

If you do decide to carry car insurance in New Hampshire, your policy must include:

- Liability coverage.
- Medical payments coverage.
- Uninsured motorist coverage.

There are state-mandated limits for each of these types of car insurance coverage. Make sure you know the minimum dollar amount you need for coverage in New Hampshire. You may, of course, opt for higher coverage amounts than the state-mandated minimum in your policy.

Liability Insurance
Your New Hampshire car insurance policy must include liability coverage, which will help you pay for costs associated with bodily injury or property damage to others resulting from an accident you caused.

Medical Payments
Your policy must also include medical payment coverage to help pay for your own medical costs in case of a car accident.

Uninsured Motorist
Although New Hampshire has a relatively low rate of uninsured drivers, your insurance policy must include uninsured motorist coverage to help cover your injuries and damage to your property that may result from being in an accident with an uninsured driver (or a driver whose insurance is not sufficient to cover your costs). Your uninsured motorist coverage must match your liability coverage amounts.

Optional Coverage
If you do decide to purchase car insurance in New Hampshire, there are some types of coverage that are not legally required but will offer you more protection and peace of mind.

You can typically choose from the following optional coverage types:

- Collision – Helps pay for damages to your car resulting from a car accident.
• Comprehensive – Provides coverage for damages to your car resulting from non-accident-related events, such as fire, theft, or vandalism.
• Towing and labor.
• Rental reimbursement.

NOTE: Collision and comprehensive coverage may be required as part of your loan or lease agreement.

Your car needs repairs?
Concord has dozens of car repair shops. To browse them, visit AutoMD. Many students report favorable treatment and results from Meineke Car Care Center.

Movies
• Regal Concord 10 is convenient but is an older theater with less comfortable amenities and technology.
• Red River Theatres in downtown Concord offers a newer comfortable atmosphere with modern technology. The limitation is that it is an “art cinema” playing movies not showing in traditional, commercial cinemas.
• Regal Hooksett 8 is a newly renovated cinema that is worth a twenty minute drive from the law school. It has wide leather reclining seats. Everything is new including state of the art projection technologies.

Staying Active and Healthy
The Concord area has numerous health clubs and gyms. It also has a variety of centers for health including yoga, tai chi, stretching, guided exercise and more:
• Concord YMCA The YMCA, located at 15 N. State Street, (15 minutes walk from the law school) provides indoor fitness equipment, swimming, and a variety of sports for children and adults. UNH students enjoy special membership fees for them and their children.
• Planet Fitness is a short distance from the school. It offers plans at $10 per month and is open 24 hours per day. It has a full range of cardio and resistance training equipment.
• Health Club of Concord offers all of the workout and cardio options as well as regular classes. It is the most expensive option in Concord.
• East Coast Powerlifting is a weightlifting gym for the serious bodybuilder.
• Individual Fitness - Concord offers personal training from weights to exercise to nutrition.
• Center For Health Promotion offers classes and programs to help you make voluntary lifestyle changes to improve the health and wellness of the community. Options are on a spectrum from yoga to relaxation techniques to nutrition.
• Downtown Concord has more than five yoga centers offering different styles of yoga.
• The Student Handbook also lists some health clubs and gyms in the area.

U.S. Health Care
The U.S. health care system is complicated and can be confusing if you are new to the system. The link below is to a video that gives a brief overview of the U.S. health care system and how it works. Note, however, that for students at UNH Law, there is no on-campus clinic available as talked about in the video. As a result, you will most likely obtain care from a local doctor’s office or from urgent care facilities when necessary.

Link to short video on U.S. health care system

Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP)
The University of New Hampshire School of Law requires all students to maintain health and accidental insurance while at UNH School of Law. F-1 visa holders are required to purchase SHBP; they are not permitted to waive buying SHBP. F1 students will receive information on registering for SHBP during orientation and should not purchase health insurance independently. F-1 visa holders need to: 1) complete the enrollment process for SHBP (rather than waiting to be default enrolled), and 2) keep their health insurance id card on them and present it at any medical appointment.

J-1 visa holders and their dependents (J-2) are required to purchase health insurance that meets federal guidelines. Insurance for J-1’s is purchased directly through insurance companies/agencies and is not purchased through UNH or the SHBP program. J-1 students are encouraged to speak with the International Student Advisor before purchasing insurance. Federal requirements mandate specific insurance requirements that J-1 visa holders must meet to maintain their visa status.

At a doctor’s appointment, you will usually pay a co-pay at the time of your visit to the doctor and then a co-insurance amount will be billed later after your insurer has been billed. UNH Law students can see any provider, but those that participate with Harvard Pilgrim are the lowest cost option for students. If you need help finding a doctor, call 1-844-260-9900 and speak to someone at Health Plans, Inc.; they are the third party administrators for SHBP. In addition, you can call the Concord Physician Referral Line at 603-224-7879. Here you can access information about doctors in the Concord area currently accepting new patients.

- **Harvard Pilgrim health care providers**
  You can also search the Harvard Pilgrim site (link above) for a doctor and then call the office to make sure the doctor takes your health care plan. You always want to verify that a doctor takes your insurance before you make an appointment. Otherwise you may end up paying for the visit yourself and that can be very expensive in the U.S.

The Concord Hospital website also provides a wealth of information about doctors and medical services in the Concord area.

- [Concord Hospital](#)

On weekends or evenings urgent care facilities available in the Concord area include:

- [Concord Hospital walk-in urgent care](#)
- [Convenient MD](#)

For emergencies, call 911 for an ambulance or go directly to the emergency room at Concord Hospital.

- [Concord Hospital emergency services](#)

Contact the [Dean of Students office](#) if you are in need of a referral to mental health counseling. There is also some information about local mental health counselors in the [Student Handbook](#).

**Facts about SHBP**

- All full-time F-1 degree students are required to have health insurance as a condition of enrollment
- Health insurance plans must be effective by September 1
- Action must be taken each year; information doesn’t roll forward from year to year
• Make sure to apply for health care for your child or children, if needed, when you enroll in health care for yourself.

Why is health insurance required at UNH?
• To provide financial protection for major illness or injury
• All full-time F-1 degree students must enroll in the SHBP; they cannot waive the requirement.

When is the SHBP effective?
• Provides 12 months of coverage (runs on academic year calendar)
• Begins September 1 and ends on August 31 for full year students
• Uses the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care network of providers
• Provides both in-network (HPHC providers) and out-of-network (non-HPHC providers) coverage
• Covers students while in the US or traveling abroad
• Includes medical evacuation and repatriation coverage
• Incorporates Basix Dental Savings Program to help students save money on dental services

Additional Information About Health Insurance
• 2016/2017 SHBP Summary Plan
• 2016/17 Summary of Benefits Coverage
• Glossary of Health and Medical Terms
• Three Tier Drug Listing
• Your Health Plan Online (find providers, ID cards, etc.)

Paying for the SHBP
• Cost of the plan will be billed over two semesters – 1/2 each semester
• Cost will appear on tuition/fee bills as a separate line item
• Dependent coverage is payable directly to Health Plans, Inc. on an annual basis

Graduation
UNH Law holds Commencement on a Saturday in May in White’s Park. We would love to have you participate in the procession and attend the ceremony! You will be asked to submit your order for graduation regalia (gown, tam/tassel and hood). Regalia is provided by UNH Law, and there is no cost to you. The International Student Advisor coordinates preparation for the graduate students and she can answer your questions.

Post graduation

Bar Admission for Internationally Educated Law Graduates
In order to obtain a license to practice law in the United States, all candidates must apply for bar admission through a state board of bar examiners. The criteria for eligibility to take the bar examination or to otherwise qualify for bar admission are set by each state. In addition to the bar exams listed below, foreign-educated lawyers can take the bar exam in a limited number of other states. Graduate students need to research the requirements of a particular state if they wish to sit for a bar exam in that state. Links to each state’s bar information can be found here.
Keep in mind that most state jurisdictions have requirements for the exam that either preclude or make it difficult for foreign-trained attorneys to meet eligibility requirements to sit for the exam. In addition, UNH Law does not guarantee enrollment in any course which state bar authorities may require as a condition of eligibility to sit for a bar examination. Below is information on some of the state bar exams that foreign-trained attorneys frequently take. Every state has specific requirements for foreign-trained attorneys who wish to take a bar exam. Some of those requirements include taking specific classes, such as Professional Responsibility. UNH Law’s graduate degrees are not specifically designed to prepare foreign-educated attorneys to take a U.S. bar exam.

The New York Bar
The New York Bar is the jurisdiction of choice for many of our foreign-trained law degree holders. The New York Board of Law Examiners (NY BOLE) is the body that publishes and oversees the rules related to eligibility for the New York State Bar Exam. The NY BOLE website should be considered the most official and up-to-date source regarding the New York State Bar Exam rules. The deadlines for foreign-trained attorneys to apply to take the New York State Bar Exam occur many months in advance of the actual administration of the exam. Refer to the rule regarding foreign legal education for more information.

Please keep in mind that passing the New York Bar is not a guarantee of employment in the United States and that passing the New York Bar is difficult, particularly for foreign-educated lawyers. Finding employment as a lawyer in the United States is highly competitive, and there are more foreign LL.M. graduates seeking jobs in the U.S. than there are positions available. U.S. legal employers focus on factors such as previous work experience, grades in your law studies (both in your home country and at UNH Law), language skills, membership in the bar of your home country, and the needs of their firm or business for expertise in a particular area or from a particular region/country. The New York Bar can be helpful for those who go on to practice outside the United States because it provides an indication (in addition to the signal provided by the LL.M. itself) of familiarity with U.S. law, and English fluency.

The California Bar
LL.M. students with foreign bar membership wishing to take a bar exam in the U.S. may wish to research the option of the California Bar. While New York requires an LL.M. with a number of American law courses for many candidates, the California Bar may be an appealing option for those lawyers who are admitted to practice law in jurisdictions outside the U.S. However, the California Bar pass rate, even for native-born takers, is low (roughly 40-50% pass).

The D.C. Bar
Eligibility for the D.C. Bar is much stricter than New York for all foreign-educated law graduates.

Obtaining a provisional USPTO registration number

Non-U.S. citizens wishing to practice before the USPTO on behalf of their own country

Any foreigner not a resident of the United States who shall file proof to the satisfaction of the Director of the USPTO Office of Enrollment and Discipline that he or she is registered and in good standing before the patent office of the country in which he or she resides and practices, and who is possessed of the qualifications stated in 37 C.F.R. § 11.7, may be registered as a patent agent to practice before the USPTO for the limited purpose of presenting and prosecuting patent applications of applicants from his or her own country provided that the
patent office of such country allows substantially reciprocal privileges to those admitted to practice before the USPTO. 37 C.F.R. § 11.6(c).

**Non-U.S. Citizens as Practicing Patent Agents in the U.S.**

In order to be registered as a patent agent in the United States, you must pass the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) registration examination, officially called the Examination for Registration to Practice in Patent Cases Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and known informally as the patent bar. **Foreign graduates need to carefully read the rules if they want to be a practicing patent agent in the U.S.** All individuals seeking registration must meet the requirements of 37 CFR §11.5 et. seq., including the legal, scientific and technical qualifications, and good moral character and reputation review.

A foreign graduate residing in the United States may apply to take the registration examination. To be admitted to the examination, an applicant must establish that recognition is consistent with the capacity of employment authorized by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). As a resident, a foreign graduate will only be granted "limited recognition" to do work for a current employer; a foreign graduate cannot work on his or her own, and a foreign graduate cannot practice (as a registered patent agent) if he or she leaves the country. People in the U.S. on work visas may be able to transfer jobs, but the USPTO must be notified of employment changes.

**Taking the Patent Bar**
- Considerations by ipWatchdog
- Above the Law Compares Programs

**Keeping in Touch After Graduation**

**Alumni Associations**
There are loosely organized alumni associations orchestrated by alums in countries such as China, India, Korea and countries around Latin America.

**Social networking**
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
  - UNH Law
  - UNH Law Alumni
- Twitter
- Chinese students have a WeChat group, a free, cross-platform and instant messaging application used by current alums and current students from China. Other social networking apps are used by students and alums in other countries.

**Library services**
- Alums are granted lifetime courtesy access to the library
- Alums also have lifetime use of their UNH Law email address
- Reference services - if you can’t come to the Library, call or email our Library Faculty for research consultations.
- Remote Access to Lexis [Overdrive E-books](#)