



EducationUSA Canada Spotlights

# Pace Law School

In White Plains, New York

[Pace Law School](#) enjoys a worldwide reputation in environmental and international law. The White Plains campus is located between New York City and the natural beauty of the Hudson River Valley. Students find that Pace offers a quiet place for study, with the opportunities of central Manhattan half an hour away by commuter train.



## [Environmental Law at Pace](#)

Environmental law was born in the Hudson Valley during the 1960s, with landmark legal battles to save the Hudson River and Storm King Mountain from pollution and development. Many of the pioneering lawyers in these historic cases became professors at Pace Law School.

Pace Law students may choose courses dealing with environmental law and policy, as well as unique opportunities to gain hands-on experience dealing with environmental issues. Pace's [Environmental Litigation Clinic](#) has a longstanding partnership with the Riverkeeper organization, allowing Pace students to help enforce clean water standards in the Hudson River watershed while gaining vital experience. Students may seek internships in the Pace [Energy and Climate Center](#), the [Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies](#), or the [Land Use Law Center for Sustainable Development](#). They may also participate in Pace's unique [United Nations Environmental Diplomacy Practicum](#), which places students in legal internships at permanent missions to the UN in New York City.

## Degree Programs

- The [Juris Doctor](#) is a 3-year program allowing graduates to sit for the bar examination in all 50 states. In general, students must have a Bachelor's Degree in any subject, and must have taken the LSAT.
- Students who have already received a law degree from a Canadian university may be interested in the 1-year Master of Laws (LLM) program in [Environmental Law](#) or [Comparative Legal Studies](#). In this latter program, they can qualify for the New York bar examination by taking a series of courses approved by the New York Court of Appeals.
- Pace also offers a research [Doctorate of Juridical Science \(SJD\) in Environmental Law](#). Candidates for the SJD should already have completed a Master's Degree in Environmental Law and developed a research proposal for the doctoral dissertation.

Whether you plan to specialize in environmental law, to return to Canada with a greater knowledge of U.S. law and practice, or to qualify as an attorney in the United States, the objective at Pace Law School is the same – to prepare you for your life's work in the law.

