Office of International Programs

International Study Abroad

General Information Session

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Columbia Law School
The Office of International Programs offers students the opportunity to enrich their understanding of law, language, culture, and governance through over two dozen overseas study programs all over the world.

These programs are grouped into three categories:

- Semester Exchange Programs
- Dual Degree Programs
- Global Alliance Programs
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 - 2/1/19**

**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?
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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) 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 1 year at Sciences Po (3L year)
  - **LL.M. in Transnational Arbitration and Dispute Settlement**

- **London: King’s, LSE, SOAS, or UCL, LL.M.**
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 1 year in London (3L year)

- **London: King’s, LSE, SOAS, or UCL, LL.B.**
  - 2 years at CLS (1L & 2L years); 2 years in London (3L year + 1 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 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. in October and take the Bar in February. Some schools require average grades of B+ or better.
DUAL DEGREE: REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS

Only students in their 1L year (class of 2021) 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 LLM programs require additional 3 credits supervised research with Columbia faculty member)

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 Programs: half tuition is paid in the 3L year and half in the +1

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

• **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 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 from set CLS course menu, including prerequisites
- **Spring:** study with French cohort (who spent the Fall at CLS) in Paris
  - 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 from 1L/2L years), study with U. Amsterdam participants at CLS)

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 an 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 2-3 credits of supervised research under 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 (class of 2021) 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 84 credits (JD ‘20) or 83 credits (JD ’21) 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
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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 programs – Half CLS tuition in 3L year and half in the +1 year.
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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)

  **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, 2019
  [http://passport.law.columbia.edu](http://passport.law.columbia.edu)

• Application deadline: **March 1, 2019**
  *(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.
Recommendation Questionnaire

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

• **Thursday October 11**
  SOAS Law School
  London Dual Degree *or* Independent Semester Abroad

• **Tuesday October 16**
  Global Alliance Programs
  Amsterdam, Oxford & Paris

• **Tuesday October 23**
  International Dual Degrees
  London, Paris & Frankfurt

• **Wednesday November 14**
  Sapienza Law School *at the University of Rome*

• **More to come!**
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