

LLM Application

Born in France to an Algerian family, I experienced my first culture shock as a child, when I travelled to the small town of Medea in Algeria to stay at my grandmother's house. I can still recall the lonely long trip in the bus across the sun-drenched landscapes of Algeria and the old white house in the middle of the village with no running water, electricity only two hours a day, and almost none of those things that could be considered "comfortable" by Western standards. Many surrounding villages were abandoned, the corruption was high, and most villagers had trouble finding simple jobs in order to survive. It was very different, compared to my comfortable life in France. This experience that I look back at with strong emotion, has shaped my current attitude and has defined many of my life choices. The hard work and most importantly the value of education that my parents have always shared with me and my two sisters, have really pushed me to excel in my studies and to pursue my professional ambitions.

An honor's student, I am currently a trainee attorney at [REDACTED] I hold a three-year degree from the [REDACTED] in Private Law and a parallel three-year degree (cum laude) in International Comparative Law from the College of Law, where I first got introduced to Common Law and international judicial systems. I also completed my first year of Master's degree (magna cum laude) in Business and Tax Law from the University of Paris Assas. Then I got admitted into a highly selective second year Master's program, which I completed with honors (cum laude) from Paris Sorbonne in partnership with HEC Paris. Here, I finalized my Master's thesis [REDACTED] with honors. Overall, my rigorous studies gave me the opportunity to develop my analytical and critical thinking, provided me with a solid theoretical background and allowed me to identify my long-term career goal. I would like to become an associate in an international law firm specialized in Tax and Business Law.

Thanks to my rigorous educational background, last year I got a competitive internship at [REDACTED] one of the most reputable Magic Circle firms. It was an enriching experience to be part of a team headed by [REDACTED], one of the best French lawyers according to Legal 500. At the firm, I was responsible for in-depth legal research, writing memorandum and preparing weekly presentations on key tax issues related to current events. I was also in charge of communicating with international clients, mainly thanks to my multicultural background and the fact that I am fluent in four languages, including German and Arabic. In addition, working in a team of 10 people was a great experience and taught me a lot about efficient communication, teambuilding and working in a group.

At the moment, I am working at an American top-tier legal firm [REDACTED] while taking sandwich courses at Paris Bar School. This work experience is currently allowing me to deepen even further my already acquired skills and knowledge and apply them in a dynamic international context.

I think it is precisely this international exposure and the opportunity to get a fuller grasp of the legal field that draws me to apply to the LLM program at LSE. It represents a logical and necessary step in my professional career. Having already acquired an enhanced understanding of Business and Tax Law here in France, I would like to enrich my current studies by a better and fuller understanding of Common Law in a multicultural environment of the London School of Economics, mainly to be able to get a professional experience in a common law country. In particular, I am interested in such classes as UK Corporate Law, or Taxation of Corporate Transactions and Business Taxation with Dr. Ian Roxan and Mr. Eduardo Baistrocchi.

In addition, I am really attracted by the possibility of attending extracurricular lectures with high-profile speakers and seminars with experts from the legal field. Both represent a valuable

opportunity to learn from the practical experience of high-end professionals and get a more nuanced understanding of law. Moreover, I would like to broaden my legal horizons and take such classes as Global and Human Rights Law, European Human Rights Law and Introduction to the International Human Rights of Women.

Nevertheless, education for me is not about receiving. It is also about sharing and contributing. That is why my goal is also to contribute to the best of my ability to the LSE community. It is true that the sacrifices my parents have made, with my father – the only breadwinner in the family studying in the medical school and working at the same time, have taught me, since early age, enormous compassion, and empathy towards those who didn't have the same privilege to study and to pursue their dreams. That is why, I have always been trying to stay active and got involved in several associations concerned with education.

The purpose of one of the associations, AFEV, was to fight educational and social inequalities in underprivileged families. My mission consisted of developing a bond and spending weekly time with a child from that family, with the purpose of triggering his intellectual and cultural curiosity. The best reward I got at the end of the academic year, was noticing the improvements in the child's general behavior and the discoveries that we have made together. As it was important for me to provide women from similar cultural backgrounds with advice and tools in order to succeed, I joined the second association, "ATLAS," which encouraged Algerian students to access ambitious academic careers, through advice and financial support. Finally, volunteering has become also an essential part of my academic life. I provided free legal consultations under an attorney supervision at the [REDACTED] and am intending to continue this activity at Paris Bar School.

I hope to bring these values of sharing success and helping others to LSE. I am aware that your program has high standards and expectations. Nevertheless, my motivation, flexibility and intellectual capacity have allowed me to excel so far in every program I have undertaken. I firmly believe that these skills, coupled with professionalism, will enable me to easily integrate the LSE community and to contribute fully to my future university.