

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW

Educational objectives of the foreign exchange and study abroad programs:

Our objective in sending students for foreign study is to increase their understanding of foreign law and to provide them with the information, skills, and experience to work more effectively as attorneys in a global legal environment. Each program specifically offers a concentration in a specialized field of law. These include international law (University College of London), European Union law (University of Leiden and the University of Copenhagen), comparative law and development (School of Oriental and African Studies), international environmental law (University College of London), and civil law (Heidelberg University). Students shall follow a course of study that is consistent with the objectives of each program. Upon their return, the director of international programs shall review their written work to assure it has satisfied their educational objectives.

Programs

Studying Law at Bocconi University of Milano, Italy

Up to four students may spend fall or spring semester during their second or third years at Bocconi University studying Comparative Law and Business. The program is taught entirely in English. Tuition is paid directly to Hastings for the semester. Some student housing is available. Four Italian students will spend a semester at Hastings on Exchange. For more information see www.ir.uni-bocconi.it

Studying European Union Law at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Up to four students may spend a fall or spring semester during their second or third years at the University of Copenhagen studying the law of the European Union. The program is taught entirely in English and includes students from all the European Union countries. Tuition is paid to Hastings for the semester. Some student housing is available at the university. Four Danish students will spend a semester at Hastings on exchange. For more information see www.jur.ku.dk/english/kandidat/upperlevelcourses/.

Studying Civil Law at the University of Heidelberg, Germany

Two students may spend a fall (mid-October to mid-February) or spring (mid-April to mid-July) semester during their second or third years at the University of Heidelberg studying the law of the European Union. The program is in German and requires a high degree of fluency. More than 100 students from other European Union countries participate in this program. Heidelberg is Germany's most prestigious law faculty, and the school is located in one of Germany's most beautiful and well preserved cities. Tuition is paid to Hastings for the semester. Student housing is available at the university. One German student will spend a year at Hastings on exchange. If students chose to spend the spring at Heidelberg, they will have an opportunity to spend the summer at an internship in a law firm in Heidelberg, Frankfurt, Cologne or Munich. For more information see www.uni-heidelberg.de/index_e.html.

Studying International or E.U. Law at Leiden University, The Netherlands

A maximum of ten students (five per semester) may spend a fall or spring semester during their second or third years at Leiden studying the law of the European Union. Leiden, the Netherlands' oldest and most famous university, is located in the heart of Europe and only a short train ride from Amsterdam and The Hague, where the International Criminal Court and the World Court sit. The program is in English and includes students from other E.U. member countries. Tuition is paid to Hastings for the semester. The university assists students finding housing with other Dutch students. Ten Leiden students also spend a semester each year studying at Hastings. For more information see www.law.leidenuniv.nl.

Studying Law and Development at the School of Oriental and African Studies Law Faculty at the University of London, U.K.

A maximum of four students may spend a fall semester during their second or third years at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) studying comparative law and development in the developing countries. Our students will be enrolled in the courses designed for Master of Laws candidates and will have an opportunity to cross-enroll at other graduate-level courses in the University of London. SOAS, which is a college of the University of London, attracts a wide diversity of students from around the globe. It is conveniently located in the heart of London near the British Museum. Tuition is paid directly to SOAS. Students also have the option to spend the full year at SOAS and complete a Master of Laws (LL.M.) Degree before returning to Hastings to complete their J.D. However, students can only apply one semester of credits from SOAS toward their J.D. degree. For more information see www.soas.ac.uk.

Studying Public International Law or International Environmental Law at University College of London, U.K.

Up to four students may spend a fall semester during their second or third years at the University College of London (UCL) studying international environmental law. Our students will be enrolled in the courses designed for Master of Laws candidates and will have an opportunity to cross-enroll at other graduate-level courses in the University of London. UCL has one of the premier programs in international environmental law, and students will have an opportunity to do research work with the Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development (FIELD) for credit. FIELD has litigated major environmental suits before the World Court and the European Court and has advised foreign governments on international environmental conventions. Tuition is paid directly to UCL. For more information see www.ucl.ac.uk.

Studying Environmental Law at the Vermont Law School, Royalton, Vermont

A maximum of six students (three each semester) may spend the fall or spring semester during their second or third years at the Vermont Law School studying environmental law. The law school is situated in a beautiful rural New England town, and it boasts one of the top programs in environmental law in the United States. Tuition is paid to Hastings for the semester. Up to three Vermont students may visit Hastings each semester. For information see www.vermontlaw.edu/.

Application Process

Students who are interested in any of these programs apply during their first or second years at Hastings to the International Programs Committee. The committee selects students based upon their personal statements, experience, and academic performance. An application can be obtained from Pamela Serota in the Office of the LL.M. Program, room 315 in the 200 building, or by printing it directly from the Hastings website.

In addition to these programs, students may design their own study abroad program at virtually any recognized foreign law faculty through the Associate Academic Dean's Office after making application to the American Bar Association for credit. For example, in recent years Hastings students have previously studied for a semester in France, China, Spain, and Mexico.