

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Spend a semester studying abroad!

AUSTRIA

University of Salzburg
(Language requirement: English)

BELGIUM

Catholic University of Louvain
(Language requirement: French)

DENMARK

University of Copenhagen
(Language requirement: English)

GERMANY

Bucerius Law School
(Language requirement: English)

ITALY

University of Parma
(Language requirement: Italian)

SPAIN

Francisco de Vitoria University, Madrid
(Language requirement: Spanish)

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International Exchange Programs

Pacific McGeorge offers J.D. students the opportunity to add a true international dimension to their law school experience by studying for one full semester at one of several foreign universities with which the law school has exchange agreements. Under these agreements, students receive credit for courses taken at the foreign law school while continuing to pay tuition to the home school. All that is required to qualify for a semester-abroad program is to be in good standing at Pacific McGeorge. Normally, students take their semester abroad during the fall or spring semester of their final year. Pacific McGeorge has exchange agreements with the following universities:

University of Salzburg Faculty of Law (Austria) – This program is available during the fall semester only, and it allows students to enroll in classes that are part of the collaborative LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice program between Pacific McGeorge and the University of Salzburg. Classes are held in English and focus primarily on the law of the European Union. Knowledge of German is not required. To learn more about the life of an exchange law student in Salzburg, read the blog written by Pacific McGeorge alumnus Kayvan Hazemi, who studied in Salzburg in fall 2007.

Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) – The entire new town of Louvain-la-Neuve was built around the campus of this university in the French-speaking part of Belgium. Some classes are held in English, but to be able to participate in this exchange, a reasonable fluency in French is necessary. Applications for the fall semester must be submitted by the previous May 31 and for the fall semester by the previous October 31.

University of Copenhagen (Denmark) – This university has been around for centuries and is located in the heart of Denmark's largest city. It offers a full selection of law courses in English, so knowledge of Danish is not necessary in order to study there. Students must be nominated by Pacific McGeorge to participate in this exchange, and interested students should request to be nominated no later than May 31 for enrollment in either the following fall or spring semester.

Bucerius Law School (Hamburg, Germany) – This was Germany's first private law school, and it has become known throughout the world as an innovator in legal education. Exchange students are accepted for the fall semester only. Applications to be an exchange student may be made on line and must be submitted by May 31 of the year for which the application is made. All classes are taught in English.

University of Parma (Italy) – Located in one of the food capitals of Italy (think Parmesan cheese), the law faculty of this university occupies a medieval building in the historic center of Parma. There are a few classes offered in English, but the majority of courses are in Italian, so language proficiency is necessary for exchange students. Applications for either semester of the academic year should be submitted by May 31 of the previous year.

Francisco de Vitoria University (Madrid, Spain) – This is a top-rated private university located in the capital of Spain. Although some courses are offered in English, reasonable fluency in Spanish is a must in order to participate in this exchange program. Applications for the fall semester must be submitted by the previous May 31 and for the spring semester by the previous October 31. For this program, tuition is paid to the visited school rather than to the home institution.

Section 903 from the Grading and Advancement Rules

903. Course Work Taken at Foreign Institutions by McGeorge Students.

Students enrolled at McGeorge who wish to take courses at a foreign institution with which McGeorge has a Student Exchange Program must obtain approval in advance from the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

- a. Requests for approval must include an educational objective, set forth the school and course descriptions, and indicate whether or not transfer credit back to McGeorge will be sought. If transfer credit is sought, a statement of semester unit equivalents must be provided.
- b. Permission will be granted only to students with a cumulative GPA of 2.70 as of the last grading period prior to date of application, and only for Day Division and Evening Division students who would have completed their second year of study at McGeorge.
- c. Permission will not be granted for a credited period of more than one semester nor for more than fifteen (15) semester units of credit. Required courses will not be waived and cannot be satisfied by any course taken at a foreign institution.
- d. When transfer credit is granted, only the units and not the grade will be credited. The course will be treated the same as an "honors/pass/no credit/fail" course for GPA purposes; however, for the purposes of rule 204, one-half of the units earned will be treated as graded units. (Adopted 4/10/02)