



## Summer Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

### 1) Are the Summer Abroad Programs ABA Approved? Who is eligible?

Yes! All of AUWCL's summer abroad programs are approved by [ABA's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar](#). Each foreign institution AUWCL partners with is government sanctioned or recognized; recognized or approved by an evaluation body; and/or chartered to award first degrees in law by the appropriate authority within the country. AUWCL has a formal written agreement with all of the programs host institution and reviews and approves all of the course work the student will complete while abroad. Additionally, each Summer Program has a Program Director (AUWCL Faculty) who is on site throughout the entire program to assure the program and courses are consistent with AUWCL and the ABA's standards and criteria.

### 2) Who is eligible?

Any student in good standing that will have completed their first year of law school before the program start date may apply.

### 3) I am not an AUWCL student. Can I do the program?

Our program is ABA accredited so any student in good standing from any ABA accredited law school can attend after their first year of law school. Most schools allow their students to attend our program and transfer the credits earned towards their JD program at the home school. Please check with your Registrar or Dean of Students if this would be your case. In the past we have had students from the following law schools:

- University of California, Berkeley School of Law
- Capital University Law School
- University of Colorado Law School
- Cornell Law School
- University of Denver, Sturm College of Law
- DePaul University College of Law
- Florida Coastal School of Law
- Fordham University School of Law
- Georgetown University Law Center
- George Mason University School of Law
- The George Washington University Law School
- Golden Gate University School of Law
- Gonzaga School of Law
- Lewis and Clark Law School
- University of Maryland School of Law
- Michigan State University College of Law
- The University of Michigan Law School

- University of Minnesota Law School
- University of Nebraska College of Law
- New England School of Law
- New York University School of Law
- Northeastern University School of Law
- Ohio Northern University College of Law
- University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
- Pace Law School
- University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- Roger Williams University School of Law
- Samford University, Cumberland School of Law
- University of Santa Clara School of Law
- University of San Francisco School of Law
- Seattle University School of Law
- Southern Methodist University, Dedran School of Law
- St. Louis University School of Law
- University of St. Thomas School of law
- Suffolk University Law School
- Temple University, Beasley School of Law
- University of Texas School of Law
- William & Mary School of Law
- Marquette University Law School
- John Marshall Law School
- Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law
- University of Toledo College of Law
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law
- Charlotte School of Law
- Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University College of Law
- University of District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law

#### 4) How will it affect my financial aid?

It should not affect your financial aid. Before applying to any summer abroad program, please consult the [AUWCL Financial Aid Office](#) with any specific questions about your aid package. If you are a visiting student, you should consult your home school financial aid office to assess whether you will be able to complete a consortium agreement to transfer aid to AUWCL for your summer abroad.

#### 5) Is it difficult to be admitted?

The programs follow the ABA rules of admission. As long as you are in good standing at an ABA accredited law school, have been authorized by your law school to participate in a program, and have submitted your complete application while spots were available, you are admitted in the program.

#### 6) Do the courses require a lot of work?

The courses have a fair amount of reading. Students are expected to read in advance and prepare their classes every day. However, students usually have the afternoons and weekends to do other activities.

7) Are the courses graded? Is there an attendance policy?

Students are expected to complete assigned readings, participate regularly in all scheduled classes and events and successfully pass a final written exam for each course. Class attendance is required. The course grade will be based on attendance, participation and final exam grade.

8) As a non-AUWCL student, can I transfer the credits to my school?

The programs are ABA accredited. It's up to each school to authorize the transfer of credits. Students should check with their Dean of Admissions or Registrar.

9) Will there be any changes in the schedule?

As with any program that relies on the participation of many different speakers there may be changes in the order of the sessions. There will also be events that are not scheduled at this time but will be offered to students as the programs develop.

10) Program-specific questions

AUWCL offers several study abroad programs and each program is highly specialized and unique. If you have questions which are program specific, please visit the program page. If you still have questions about a specific program, send an message to the e-mail address provided by the program.

Summer Law Program	Program E-Mail
Comparative Summer Law Program in Europe	<a href="mailto:eurolaw@wcl.american.edu">eurolaw@wcl.american.edu</a>
International Organizations, Law, Diplomacy Summer Program (Geneva)	<a href="mailto:internationalorganizations@wcl.american.edu">internationalorganizations@wcl.american.edu</a>
Summer Law Program in The Hague	<a href="mailto:hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu">hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu</a>

11) What if I want to study on a program not listed on this website?

All requests to study through a non-AUWCL affiliated program MUST be approved in advance by the **AUWCL Registrar's Office**. Such programs must be ABA approved and accredited by the appropriate agency abroad. Students also must include a statement of purpose and demonstrate how this law program and the courses offered therein meet their goals and are not duplicative of a AUWCL program. Not only the program, but also specific courses must be approved. Please contact the [AUWCL Office of the Registrar](#) directly with any questions. Approval of a non-AUWCL affiliated study abroad program is not guaranteed and is dependent on the individual circumstances of the student.