

Survey Results:

*Pacific McGeorge
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**Survey
Experiential, Bilingual & Intercultural
International Programs
2009-2010**



QUESTIONS

1. Do you have an international program that includes experiential education, such as externships abroad? If so, please describe.
2. Do you have a bilingual program? If so, please describe.
3. Do you have a program that includes meaningful opportunities for intercultural exchanges with students, faculty, or citizens of other countries? If so, please describe.

RESPONSES

American University Washington College of Law

1. Yes, WCL has multiple partnerships with law schools around the world, including joint JD programs with schools in France and Spain (leading to dual bars in US and EU), LLM programs in Latin America, Asia, and Europe, many externships abroad, in Geneva and other IO and ICL centers worldwide, and a lot of experiential learning in the developing world.
2. Yes, we offer several classes in Spanish, taught by the Dean but also several of our Latin American law professors, also some courses in French. However, one of the big reasons why students come to do the LLM program is to ensure that their English is good, so they prefer classes in English.
3. Yes, WCL has what you'd expect with 150 or more foreign LLMS - lots of programs and discussions, etc.

Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.

Columbia Law School

1. Yes, for many years, Columbia students have been supported in summer work on human rights at NGOs abroad. Our Human Rights Clinic exposes students to the practice of law in the international and cross-cultural context of human rights litigation

and advocacy. To bridge theory and practice, the clinic provides students with hands-on experience working on active human rights cases and projects, which sometimes includes trips abroad for work on clinic projects.

2. Yes, the Seminar on International Business Transactions In Latin America is taught in Spanish in alternate years; students in our joint degree program with Science-Po in Paris will need French for their residence there, as the French candidates require English for their time with us.

3. Yes, one could describe the whole of our curriculum in this way. An increasing proportion of our JD class is comprised of persons who have received their undergraduate education abroad. Roughly a fifth of the upperclass student body are LL.M. candidates, virtually all from other countries and most of whom have come from civil law jurisdictions; with one exception intended to orient them to American law, they take the same courses as JD candidates. We have joint degree programs with two other universities, and several other opportunities for our students to study abroad. Our regular faculty includes several colleagues who have studied extensively abroad, and others who teach part of the year with us, and part of the year at universities abroad. Our international and comparative law curriculum is extraordinary. Many student groups are organized around national or regional identity, and they regularly offer exchange opportunities (Indian dinner tonight!) to the student body generally.

Florida Coastal School of Law

1. Yes, our students to externships at the Hague (ICTY) and ad hoc externships overseas. We also have students in the Caribbean Law Clinic which involves giving legal advice to AG's in Caribbean nations.

2. No.

3. Yes, we have a summer program in France, with French students in the class and an exchange program with a school in Lithuania. Immigration Law Clinic involves clients from other countries.

Georgia State University College of Law

1. No.

2. No.

3. No.

The Indiana University School of Law

1. Yes, human rights programs. The students are paired with a human rights organizations in various countries. These are summer externships.
2. No.
3. Yes, we provide opportunities through our LL.M. programs for others to visit our school. Faculty may also individual sponsor a scholar from another country to study at our university. The main university offers faculty and student exchanges in which our school may participate. For example, I will be teaching at a Chinese law school next summer; in turn, a faculty member from that same school has come to our university to study and teach this semester. Students are provided opportunities through our summer abroad programs in Europe and China. We hope to reinstitute a Latin American program in the near future.

Moritz College of Law, Ohio State University

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes, during our Semester in Oxford Program (joint with University of Georgia) we have professors from several countries act as tutors for the students. We also schedule activities and social events with students at St. Anne's College. As part of our Summer in Oxford Program, students are taught by an Oxford professor and an English barrister.

Pennsylvania State University

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes, semester exchange programs with our partner law schools in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Quinnipiac University School of Law

1. No.
2. No.
3. (No answer.)

St. Mary's University School of Law

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes, our program in Austria includes participation by Austrian law students, and sometimes by law students from other countries (primarily European) as well. Foreign faculty always are included in the curriculum. We take students on visits to local governmental and legal institutions, and we host several receptions for our students to which local academics, judges, and government officials are invited.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes, three such programs - two are residential with half USA and half local students, one is online and has students from 40 or 50 countries any given year, as well as more than half foreign faculty.

University of Baltimore School of Law

1. No, we are involved in a number of foreign programs and exchanges, but to my knowledge, they do not have externships or other non-academic components.
2. No.
3. Yes, we have summer/inter-term programs in Aberdeen Scotland, Haifa Israel, and Curacao N.A. We have formal faculty exchanges with the possibility of student exchanges with the European member schools of the European American Consortium for Legal Education (Rotterdam, Ghent, Warsaw, Helsinki). We have other exchanges with Brazil and China. We have an LLM program (Law of the U.S) which presently has students from several other countries.

University of Maryland School of Law

1. Yes, since 1989, we have had an externship program with South Africa, placing students at certain human rights and civil rights NGOs. We also have a summer externship program placing students at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Another overseas externship our school offers is with the World Health Organization (WHO) Division of Health and Human Rights for a three month period. Our Law Reform Commission program affords students an opportunity for summer placement at the law reform commission of any one of several, participating British Commonwealth

countries, tied to coursework in a comparative public policy course. This is not formally an externship, since the students technically do not receive credit for their practical work at the law reform commission where they are placed, but for the underlying academic course and/or a related independent written work.

2. No.

3. Yes, we have semester- or academic year-long exchange programs with the School of Law of the Central University of Finance and Economics (in Beijing, China), the University of Cape Town (in Cape Town, South Africa), the University of Chile (in Santiago, Chile), and Bucerius Law School (in Hamburg, Germany). In addition, jointly with University of Baltimore School of Law, we have a summer program for our American law students together with students of the University of Aberdeen, with the program held at the latter university, in Aberdeen, Scotland, and classes conducted by faculty from each of the three participating law schools.

University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law

1. Yes, one track of our LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice entails students undertaking an internship in organizations or law firms engaged in transnational practice. Our newly established InterAmerican program gives J.D. students who are proficient in Spanish the opportunity to undertake an internship with NGOs in Guatemala who deal with labor, environmental or trade issues. We also have J.D. students undertaking internships with international courts.

2. Yes, our InterAmerican program features both legal instruction and internships in Spanish. Further details are available on our website.

3. Yes, please see responses to the prior questions. In addition, our LL.M. and student exchange programs bring as many as 50 non-U.S. law students, as well as a number of non-U.S. faculty, to our campus every year. This provides an opportunity for cultural exchange for a considerable fraction of our overall student body. A sizable fraction of our J.D. student body obtains at least some overseas experience by virtue of participating in our extremely large Salzburg summer program.

University of San Diego School of Law

1. No, I think that U San Diego just has an international program that includes fairly traditional law classes. Our program of this type is very extensive.

2. Yes, Professor Jorge Vargas teaches a Spanish for Lawyers course, particularly regarding Mexican Law.

3. Yes, we have LLM students from a variety of continents that are pretty well incorporated into the school's academic activities. We also have several visiting profs from other countries.

The University of San Francisco School of Law

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. (No answer.)

University of Washington School of Law

1. Yes, JD students may engage in international public service externships with nonprofit organizations, government agencies or international organizations. Ordinarily, students may not receive credit for a placement with a private sector employer unless the employer is working on a pro bono project.

Student needs to consult with the Public Service Program Coordinator and the Dean of Academic Services in order to obtain approval prior to registering for an externship. For students who wish to receive between 6 and 15 credit hours for an externship, a site visit is required during the externship.

A student may wish to register for more than 9 credits while overseas and combine an independent study with the externship for a total of 12 or more credits in order to have the externship period counts as a residence quarter. In such an instance, the student will need to engage in directed reading, independent study and research with a.

2. No.
3. No, full immersion with LLM and Visiting Scholars Program. Law Through Global Eyes lecture series and discussion forum.

Vermont Law School

1. Yes. (See below.)

Internships (*stages*) at Paris law firms

Students in our dual degree program with the University of Cergy-Pontoise engage in two full-time, month-long internships (*stages*) at Paris law firms as part of their Masters II-DJCE (*Diplôme Juriste Conseil d'Entreprise*). Law firms where our students have interned include Soulier, Hammonds & Hausmann, [Landwell & Associés](#), and Le Bars Associés.

International Semester-in-Practice

Students earn academic credit while working in closely-supervised externships in intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and international firms and associations. Day-to-day supervision and training are carried out by an experienced field mentor at the placement institution. Vermont Law School selects the mentors/supervisors, provides support and training for them, stays in touch during the semester, and follows up with each afterward. A site visit is conducted by a Vermont Law School professor for each placement.

The International Semester-in-Practice is divided into two components: practicum and reflective class. The 11-credit practicum is pass/fail. The 2-credit reflective class, conducted via on-line work and through skyping, is required simultaneously with the practicum and is graded.

A list of placements is attached.

Experiential fellowship in Bangkok, Thailand

Each year, a Vermont Law School student is chosen as a fellow to work with AECEN, the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network, in Bangkok. During the 10- to 12-week fellowship, the student undertakes regional surveys of environmental impact and regulation in one of 10 Asian countries.

Independent Research Projects through summer internships abroad

Students may obtain Independent Research Project (IRP) credit for appropriate internships under the supervision of a faculty member. Recent examples include:

- internship with the Prosecution Section of the Registry in Sarajevo, providing support to the Prosecutor's Office and Court of BiH
- internship for an Irish Member of the European Parliament in Strasbourg

Students submit weekly journal entries, have bi-weekly phone calls with the supervising Vermont law professor, and write a 30-page paper after review of several drafts by the professor.

2. Other– Our study abroad programs are solely in a foreign language:

- French, Spanish or Italian and German
 - except:
- our dual degree program with Cambridge, which is of course in English;
- and our semester exchange program with McGill, where students may choose from a wide range of courses taught in French or English

University of Cergy-Pontoise: Dual degree and semester study options

- JD / Masters I
- JD / Masters II-DJCE (*Diplôme Juriste Conseil d'Entreprise*)
- Semester of study at Cergy

All the courses our students take are in French.

University of Sevilla: Dual degree and semester study options

- JD / Master in Spanish Constitutional Law
- Semester of study at Sevilla

All the courses our students take are in Spanish

University of Trento: Semester study

- Semester of study at Trento

All the courses our students take are in Italian or German.

3. Yes, several of our courses, by virtue of their collaborative projects with law students, lawyers and law faculty in other countries, involve a significant degree of intercultural exchange:

Environmental Law and Regulation in China - Collaborative Research Fellowships

We offer year-long, collaborative research projects in which Vermont Law students work together with students at law schools in China on joint research projects that examine issues of environmental law and regulation. As part of this program:

- Student fellows make several trips to China to establish research teams and topics and visit Chinese sites of environmental interest.
- Students from Vermont Law School and China collaborate on research and then present their papers in China and the U.S.
- A primary goal of the research program is to devise tangible solutions to China's environmental challenges.
- The students' research has been published in such journals as the *Harvard Environmental Law Review* and the *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*.

Course: Environmental Law and Regulation in China

This summer course at Vermont Law School has an optional one-credit segment in China, where students view environmental conditions firsthand, attend lectures, and meet with leading Chinese environmental scholars and activists as well as government officials.

Seminars with experience abroad component

These intensive courses give students direct in-country experience with the host universities' students, professors, and legal systems.

1. Spanish Constitutional Law

Co-taught by professors from the University of Sevilla and Vermont Law School; the first segment is taught at Vermont, with the second segment taught in an intensive week of classes over mid-semester break at Sevilla.

2. Emerging Constitutional Law of the European Union

Co-taught by professors from the University of Trento and Vermont Law School; the first segment is taught at Vermont, with the second segment taught in an intensive week of classes over mid-semester break at Trento.

Visiting Chinese Environmental Law Scholars Program

Each year, Vermont Law School hosts several Chinese professors of environmental law for a year-long program through our US-China Partnership for Environmental Law. Visiting Scholars have come from such institutions as China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in Beijing, Ningbo University Law School, and Sun Yat-sen University. Numerous formal and informal events take place throughout the year that provide a forum for intercultural discussion.

Foreign LLM students in the US classroom

Here are just a couple of the many ways in which our foreign LLM students interact with our JD students in the classroom at Vermont Law School:

- International Intellectual Property
In a negotiation exercise in our course in International Intellectual Property, US students negotiate and draft an agreement licensing US software to a French company. Our LLM students from the University of Cergy-Pontoise – who are all French lawyers – role-play the French lawyers.
- Contracts
In Contracts this fall, after the class concluded its discussion of consideration, two of our French exchange students gave a presentation to the class on the French doctrine of "cause."

INTERNATIONAL SEMESTER-IN-PRACTICE PLACEMENTS

Firm/Organization

- Fundacion Ambio
- Paz Horowitz, Abogados
- TNT Solicitors & Oury Clark Solicitors
- Foreign Commercial Service/ US Mission to the EU
- International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
Netherlands
- T.M.C. Asser Institute
Netherlands
- Belgian Nuclear Research Centre
- POCH y Asociados
- Enviro-Legal Defence Firm (ELDF)
- Citizen Consumer & Civil Action Group (CAG)
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- TMI Associates
- World Wildlife Fund
Madagascar

Location

San Jose, Costa Rica
Quito, Ecuador
London, England
Brussels, Belgium
The Hague,
The Hague,
Mol, Belgium
Santiago, Chile
Uttar Pradesh, India
Chennai, India
Nairobi, Kenya
Tokyo, Japan
Antananarivo,

- Port Authority of Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain
- International Stem Cell Forum, Ethics Working Party
Montréal, Canada
- Spamer Triebel Inc.
Cape Town, South Africa
- United Nations Volunteers
Bonn, Germany
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Legal Office
Rome, Italy
- Maritime New Zealand
Wellington, New Zealand
- M Ravi & Co
Singapore
- Jerald Gomez & Associates
Kuala Lumpur
- U.S. Embassy, Economic Section
Brussels, Belgium
- Centro de Derechos Humanos y Ambiente (CEDHA)
Córdoba, Argentina
- Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL)
Washington, D.C.
- Global Justice Center
New York City

Villanova University School of Law

1. No.
2. No.
3. Yes, we have several JD/LLM programs, in which students spend their first two years of law study at Villanova and their third year (or slightly longer) at one of our partner schools abroad. They earn a Villanova J.D. and an LL.M. from the partner school.

Washington and Lee University School of Law

1. Yes, we have a number of transnational practicum courses.
2. No.
3. Yes, the students engage in a great deal of intercultural exchange in the practicum courses.

Widener University School of Law

1. Yes, new program with externships at the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva beginning in the summer of 2010.
2. No.
3. Yes, semester abroad / exchange with the University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, China. Four summer abroad programs in Switzerland, Italy, Kenya, and Australia.