ADVANCE YOUR CAREER IN THE GROWING FIELD OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a student in one of our ADR programs, you will build your ADR skillset through a combination of clinical experiences and instruction from practicing ADR professionals and faculty. You will develop a strong understanding of the ADR processes and underlying policies, as well the legal and ethical implications inherent in the dispute resolution process.

Through these programs, you will gain critical negotiation, mediation, and arbitration skills. These skills will allow you to enhance your current professional responsibilities, obtain better outcomes for your clients, or earn a credential to become a mediator or arbitrator.

Read below to find out which program is right for you!

OUR PROGRAMS

**Master of Laws in Alternative Dispute Resolution (LLM in ADR)**

As a LLM in ADR student, you must complete two mandatory courses in ADR Law and Policy and ADR Ethics. If you graduated from a law school outside of the U.S., you must also complete Introduction to U.S. Legal System. You may complete the remaining units through a variety of ADR and Law courses. To be eligible for the LLM in ADR program, you must have earned a first degree in law (LLB, JD, or equivalent).

**Master of Dispute Resolution (MDR)**

As a MDR student, you must complete three mandatory courses in ADR Law and Policy, ADR Ethics, and Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution. You may complete the remaining units through a variety of ADR and Law courses. You may also elect to enroll in an interdisciplinary Management of ADR Organizations track, and take courses outside of USC Gould. To be eligible for the MDR program, you must have completed a bachelor’s degree.

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate (ADR Certificate)**

Our ADR Certificate is a stand-alone non-degree program that is open to both legal and non-legal professionals. As an ADR Certificate student, you must complete two mandatory courses in ADR Law and Policy and ADR Ethics, and may complete the remaining units through a variety of ADR and Law courses offered at USC Gould. To be eligible for the ADR Certificate, you must have completed a bachelor’s degree.

“We are proud to offer three programs that provide both recent graduates and experienced professionals an opportunity to advance their careers and develop a foundation in the growing field of alternative dispute resolution. Our programs emphasize the practical application of ADR concepts, enabling students to build their skillsets and establish credentials from a top-ranked law school.”

ANDREW T. GUZMAN
Dean and Carl Mason Franklin Chair in Law, and Professor of Law and Political Science
1. ADR is one of the fastest growing fields, both in and outside of the legal arena
2. Earn a degree from an elite, top-20 and nationally recognized law school
3. Graduate programs in ADR are available for lawyers and other professionals
4. Create new career opportunities
5. Attend law school in the heart of Los Angeles
6. Gain hands-on practical skill development
7. Scholarship funding available
8. Become part of the Trojan Family Network
9. Career and professional support
10. Convenient and flexible class scheduling

CURRICULUM
As an ADR student, you may enroll in a wide variety of ADR or other Law courses. The list below is a sample selection of courses; please note that courses may change or may not be offered every semester.

ELECTIVE COURSES

- ADR Clause Drafting
- ADR Ethics
- ADR Law & Policy
- ADR Mediation Clinic
- Arbitration Advocacy
- Arbitration in the United States
- Business Organizations
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Criminal Procedure
- Cross-Cultural Dispute Resolution
- Employment Dispute Mediation
- Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Online Dispute Resolution
- Evidence
- Family Law Mediation Clinic
- Gifts, Wills and Trusts
- International Arbitration
- International Investment Law and Arbitration
- International Negotiation and Mediation
- Labor Arbitration
- Legal Profession
- Mediation Advocacy
- Negotiation Theory and Application
- Remedies
- Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Topics in American Law
Flexible Scheduling
Our programs are all offered on both a full-time and part-time basis, and if you are a part-time student, you may select from a fall or spring start date. In addition, we offer convenient and flexible scheduling options for our ADR courses, including both daytime and evening courses, as well as some weekend courses. Our Registrar will work with you individually to help you create a schedule that fits your needs and existing commitments.

Career Development
As an ADR student, you will have the opportunity to attend a series of career workshops that prepare you to develop and market your own dispute resolution practice. Through these workshops, you will build a business plan, develop marketing materials, enhance your network to attract clients, and learn the day-to-day operations of a mediation business.

In addition, our office offers other career development workshops, including individualized guidance on resumes, cover letters, interviewing, and networking skills.

Most importantly, as a USC student, you will have access to our famous Trojan Family of alumni, as well as our award-winning faculty, who can help you with your professional development both as a student and after you graduate!

Scholarship and Tuition
Tuition for our ADR programs is assessed on a per-credit basis. Please check our website at gould.usc.edu to find the current tuition rate.

You may receive merit-based scholarship funding while you attend these programs. Our Admissions Committee considers all applicants for scholarships, so there is nothing further you need to do or submit. Our scholarship varies in amount up to approximately half the cost of tuition.

If you are a permanent resident or U.S. citizen, you may also qualify for federal aid. We are happy to connect you with an advisor to discuss financing options.

Eligibility and Admissions Requirements
Visit our Admissions Page at gould.usc.edu/admissions/ to apply to our ADR programs. Please see below for the admissions and eligibility requirements for each program.

We do not require the LSAT or other standardized test for admission, and we do not have a minimum GPA or TOEFL/IELTS score.

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Admissions Decisions
We offer two start dates for our students: August or January. We encourage you to apply by the priority deadline for each start date. We will continue to consider applications received after the deadline on a rolling basis as space is available.

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*Spring start dates available to part-time students only.

You can expect to receive an admissions decision between four to six weeks after we have received your completed application. We will not provide admissions decisions over the phone.

CIarb Course Provider
USC Gould is a recognized course provider of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb), a leading professional membership organization that represents the interests of ADR practitioners worldwide. CIarb has over 14,000 members across 133 countries. Through coursework at USC, students may have the opportunity to become a CIarb member.

U.S. Bar Exam Eligibility
If you are enrolled in our LLM in ADR program and you have a first degree in law from outside the U.S., you may become eligible to sit for the New York or California bar exams; students with a first degree in law from outside the U.S. who are enrolled in the MDR program may become eligible to sit for the California bar exam only. Our advisors will work with you directly to ensure that your courses meet the requirements for these exams. Please note that we cannot guarantee eligibility to sit for either exam. For more information about the eligibility requirements, please visit the state bar website.

CONTACT US
To learn more about our ADR courses, deadlines, scholarships and more visit: gould.usc.edu/go/ADRdegrees

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