

Independent Study Abroad Information

J.D. students may design their own study abroad program at virtually any recognized foreign law faculty (except for the universities where we have an established exchange program). Students who choose an independent study abroad program take a leave of absence from Hastings for one semester and then can transfer up to 12 units, non-GPA, towards their UC--Hastings degree upon successful completion of full-time coursework overseas. Transfer J.D. students who have already transferred in the maximum course credits are not eligible for independent study abroad.

To be approved for an independent program, students must submit an application that includes:

- Acceptance letter from foreign law school.
- Certified statement from foreign law school that your educational objectives can be met.
- Statement of your educational objectives and why you wish to study at specified foreign school.
- List of proposed courses you will take.
- Name of Hastings faculty who agrees to be your “study abroad advisor.”
- Name and contact information for advisor at foreign law school
- Original Transcript
- Transfer of Credit Petition (obtained from UC--Hastings Records Office).
- Completed Independent Study Abroad Application.

Deadlines for Independent Study Abroad Applications

Fall Study Away: June 1st

Spring Study Away: November 1st