STUDY ABROAD
2022-2023
University of Minnesota Law School
Introductions

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Why Study Abroad?

● Study a niche area of the law
  ○ International or substantive
● Networking
● Strengthen language skills
● Deepen knowledge of civil law
● Set yourself apart in job search

Last opportunity to do so?
Why Study Abroad?

“We talk about ‘Minnesota Nice,’ but my Irish faculty and peers have put us to shame. I have never felt so immediately welcome in a new place and could not be happier with my choice to come to UCD.”

Sara Filo (‘20)

University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
Why Study Abroad?

“The opportunity to study law at a foreign institution is unparalleled. In just a few short weeks, I have gained worlds of new perspective learning about different legal systems, and I now have a much better understanding of the transnational legal challenges facing the United States and the rest of the world.

I cannot recommend the exchange program enough!"

Corey Nevers (‘20) - Bocconi University, Milan, Italy
The Result of Thoughtful Study Abroad

Promotes a multi-faceted and flexible understanding of international law that helps to prepare students to network, negotiate, and collaborate across multiple jurisdictions and provides personal and professional opportunities not otherwise available domestically.

International and comparative study serves to broaden a student's perspective on our own legal system as they analyze law in contrast.
Other Considerations

ITRAAC: International Travel Risk Assessment and Advisory Committee

Spring 2022 law applications were approved - confidence is high for 2022-23
Exchange Programs

Direct exchange with one of 11 partner schools in Europe and South America

Pay regular UMN tuition; all financial aid and scholarships apply

Nomination = accepted
Semester Offerings in English

Tilburg University - Tilburg, the Netherlands
Two semester spots
https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/

University College Dublin - Dublin, Ireland
Ten semester spots
http://www.ucd.ie/
Semester Offerings in English

Uppsala University - Uppsala, Sweden
12 semester spots, including five Tax Law LL.M.
http://www.uu.se/en/

University Jean Moulin Lyon III - Lyon, France
Three semester spots
http://www.univ-lyon3.fr/
Semester Offerings in English

**Bocconi University** - Milan, Italy

*Four semester spots; strong business focus*

http://www.unibocconi.eu/

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**University of Bergen** - Bergen, Norway

*Two semester spots*

https://www.uib.no/en
Semester Offerings in English

Humboldt University – Berlin, Germany
Four semester spots; Spring only

Bucerius Law School - Hamburg, Germany
One semester spot; Fall only
http://www.law-school.de/international/
Semester Offerings in English or Local Languages

University of Montevideo - Montevideo, Uruguay

Two semester spots; Fall courses in English; Spring courses only in Spanish

http://www.um.edu.uy/international/

FGV Direito Rio - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

One semester spot; Courses taught in Portuguese; several courses taught in English and Spanish

http://direitorio.fgv.br/
Semester Offerings in English or Local Languages

ESADE Faculty of Law - Barcelona, Spain

Two semester spots; Most courses taught in Spanish; few courses taught in English

http://www.esade.edu/es/about-us/law-school
Application Timeline for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

**Nov. 15, 2021**
Applications available; link sent within weekly Law Council digest

**Feb. 1, 2022**
Deadline to submit 2021-22 application (fall and spring)

**Feb. 19, 2022**
Conclusion of application review, offers emailed to students

**Mar. 15, 2022**
Deadline to accept the offer in writing and pay $150.00 non-refundable deposit

**March 31, 2022**
Nominations sent to exchange partners

**Mid-April 2022**
Law School Study Abroad Orientation for ALL 2022-23 participants (date and location TBA)

Administrative Contact: International and Graduate Programs Office (hkuether@umn.edu)
Important Considerations: Academics

Meeting graduation requirements before/after you go

GPA will not be affected as long as you earn a “C” equivalent or better:

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Meet with your career counselor to discuss professional considerations
Important Considerations: Timing

"Sweet Spot" is fall semester of 3L year (although other terms are possible!)

Studying abroad in the spring semester of 3L year can pose challenges:

- Final exams abroad tend to be later, which means grades are posted later
- May not be present for UMN graduation ceremony in mid-May
- Grading timeline could conflict with July bar certification process

LexisNexis Access Abroad

- “Each LN ID is country specific and may not be used outside the country for which it is issued, except for short periods not to exceed 30 continuous days.”
Important Considerations: Finances

Additional cost: Approximately $5,000 for living costs per semester

Wallenberg Grant for Uppsala and Erasmus scholarship for Bergen

Judd Fellowship for fall 2022

- Up to $2,500
- Application deadline January 2022
- https://grad.umn.edu/funding/current-students/thesis-research-travel-grants

Other scholarships through U of MN Learning Abroad Center

- https://umabroad.umn.edu/students/finances/scholarships
Other Considerations

Exchange students from several partner schools are or will be enrolled during 2021-22 school year.

Let us know if you'd like to connect with an incoming exchange student via email!

Current LLM and exchange students are here and available for questions at the end of this presentation.
Self-Initiated Study Abroad

Self-initiated study abroad is more administratively complex to arrange. Start exploring this option at least one year in advance.

**Option 1 – through another US Law School**

- Apply to another ABA-accredited school's study abroad program
- Search via online resources such as: [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/foreign_study.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/foreign_study.html)
- You will pay tuition and fees to the other school after acceptance

**Option 2 – apply directly to foreign Law School**

- Create your own experience at a foreign law school of your choice
- Apply directly to the foreign institution, and pay tuition directly to that school

Administrative Contact: Assistant Dean of Students Office (lawdos@umn.edu)
Summer Study Abroad

Programs offered by other US law schools

- Usually 2-6 weeks in length with about 4-6 credits of coursework
- Many focus on a substantive area of the law
- ALL coursework must be approved in advance
- Program costs and living/transportation costs vary widely; financial aid can apply

Search for summer abroad opportunities at the following web sites:

- www.nationaljurist.com
- www.studyabroad.com
- www.ilsa.org

Indiana University - McKinney’s summer program in Beijing at Renmin University

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