



Office of International Programs

# **International Study Abroad General Information Session**

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# **Columbia Law School**

# GLOBAL PROGRAMS FOR A GLOBAL AGE

The Office of International Programs offers students the opportunity to enrich their understanding of law, language, culture, and governance through **more than 20 overseas study programs all over the world.**

These programs are grouped into three categories:

- **Semester Exchange Programs**
- **Dual Degree Programs**
- **Global Alliance Programs**

# SEMESTER ABROAD: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

CLS offers **16 established semester study abroad opportunities in 12 different countries**. Most programs can be either during the 3L or 2L year, although preference is given to 3Ls.

**“Independent” study abroad** at other overseas non-partner schools is also possible, but interested students must take on substantial additional requirements for administrative research, preparation and approvals. Special Independent Program Addendum is **due early - 2/1/20**

## Choosing a Program:

- Do you speak any foreign languages?
- When would you like to go abroad? (Fall or Spring? 2L or 3L year?)
- Is there a particular field of law you're interested in?
- Is there a region or country you're interested in?
- What are your career plans?
- Do you have the ability to delay degree conferral or the Bar?
- Would you prefer to study with other CLS students?

# SEMESTER ABROAD: ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS

University	Country	Language
University of Amsterdam	Netherlands	English
Bucerius Law School	Germany	English
University of Buenos Aires	Argentina	Spanish
Central European University	Hungary	English
ESADE	Spain	English or Spanish
European University Institute	Italy	English
FGV Direito (São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro)	Brazil	English or Portuguese
Fudan University (Shanghai)	China	English or Chinese
Hebrew University	Israel	English
Hitotsubashi University	Japan	English
Humboldt University	Germany	German
University of Luxembourg	Luxembourg	English
University of Neuchâtel	Switzerland	French
Peking University	China	English or Chinese
University of Rome (La Sapienza)	Italy	English or Italian
Waseda University	Japan	Japanese or English

# DUAL DEGREE: PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Columbia Law School students can earn 2 degrees within the “standard” 3-year study period, with a later graduation date or additional year required for some programs.\* Students earn both a J.D. from Columbia and one of the following degrees from our peer institutions:

- **Paris I (Sorbonne), M1/M2, (taught in French, 4 years)**
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 2 years at Paris 1 (3L year + 1 year)
  - **Note:** Students may have the option to shorten their stay to only one year and receive an LL.M. instead.
- **Sciences Po Master in Economic Law with a Global Studies Specialization**  
(taught in French and/or English, 3 years)  
**or LL.M. in Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement**  
(taught in English, pending)
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 1 year at Sciences Po (3L year)
- **London: King’s, LSE, SOAS, or UCL, LL.M.**
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 1 year in London (3L year)
- **Frankfurt: Institute for Law & Finance (ILF), LL.M. (taught in English)**
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 1 year at ILF (3L year)

*\*Participants in the London and Frankfurt LL.M. programs are awarded J.D. degrees and take the Bar in February of the following year. Participants in the Sci Po LLM in Transnational Arbitration & Dispute settlement are awarded J.D.degrees in October and also take the Bar in February.  
Some London partner schools require average grades of B+ or better.*

# DUAL DEGREE: REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS

Only students in their 1L year (class of 2022) are eligible to apply for dual degree programs.

## Residency/Credit Requirements (83 credits to graduate)

- Students need to have completed 63 credits before commencing study abroad, e.g.
  - 1L = 32-33 credits (depending on 1L Spring elective)
  - 2L = 30-31 credits (depending on 1L Spring elective)
  - 3L (in combination with, if applicable, 4th year abroad) = 21 credits  
(London LL.M. programs require additional 3 credits supervised research with Columbia faculty member during the year abroad)
    - Important note: January term credits only count toward the Spring semester.

## Timing

- July Bar Exam & May or October Degree Conferral (some Paris programs)
- February Bar Exam & October Degree Conferral (Sci Po LL.M. in Transnational Arbitration)
- February Bar Exam & Degree Conferral (ILF and London programs)

## Tuition

- 3 Year Programs: remains the same
- 4 Year Program: half tuition is paid in the 3L year and half in the +1 year

## Financial Aid Considerations

- **IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID:** The clock starts ticking on grace periods for student loans from standard May graduation date, not from the later date of the February degree conferral.

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE: PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Global Alliance Programs offer Columbia Law students an opportunity to focus their studies on a particular area of law, while still receiving their J.D. from Columbia within three years. Each program has a specialized curriculum designed and revised each year by faculty from Columbia and the overseas partner school. During their Alliance year, students study at Columbia for one semester and at the partner institution for one semester.

- **University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands:** (Fall Semester in Amsterdam)
  - LL.M. in International Criminal Law from Amsterdam Law School
- **Paris I (Panthéon Sorbonne) & Sciences Po, France:** (Spring Semester in Paris)
  - Certificate in Global Business Law and Governance
- **University of Oxford, United Kingdom:** (3Ls only, Spring Semester at Oxford)
  - Attend “Hilary” term of Master in Law and Finance program, taught jointly with Saïd Business School

## **Program Highlights:**

- Experiential learning around the globe
- Global professional network
- Integrated, English language curriculum
- Dynamic mix of theory and practical insight
- Cohort programs: CLS students & students from our partner institutions

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE: PROGRAM DETAILS

## PARIS: Certificate in Global Business Law & Governance, Paris I (Sorbonne) and Sciences Po

- **Pre or co-requisites:**
  - Corporations (L6231)
  - International Law (L6269) **OR** The U.S. and the International Legal System (L6183) (1L elective)
- Prior to Paris semester, students must take 12 credits, including prerequisites, from set CLS course menu. Each year, menu available online. Wide range of courses.
- **Spring:** study in Paris, together with Paris cohort (who spent the Fall at CLS)
  - Choose from morning classes at Paris 1 and afternoon classes at Sciences Po
  - Receive 12 CLS credits from study abroad

## AMSTERDAM: LL.M. in International Criminal Law, University of Amsterdam

- **Pre or co-requisites:**
  - International Law (L6269) **OR** The U.S. and the International Legal System (L6183)(1L elective)
- **Fall:** Students study with cohort in Amsterdam
  - First program of its kind to focus on International Criminal Law
  - The Hague – The seat of the International Criminal Court and other criminal tribunals
  - Receive 12 CLS credits from study abroad
- **Spring:** students choose 12 credits from set CLS course menu (some may be taken in 1L/2L years), study with U. Amsterdam participants at CLS)
  - Mandatory: Spring Colloquium in International Criminal Law; 3 credit supervised research paper/thesis

## OXFORD: Program in Law and Finance, University of Oxford

- Students attend the Master (MSc) in Law & Finance program during the “Hilary” term (Jan.-Mar.)
  - A world-class faculty helps develop interdisciplinary understanding of relevant economic and financial contexts of the law
  - Courses are jointly taught by the Oxford’s Faculty of Law and Saïd Business School
  - Receive 9 CLS credits from study abroad. Participants also need to register for a 2-3 supervised research paper with a CLS faculty member during spring semester abroad
- **Pre-requisites: (Try to take most or all in 2L year) IMPORTANT: Some prereqs. may not be offered every semester!**
  - Corporations (L6231)
  - Advanced Corporate Law: Mergers and Acquisitions (L6202)
  - Securities Regulation (L6423)
  - Corporate Finance (L6232)



# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD

## Degree Requirements

- Study abroad programs do not exempt students from any requirements for the J.D. degree (e.g. **Professional responsibility, Major and Minor writing, Pro bono, Experiential, Legislation & Regulation (L6169) and credit requirements**) All students, particularly dual degree students, should meet with a Student Services adviser before going abroad to make sure all requirements can be met in time to graduate.

## Credit Requirements

- Complete 83 credits in the JD program.
- Enroll for 11-13 credits while abroad (permitted one 11-credit term).
- Receive the equivalent of a “C” or better to receive credit for each class.
- CLS transcripts will only reflect the number of credits earned (foreign law school will send your their own, separate transcript with grades).
- Courses abroad count as law credits but are not counted towards Kent/Stone honors - treated as P/F.
- In some cases, CLS students may also earn credit for supervised research with a CLS professor or participation in journals while abroad.

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD

## Tuition & Fees

- Columbia law students who participate in study abroad programs will continue to pay Columbia tuition, as well as the Health & Related Services fee and (except as described below) Health Insurance fees. Other campus-based fees, including Student Activity and University Facilities fees, are waived during a student's period of study abroad. Financial aid is not affected.
- Note that non-Columbia students who enroll in the same classes overseas may pay lower tuition directly to the overseas partner school. The difference in tuition charges reflects, among other things, the difference in the value of the credentials awarded in each case.
- Students may request a waiver of the otherwise obligatory Columbia Health Insurance fees by presenting proof of adequate alternative coverage for the entire year (even if only abroad for a semester) to the Columbia University Insurance and Immunization Compliance Office. Regardless of whether a waiver is granted, University policy requires that all students continue to be responsible for paying Health & Related Service fees while abroad.
- Four-year Dual Degree program – Half CLS tuition in 3L year and half in the +1 year.

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY ABROAD

## Logistical Arrangements

- Students responsible for making their own travel, visa, and housing arrangements. (3Ls may sublet their Columbia housing in fall only, 2Ls permitted either semester. 3L students abroad in the spring must give up Columbia housing)
  - Oxford participants may keep or give up housing but may **not** sublet


**Note:** We can connect you to incoming international exchange students interested in subletting at CLS for a semester.

- **Important:** Students are responsible for the cost of living while abroad. These costs include travel to and from the foreign country, residence fees if applicable (e.g., Amsterdam), housing expenses and associated fees if applicable (e.g., Amsterdam), printing costs, food, utilities, entertainment, and all other costs associated with study abroad. For more information visit the Office of International Programs.
- The amount of administrative and other assistance offered by our partners differs significantly by school and program.

# ONLINE APPLICATION


- **CLS Passport:** home of the online application  
**Opens Feb. 1, 2020**  
<http://passport.law.columbia.edu>
- Application deadline: **March 2, 2020**  
**(Independent Addendum due Feb 1!)**
- Requires biographical information, CV, statement of interest, brief recommendation, access to transcripts
- Decisions communicated **early April**
- Most programs require a brief partner application **after** selection. Usually fairly straightforward; dual degrees require slightly more
- CLS nominates students, but partner schools have final confirmation of acceptance
- Selected students **\*must\*** promptly upload participation documents, attend pre-departure meeting, or lose their place in program.

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\*CLS Students: Please read [these instructions](#) before starting a study abroad application.

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# Recommendation Questionnaire

**Recommendations:**

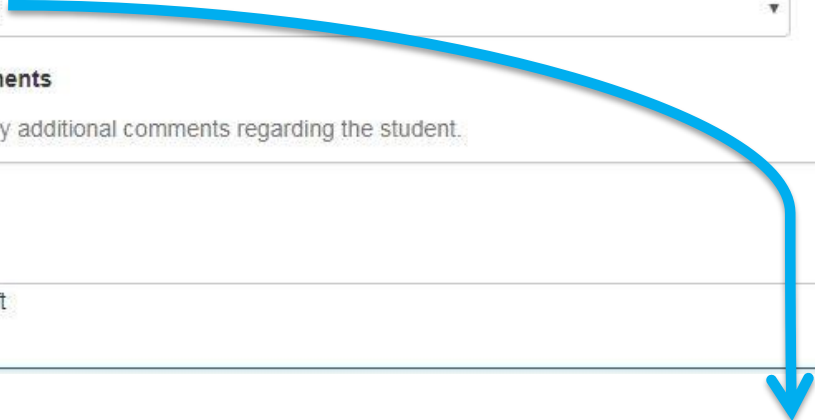
(\*) Indicates the question is required.

**1. Reference (\*)**  
Using the form below, please select the response that most accurately reflects your opinion.

Please select one

**2. Additional Comments**  
Feel free to make any additional comments regarding the student.

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1. I highly recommend that the student be selected to participate in study abroad program(s).
2. I recommend that the student be selected to participate in study abroad program(s).
3. I do not know the student well enough to make a recommendation.
4. I cannot recommend the student to participate in the exchange.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **Wednesday October 16**  
**International Dual Degrees**  
London, Paris & Frankfurt
- **Thursday October 17**  
**Global Alliance Programs**  
Amsterdam, Oxford & Paris
- **Thursday November 14**  
**Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany** (fall program, in English)
- **More to come!**

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