



## PROPOSED COURSE OF STUDY: SELF-INITIATED STUDY

Upon completion of this form, including a signature and date on page two, it must be submitted to the Director of International and Graduate Programs. **Please note:** An unofficial law school transcript must be included with each form.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UMN Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ UMN ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Location (city, country): \_\_\_\_\_

Program Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### Proposed Course of Study

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that their study abroad experience will not negatively affect their ability to meet JD graduation requirements. List all courses you will take below; up to 15 credits of legal studies credits will be approved for transfer to the University of Minnesota Law School transcript.

Course Title	Course Description <i>(may be attached)</i>	# of Host School Credits	# of Minnesota Law School Credits

## Important Notices to Students

### *Transfer of Credits*

- Students may earn up to fifteen elective credits towards their J.D. degree for a semester (or twenty-nine credits for a full academic year) of study at one of the Law School's eleven semester exchange programs.
- For schools using the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), two ECTS credits equal one Law School credit. .
- To be eligible for transfer back to the University of Minnesota Law School, credits must be in courses that are substantially related to **legal studies**. If allowed by the host institution, you may take language or other courses, but credits earned will not transfer to your U of MN transcript.
- For credit to transfer under Scholastic Rule 8.7, grades completed at the foreign university will be entered on a Pass/Fail basis upon certification from the foreign instructors regarding the "quality" of the student performance. A grade of 2.0 ("**C**" **equivalent or better**) is generally considered "quality" performance for transfer purposes.
- The Director of International and Graduate Programs may also request course materials and written work of the student from the host institution to ensure that the program meets the standards equivalent to those employed at the Law School pursuant to ABA Criteria for Student Study at a Foreign Institution, Rule I.D.4.
- Upon conclusion of the program, the student is responsible for ensuring that the host institution forwards to the Law School Registrar an official transcript reflecting the course(s) completed and grade(s) earned.

### *Travel Registration and Health Coverage for Study Abroad*

- The University of Minnesota requires all students studying abroad **register their travel** and to obtain **international health insurance**.

### *Financial Aid*

- Students may be eligible for financial aid to cover tuition, fees, and other costs. To seek financial aid, students must complete a Financial Aid Consortium Agreement, including a statement of costs from the host institution, and have the documents forwarded to James Parker at the University of Minnesota's Office of Student Finance. Consortium Agreement documents are available through the Law School's Dean of Students office. Contact Mr. Parker with financial aid questions at: j-park1@umn.edu.

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## Student Acknowledgement and Signature

By signing below, I certify that the information listed on this form is accurate and complete. I further certify that I have read this form and agree to abide by the policies listed herein. A new course approval form will be required if there are any changes in course enrollment while I am studying abroad.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Approval of Proposed Course of Study by Director of International and Graduate Programs

Upon review of the proposed course of Self-Initiated Study Abroad described herein, I approve the above-named student's proposed course of study to transfer up to \_\_\_\_\_ law credits towards their University of Minnesota Law School *juris doctor* degree.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of International and Graduate Programs

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Date