

2020 International and Abroad Opportunities at WCL

Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

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- **Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**

The Competition is a unique trilingual (English, Portuguese, and Spanish) event established to train law students how to use the Inter-American human rights legal system as a legitimate forum for redressing human rights violations. Since its inception in 1995, it has trained over 4800 students and faculty participants from over 350 universities from the Americas and beyond. Written on a cutting-edge topic currently debated within the Inter-American system, the hypothetical case operates as the basis of the competition, and students argue the merits of this case by writing legal memoranda and preparing oral arguments for presentation in front of human rights experts acting as the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

- **Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

The Program is an intensive three-week program that offers a broad spectrum of classes taught by more than 40 world-renowned faculty members in both English and Spanish. One of the unique features of the Program is that the participants have varied academic and professional backgrounds. Through this Program, the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law provides the unique opportunity to learn and interact with judges of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the International Court of Justice (ICJ), Special Rapporteurs and Committee members of United Nations, members of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, experts from prominent NGO's, and professors from all over the world.

The Academy also supports Human Rights Month, the Human Rights Essay Award, and the LL.M. in International Human Rights and Humanitarian law.

African Law and Policy Association

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The African Law and Policy Association is a student-run organization exploring different legal issues on the African continent. We aim to engage WCL students in discussions with professionals from the continent as well as link them to internship opportunities abroad.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society (ADRHS)

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The Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society (ADRHS) is a student-run organization geared towards fostering an interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) at WCL. ADRHS members are selected during the annual Spring Qualifying Tournament and are placed onto various competition teams based on their backgrounds and interests. ADRHS members serve

as ambassadors for WCL during competitions that take place in the United States and in foreign countries around the world. ADRHS specifically participates in competitions that focus on showcasing skills in mediation, negotiation, and arbitration.

The Arbitration Brief

<https://digitalcommons.wcl.american.edu/ab/>

The Arbitration Brief is a student publication of the Washington College of Law produced with the assistance of the Center for International Commercial Arbitration. The Brief has recently evolved from the strong foundation that was laid by the International Commercial Arbitration Brief to include all avenues of arbitration. With an expanded scope, The Arbitration Brief strives to cover a wide variety of topics, ranging from domestic employment arbitration to international investment disputes.

Business Law Program

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The Business Law Program at the American University Washington College of Law includes an extensive curriculum, a number of student organizations, countless events throughout the year, as well as a full scholarly program. With nearly dozens of different course offerings in business law and related fields, covering topics from antitrust to Regulation Z and everything in between, the curriculum aims to offer every course relevant to practicing business law, domestically and internationally, in the twenty-first century. Experiential learning in clinics and externships, both on the transactional and the litigation sides of practice, gives students what they need to develop and mature as budding lawyers.

Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

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For 30 years, the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law has worked with students, faculty, and the international legal community to provide support for human rights initiatives around the world through teaching, scholarship, and service. Our specialized curricula and on-campus activities support student learning of human rights issues, frameworks, and lawyering skills, through student leadership activities, expert discussions, specialized seminars, and workshops. The Center's research and scholarship activities seek to promote legal research and social scientific methodologies, theories, and ethics that can be harnessed by civil society, institutions, and advocates to advance impactful and innovative solutions to critical human rights challenges. Our activities in litigation and advocacy aim to enhance and promote access to justice around the world through strengthening human rights frameworks at the national, regional, and international levels, while empowering marginalized individuals and communities to assert their basic human rights.

Center on International Commercial Arbitration

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The Center on International Commercial Arbitration offers a crossroads for international business and law by educating students and training practitioners on emerging issues in arbitration and other means of dispute resolution. The Center provides advice on international internships opportunities in France, Hong Kong, Brazil, and Colombia, and participation in moot competitions overseas.

European Law Association

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European Law Association (“ELA”) is a student organization on campus. We focus on European law, comparative law, and international law. ELA students work to facilitate conversations about critical issues shared by North America and Europe. We bring practitioners, professors, scholars, academics, alumni, and even judges from all over the world to campus for symposium events, panel discussions, happy hours, book launches, and receptions. Many of these events lead to a greater understanding of how to interculturally communicate legal ideologies. They also create long lasting connections for internships, clerkships, and career opportunities in the transnational legal field.

International Communications Regulation and Policy

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This program is the result of the cooperation between the WCL and the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO). The program provides in-residence and online training to international lawyers and students in the global regulation of telecommunications. This is a rapidly growing, novel, field of transnational regulation at the forefront of technological development. The program provides students with an introduction to international communications regulation and policy with a special focus on International Information Communications Technology (ICT). It explores current and emerging issues relating to communications policy and regulation, including licensing, competition, and universal access and service and internet issues.

International Dual Degree Programs (Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Spain)

<http://wcl.american.edu/dualdegree>
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The International Dual Degree Programs allow WCL students to simultaneously obtain a JD from WCL and a practicing level law degree from Australia, Canada or France, or an LL.M. degree from Italy or Spain. International JD Dual Degree students are able to go beyond area studies in international or transnational law and become actual transnational lawyers.

International Externships

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externship@wcl.american.edu>

WCL's International Externship Program offers students a unique opportunity in American legal education. Students perform fieldwork abroad, where they are linked to WCL faculty via an Internet "virtual classroom." Externs must be engaged in substantive legal work under the supervision of an attorney and must work on site. Externs may not be paid but may receive a stipend. All externs must be available to participate in the seminar which meets weekly throughout the summer via an online platform.

International Human Rights Law Clinic

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The International Human Rights Law Clinic (IHRLC) advances human rights domestically and around the world in collaboration with individual clients, human rights non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the communities these NGOs represent. With faculty supervision, IHRLC student attorneys:

- Provide legal representation to clients and organizations in international, regional, and domestic forums;
- Document human rights violations in the United States and abroad;
- Publish and present reports, papers, and other materials to advance the human rights of marginalized communities.

Each IHRLC student attorney works on both individual and organizational client matters, in a collaborative setting, and receives close guidance and regular feedback from IHRLC faculty.

American University International Law Review

<https://auilrblog.com/auilr@wcl.american.edu>

The American University International Law Review ("AUILR") publishes articles, critical essays, and comments on international law topics including public and private international law, international trade law and arbitration, and human rights. Instagram (@theauilr) and Twitter (@auilr).

International Law Student Association (ILSA)

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The International Law Student Association is a student run organization that is focused on international law and connecting JD and LLM students on campus. In prior years, ILSA has

brought speakers to campus such as Michelle Bachelet - the High Commissioner from the UN on Human Rights and Thomas Buergenthal - former International Court of Justice Judge. Along with providing these incredible speakers, ILSA has hosted events on impact litigation, researching international law, and bridging the gap between international and domestic U.S. law. Follow us on social media @wcl_ilsa.

International Trade and Investment Law Society (ITILS)

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The International Trade and Investment Law Society (ITILS) is a group of students interested in the fields of arbitration, international trade, and investment law. Each year the society hosts a variety of seminars, lunches, networking opportunities, and other events for students, alumni, and practitioners in these fields. Topics at our events range from the World Trade Organization (WTO), intellectual property, trade agreements and negotiations, investment and financial services, trade policy, cross-border transactions and more!

JD/MA Program

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Earn a law degree from the Washington College of Law and a M.A. in International Affairs from the School of International Service. Both the WCL International Law and the SIS International Affairs programs consistently rank in the Top Ten of national and international professional programs. Prepares professionals for engaging at highest levels of international law and policy issues.

Law and International Development Society

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The Law and International Development Society (LIDS) is a student-run organization that provides pro-bono services and creates partnerships with non-profit and non-governmental organizations in the Washington D.C. area. LIDS provides law students with an opportunity to gain practical experience and improve legal research and writing skills. As international development cuts across a variety of sectors, the projects LIDS students work on can explore many issues including the rule of law and governance, food and water security, capacity building, corruption, healthcare and education, women and children's rights, poverty reduction, disaster preparedness, social entrepreneurship, infrastructure development, and sustainability.

Lawyering Peace Program

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The Lawyering Peace Class at American University provides students an opportunity to develop professional skills and substantively engage in peace negotiations, post-conflict constitution drafting, and transitional justice planning through supporting client organizations actively working in these areas.

Office of Career and Professional Development

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Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) collaborates with J.D. and LL.M. students, alumni, and employers to create opportunities for professional development training, networking, and recruiting.

Comprised of experienced counseling team and a dedicated recruiting team, students can expect to partner with the office on all aspects of their career development through its professional development programs, individual counseling, and other targeted offerings, including WCL-specific student resources.

Program on Environmental and Energy Law

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/environment/>

The Program on Environmental and Energy Law strives to provide an education that is interdisciplinary and inclusive, in which lessons foster passion for the environment and cultivate legal excellence, cultural competency, and global awareness. The Program's faculty, staff, adjuncts, and alumni are easily accessible as mentors, to equip and inspire the next generation of lawyers to identify equitable solutions to pressing environmental challenges. The curriculum and our many program events provide students with a thorough grounding in domestic environmental, energy, and natural resources law, international and comparative environmental and energy law, environmental and climate justice, and animal law.

Program on International Organizations, Law, and Development

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/impact/initiatives-programs/internationalorganizations/>

The Program on International Organizations, Law and Development (PIOLD), directed by Professor Fernanda G. Nicola, brings together students, alumni, faculty, international organizations, and professionals in the law and development field. PIOLD grants students an exclusive look at the practice of the field, while exposing students to innovative topics including law and technology, gender and development, natural resources, rule of law reforms and mining legislation. PIOLD strives to expand AU WCL's academics to the forefront of International Law and Development and Comparative Law, while building the professional capacity of our students to the highest level especially in Washington D.C. In this respect, PIOLD brings together WCL faculty, SIS faculty, adjunct faculty, professionals from WB, IDB, IMF, USTR and EPLO and EU delegation, and student leaders from SBA set each year to

discuss the vision and goals program. PIOLD is seeking to create a curriculum guide for 2L and 3Ls and eventually a “certificate” as an institutional home for international development lawyers currently working for LIDS (Law and international Development Society) at AUWCL.

Semester Exchange

<http://wcl.studioabroad.com/?go=semester>
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WCL’s 22 semester exchange programs in 17 countries allow students to become immersed in a different legal culture for a semester. These programs offer students a global perspective of the legal profession as they immersed in a different socio-legal culture. Students may have opportunities to gain work experience abroad, develop the language skills required to be effective lawyers at home and abroad and learn about the law as well as how to interact with global and transnational actors.

Spanish for Lawyers

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Spanish for Lawyers introduces lawyers, legal professionals, and law students with a high-intermediate to advanced level of Spanish speaking skills to legal Spanish concepts and cross-cultural communication in the context of U.S. Criminal Law and U.S. Immigration Law. The course is taught online, and consists of live lectures, written assignments, and oral exercises. Participants will practice a wide array of legal Spanish skills ranging from legal reading and writing strategies to oral presentation of substantive legal issues.

Summer Law Programs in London, Brussels, and Geneva

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Spend your summer studying law and building professional networks in London, Brussels, and Geneva. Gain an international perspective on your legal studies and a solid foundation in areas of international importance. Students can take up to 7 credits from the following course tracks:

- International Business and Regulation in London and Brussels (3 credits)
- International Trade and IP in Geneva (3 credits)
- Human Rights, Labor, and International Law Commission (4 credits)

Tech, Law, & Security

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We are at an inflection point. Advances in technology over the last few decades have created tremendous opportunities, but have also exposed, exacerbated, and in some ways created core vulnerabilities. Democracy, freedom of speech, security, privacy and the balance of power all hang in the balance.

The Tech, Law & Security Program (TLS) is a new initiative at American University Washington College of Law that will tackle the challenges and opportunities posed by emerging technology—offering innovative solutions, engaging our students, and training the leaders of tomorrow.

Trade, Investment and Development Program (TID)

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The TID Program promotes the study and practice of trade & investment law and focuses on the linkage between trade and other disciplines, such as intellectual property, environment, investment, labor and human rights. It offers a rigorous curriculum in trade and investment, including a summer course on WTO law at the WTO headquarters in Geneva. TID creates opportunities for students to interact with faculty, alumni, and the trade bar in DC through organizing high-profile events. It also hosts the ELSA/WTO All American Regional Round Moot Court that enables students to deepen their knowledge of WTO law and pleading skills. TID also promotes internships and career opportunities at the Office of United States Trade Representative, International Trade Commission, Department of Commerce, the WTO in Geneva, the World Bank, and trade law firms in the US and abroad.

US & International Anti-Corruption Law Program

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Mounting allegations of bribery and other forms of corruption, violations of ethical norms and weakening of accountability mechanisms in the U.S. and elsewhere underscore the urgent need for legal professionals knowledgeable about anti-corruption laws, cases, codes of conduct and compliance training, investigation and risk management tools and preventive measures.

The U.S. and International Anti-Corruption Law Program is widely recognized for providing peer-to-peer learning on these topics. Leading expert practitioners share their knowledge and practical experience with students and public and private sector professionals from around the world, enhancing their expertise and expanding their networks.

The Anti-Corruption Law Program offers courses for practitioners and students who want to work to combat corruption in the U.S. and abroad. It provides opportunities to network with

practitioners and to connect to externships and internships at non-profits and international organizations and to relevant ABA, IBA and other anti-corruption professional groups.

War Crimes Research Office

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- **Summer Law Program in The Hague**

The Hague Summer Program offers participants an opportunity to study some of the most important legal issues today in the heart of the international justice community. The four-week program includes two three-credit courses: International Criminal Law: In Search of Accountability and International Legal Approaches to Terrorism in the 21st Century.

- **International Criminal Law Practicum**

The International Criminal Law Practicum gives students an opportunity to engage in real-life projects dealing with the investigation and prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Students will work on projects of the Washington College of Law's War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) undertaken in partnership with organizations involved in the investigation and prosecution of serious international crimes. Under close supervision of the instructor and in collaboration with WCRO's professional staff, students will work on specific projects and develop some of the fundamental research, writing, and advocacy skills critical for practice in this rapidly evolving field.

- **Jean-Pictet & Clara Barton IHL Competitions; ICC Moot Competition**

Unlike a traditional moot court competition, the Jean-Pictet Competition consists of a week-long series of simulated diplomatic negotiations and other exercises focused on IHL and other areas of public international law. The Clara Barton International Humanitarian Law Competition is an experiential learning competition similar to the Jean Pictet Competition that is sponsored by the American Red Cross to introduce future attorneys to the practical challenges encountered by those who practice IHL during armed conflict. The ICC Competition consists of an extensive six-day educational and social program, which brings together students of diverse backgrounds and cultures to The Hague to challenge their skills as future international lawyers.