BLS International Opportunities
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Summer Abroad

Bologna
Administered by Prof. Arthur Pinto & Lorraine McDonald

Beijing
Administered by Prof. Michael Gerber & Debbie Richards
Other Summer and Intercession Programs

- Seek approval via email from Dean Suzanne Dennis
  - Include school name, courses and number of credits
- All credits transferred subject to $250 credit transfer fee
- Grades do not transfer; cannot take substantially similar class in future
Semester Exchange Programs

Beijing, China

Ningbo, China

Lyon, France

Cork, Ireland

Hamburg, Germany

Tel Aviv, Israel

Hong Kong, China

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Amsterdam, Netherlands
Semester Exchange Logistics

• Tuition paid as usual to BLS
• Each program limited to 2 students
• Some programs Fall only (Germany, Argentina)
  – Spring options are: Tel Aviv, Lyon, Cork, Hong Kong, Amsterdam
• Full and part-time students may attend
  – Must have completed all first year requirements
  – Must be registered for at least the equivalent of 10 credits abroad (and no more than 16)
  – Graduating students in final semester cannot attend except for Lyon
• Your courses must be pre-approved by me before the end of the add/drop period at the foreign university
• You must earn the equivalent of a C or higher to get credit
• Grades do not transfer so no effect on your GPA
• Information on each program on BLSConnect Intellectual Life International Opportunities (including contact information for students who have participated)
• First private law school in Germany and one of the most elite in the country.
• Structured program in International and Comparative Business Law (study German, European and International Law).
• Taught in English by combination of visiting American law school professors and law professors from other parts of the world.
• Fall semester only (Sept 7-Dec 18).
• If you are fluent, can audit law courses in German & greater opportunity to work (there are real issues with working).
• Option to take German language courses for additional fee.
Tel Aviv University

- Located in Tel Aviv - Israel's second most populous city, located on the Mediterranean coastline - Tel Aviv University is the largest university in Israel and the biggest Jewish university in the world.
- TAU highlight - the Cegla Center for Interdisciplinary Research of the Law, an institute focused on the study of international and comparative law.
- Students may attend either Fall or Spring, though designing a schedule can take a bit of work due to the limited number of English taught classes.
  - The Fall semester is comprised of two sessions with classes generally running from early October through early January.
  - Spring semester is comprised of two sessions with classes generally running from early March through late June.
  - A full credit load of classes can, however, be completed in the first session of each semester which ends in late December and May, respectively.
- Hebrew language classes optional for an additional cost.
- Strong IP program.
• Study Chinese and comparative law one of the world's economic powerhouses.
• The Faculty of Law at HKU, first law school in Hong Kong, is now the premier law school in the region and considered one of the top universities in the world.
• Program strengths are Chinese commercial law, human rights law and international corporate and financial law.
• Courses approach Chinese Law issues from Hong Kong common law perspective.
• All classes taught in English.
• Optional Mandarin Language courses.
• Possible to work while you are in Hong Kong.
• Fall or Spring option (Sept-Dec, Jan-May).
UTDT School of Law is a private non-profit institution founded in 1991 with a School of Law open since 1996.

- Allows students to study law *in Spanish* from a Civil Law system perspective.
- Located in the bustling port capital city of Buenos Aires, UTDT offers students an opportunity to study law the Argentine way.
- Students have the option to take upper level *Abogacía* courses as well as any Master’s level courses.
- Applicants must be fluent in Spanish.
- Fall only program.
• Cork is the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland and is located on the south coast, approximately 160 miles southwest of the capital Dublin.
• UCC was founded in 1845 and the Law Faculty is home to the largest department in the University.
• Strong Family & Children’s Law program; has developed cutting-edge clinics in a number of different disciplines, including Criminal Justice, Child & Family Law, and Human Rights, that are open to exchange students.
• Students take a combination of LLB and LLM level courses.
• Internships possible.
• Fall or Spring option (Sept-Dec; Jan-May)
• Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 is located in east-central France in the Rhône-Alpes region, situated between Paris and Marseille.
• Public university and the faculty of law has been educating future lawyers for 130 years.
• It is the largest center for law students in Lyon and is renowned for history of law and family law. It also has a strong business law program.
• Option to pursue one of three programs: SELF (in English), DEUF (in French), LLM (in English).
• Fall or Spring option (Aug-Dec, Jan-May).
University of Amsterdam

- Public university established in 1632.
- Law faculty located at center of historic Amsterdam; one of the largest faculties in the country.
- Offers 3 bachelors programs, 11 masters programs = wide variety of classes and strong international orientation, with both a global and a European focus (European private law, public int’l law, EU law and labor law).
- Taught in English.
- Both Fall and Spring (Aug-Jan, Feb-June).
  - 3 block segments, only need first 2 blocks (ending Dec and May).
• Considered to be one of the best law schools in China.
• Located in Beijing, China’s capital with a history that stretches back for three millennia.
• Specifics of program still being confirmed.
• Law faculty founded in 2004.
• Located in Ningbo, China (directly south of Shanghai).
• Specifics of program still being confirmed.
International Dual Degree Programs
Dual Degree Programs: General Information

• BLS students will spend a year abroad at the foreign institution.
• Up to 28 credits will transfer back to BLS towards the JD.
• Students will earn the JD and foreign LLM in only three years.
• Courses are taught in English.
• Curriculum: International Law and Business Law mostly but some programs have other options.
• All BLS students will pay normal tuition to BLS for the Fall semester for 14 credits. The other semester they will only be required to pay foreign tuition and credit transfer fee of $250 for each credit transferred back (14 = $3,500).
• BLS scholarship only applies to Fall semester when you pay BLS tuition per credit rate.
• Limited to two students per year, preferably in second year.
• Must complete partner schools application as well.
• Not open to accelerated JD or part-time students.
• You must earn a grade of C or higher for credits to transfer. Grades do not transfer and no effect on your GPA.
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3

Lyon, France

- LLM in International and European Business Law
- Students pay Spring semester to Lyon which is 5,000 Euros (or approx. $5,600USD)

Universidad Pontificia Comillas

Madrid, Spain

- Private, Jesuit university located in Madrid, Spain
- LLM in International and European Business Law
- No additional tuition is paid to Comillas
University College Cork

**Cork, Ireland**

- LLM in Business Law (may be IP option)
- Students pay UCC tuition of 12,500 Euros (or approx $14,000USD), which is a discounted rate

Bucerius Law School

**Hamburg, Germany**

- Master of Law and Business (MLB) or LLM in Law and Business
- Combines international commercial law with an international management curriculum
- Must have at least one year of work experience
- Internship program
- Students pay Bucerius tuition of 16,000 Euros (or approx $18,000USD)
University of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, Netherlands

- 10 different LL.M. options
  - Int’l Criminal Law not an option
- Students pay UvA 12,000 Euros ($13,500USD).
- Must be very strong writer to be admitted.
- Background in public int’l law and EU law required.
  - If you lack this, may be remedial course option prior to semester start.
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS for both semester exchange and dual JD/LLM programs.

You must:

(1) be a currently enrolled Brooklyn Law School student in good standing;

(2) have a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.800; and

(3) have completed all first year required courses.

Note: Part-time and accelerated JD students may not participate in the dual degree programs. There may be other program-specific requirements, particularly for the dual JD/LLM programs.

APPLICATION CONSISTS OF: Application Form, Essay of Interest, Transcript, Resume, and 2 Faculty Letters of Recommendation.

Available on BLSCConnect at Intellectual Life International Opportunities (and every program page).

All applications should be submitted in hard copy to me in Room 932.
FAQs!

• Can I do a program for a semester/year at a location/with a university that is not one of the programs BLS offers?
• Can I work abroad and receive credit at the same time as/before/after I study?
• How many classes do I take?
• How will I pay for the time abroad?
• Will my scholarship still apply?
• Can I do journal and/or moot court and still spend a semester/year abroad?
• Will my time abroad help me get a job?
• When is the best time to go abroad?
• Can I talk to a student who has done one of these programs?
APPLY SOON FOR SPRING 2016!
Due date: Friday, September 25, 2015