



Semester Exchange and International Dual Degree Information Session

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Overview

- WCL offers about 40 different medium and long term opportunities to study abroad
- WCL provides these opportunities in 23 countries on 6 continents in dozens of areas of study
- Opportunities are available for a semester, year, or two years



Program Types

Semester Exchange Programs	International Dual Degree JD/JD (or Equivalent)	International Dual Degree JD/LLM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most are 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most are 1 year
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can go 2L or 3L fall – no affect on program length or graduation date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 2 years at WCL and years 3 and 4 at partner institution (delay graduation one year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete 2 years at WCL and year 3 at partner institution• (some allow for on time graduation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 32 options all over the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Australia• Canada• France• Italy*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• France• Italy• Spain (Business Law)• Spain (EU Law)**

* Italy program may require additional semester to complete second degree

** Spain (EU Law) requires 1.5 years abroad



Semester Exchange Opportunities

- Europe
 - Belgium
 - Denmark
 - France*
 - Finland
 - Germany (2)
 - Italy
 - Norway (2)
 - Scotland
 - Spain* (3)
 - The Netherlands (2)
 - Turkey
- Asia & Oceania
 - Australia
 - China (Main & HK)
 - Korea (2)
 - India
- The Americas
 - Argentina*
 - Canada
 - Chile*
 - Mexico*
 - Colombia* (3)
- Africa
 - South Africa

* Programs offering limited or no classes in English



Semester Exchange: Program Benefits

- Transfer at least 12 credits (no grades) to WCL
- Specialize in topics not offered at WCL
- Build networks and expertise abroad
- Explore foreign legal systems like a local student
- Challenge your understanding of US law
- Improve your intercultural competencies
- Enhance your resume with international experience
- Improve foreign language skills
- Meet like-minded students and faculty



Semester Exchange: When to Go? (It depends!)

What's Happening at WCL?		
2L Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal Procedure• OCI for 2L summer jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do you want to take clinic? What semester? What prerequisites do you need?• Do you want to participate in on campus recruitment or other OCPD programs?• Are you on a journal or a member of a student organization?• When do you want to do an externship?
2L Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal Ethics• Externship Fair	
3L Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bar exam counseling	
3L Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make sure you've met your graduation requirements• Final grades and transcripts due to Registrar mid-May	



Semester Exchange: Tuition and Financial Aid

- Your cost of attendance is the same as if you were studying at WCL
 - We waive fees for the student fitness center and U*Pass as you will not use them while abroad
 - If needed, we will adjust the cost of living to reflect the location where you are studying
- If you are receiving financial aid, you will receive the same aid package (scholarships, grants, and loans). You will not receive federal work-study awards while you're abroad.
- Need help subletting your apartment? Our incoming LLM exchange students need a place!



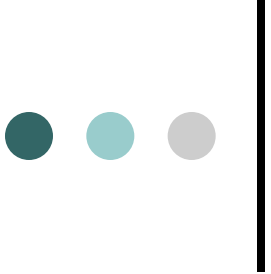
Semester Exchange: Due Dates & Qualifications

- Application Deadline
 - Spring Abroad: September 1
 - Fall Abroad: March 1
- Qualifications
 - 2L or above in good standing
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA
 - Previous experience abroad recommended



Semester Exchange: Application Process

- Apply online at <http://abroad.wcl.american.edu>
– applications for Fall 2018 are now open
- Mandatory advising session with WCL Abroad –
sign up at website or email
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- Statement of purpose
- Language proficiency (where necessary)
- Previous experience abroad
- Letter of recommendation
- Resume

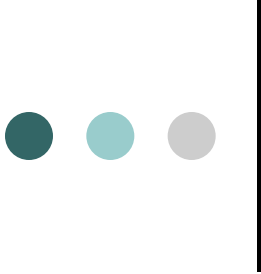


International Dual Degree Programs JD/JD (or Equivalent)

- Australia (Melbourne): JD/JD
WCL JD and Monash University JD
- Canada (Ottawa): JD/JD
WCL JD and University of Ottawa JD
- France (Paris): JD/Master 1&2
WCL JD and Nanterre M1 and M2 (in French)
- Italy (Rome): JD/Laurea Magistrale*
WCL JD and LUISS Laurea Magistrale (in Italian/Latin)



* This program may be structured differently depending on your undergraduate coursework and may require additional time



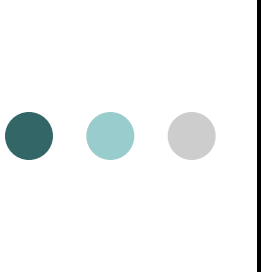
International Dual Degree Programs JD/LLM (or Similar)

- France (Paris): JD/Master 1
WCL JD and Nanterre Master 1 (in French)
- Italy (Rome): JD/LLM
WCL JD and LUISS First Level Master in International, Comparative and European Union Law (in English)
- Spain (Madrid): JD/LLM
WCL JD and Universidad Pontificia Comillas Masters in International Business and European Union Law (in English)
- Spain (Madrid): JD/LLM
WCL JD and Carlos III Masters in European Union Law (in Spanish)



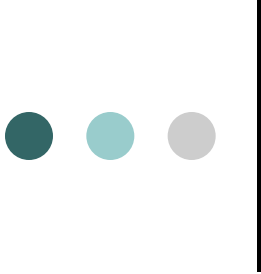
International Dual Degree Program Benefits

- Earn an international law degree
- Transfer credits, not grades
- Develop local expertise and perspective
- Gain international experience
- Network
- Improve foreign language skills
- Increase intercultural competencies
- Eligible to complete attorney certification in a foreign country
- Increase job prospects



International Dual Degree Areas of Practice

- International Business
 - Arbitration
 - Capital Markets
 - Antitrust/Competition
 - Banking
 - Tax
 - Mergers and Acquisitions
 - Corporate
- Civil Law
- Comparative Law
- European Law
- Global Disputes



International Dual Degree: Tuition and Financial Aid

- In year 3, you pay your regular WCL tuition and fees
 - We waive fees for the student fitness center and U*Pass as you will not use them while abroad
 - If needed, we will adjust the cost of living to reflect the location where you are studying
 - If you are receiving financial aid, you will receive the same aid package (scholarships, grants, and loans). You will not receive federal work-study awards while you're abroad.
- If your program requires a third or fourth semester abroad, WCL waives the tuition but you still pay student activity and technology fees
 - The programs are structured to allow students to receive federal financial aid (loans) to cover living expenses in the fourth year



International Dual Degree: Due Dates & Qualifications

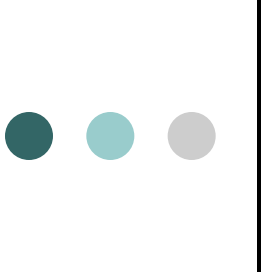
- Application Deadline

- January 31, 2018

- This deadline applies to 1Ls who would go abroad Fall 2019 AND to 2Ls who would go abroad Fall 2018

- Qualifications

- Minimum 3.0/3.3 GPA and in good standing
 - Minimum 59/62 credits completed before departure
 - All additional JD requirements completed before departure
 - Experiential Learning
 - Upper Level Writing Requirement
 - Pro Bono (recommended)



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- Statement of purpose
- Language proficiency (where necessary)
- Previous experience abroad (required)
- Recommendation
- Resume
- Selected candidates invited for committee interview (late February/early March)



Qualities of Successful Dual Degree Students

- ① “hard-working and truly interested in integrating into another country’s legal system.”
- ② “comfortable that they will likely not follow a traditional career path.”
- ③ “adventurous spirit, who is independent but social enough to make friends easily, someone who is flexible and can adjust to things not working the same way in other law schools as they do at American.”
- ④ “proactive and strategic about planning their legal careers.”
- ⑤ “have traveled and lived outside of the United States before.”



Dual Degree Alumni Reflections

- ◉ The degree was definitely worth it and I would certainly do it again.”
- ◉ “(W)as definitely the high point in my life and that experience continues to shape my career in some ways today.”
- ◉ “The dual degree program gave me the chance to integrate into another country’s legal system. I have a breadth and depth of knowledge that very few other students have. Professionally, I have no doubt that it has helped me get the job I have today.”
- ◉ “The dual degree was an important component of my CV and something I highlighted in interviews. It gave me a significant advantage over other French students applying for similar positions and gives me credibility in relation to my colleagues and clients.”
- ◉ “...the dual degree program was a great experience and definitely helped me get where I am today.”



Early Career Employment for International Dual Degree Students

Washington DC

- Africa Center for Strategic Studies
- Chadbourne & Park
- Court of Federal Claims
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- FINRA
- Inter-American Development Bank
- White & Case
- World Bank

Other US

- Baker & McKenzie (Miami)
- DLA Piper (NY)
- Fragomen (NY)
- Jones Day (San Francisco)

Canada

- DOJ Canada
- Stikeman Elliott
- Tory's

France

- General Electric
- Hogan & Lovells
- Jones Day
- McDermott Will & Emery
- White & Case
- Université Paris Sud – Faculté Jean Monnet

Other Abroad

- Clifford Chance (Madrid)
- Ford Foundation (Buenos Aires)
- Freshfields (London)
- Human Rights Law Network (New Delhi)
- International Displacement Monitoring Centre (Geneva)
- King & Wood Mallesons (Hong Kong)
- Shearman & Sterling (São Paulo)
- World Trade Organization (Geneva)



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