



Semester Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

1) Are the Semester Exchange Programs ABA approved?

Yes! All of AUWCL's study abroad and international exchange programs are approved by and meet the requirements of the 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. Additionally, 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.

2) Who is eligible?

Any 2L or 3L student in good standing may apply. In the case of over-subscription, 3L's will be given preference, with due consideration given to any language requirements an institution may have.

3) I am not an AUWCL student. Can I still participate?

Yes. Please note that priority is given to AUWCL students. Visiting students must receive permission from their home school before applying to any AUWCL semester abroad program. For more information, please contact wclabroad@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4228.

4) Will I get credit?

According to ABA standards, students may transfer up to 12 credits to AUWCL from their host institution. As a general practice, grades are not transferred, and all credit transfer will be determined by the AUWCL registrar.

5) How will it affect my graduation from AUWCL?

Studying abroad should be an asset and add to the quality of a student's legal education and experience. Thus any student wishing to spend a semester abroad should speak with the registrar about what academic requirements the student has met and what requirements have yet to be fulfilled. These requirements affect a student's ability to graduate in a timely manner, and steps should be taken to ensure the semester abroad experience does not interfere with the student's expectations. AUWCL students may defer any remaining academic requirements at AUWCL until they return.

6) How much will it cost?

Since you will be participating in a AUWCL affiliated program, you will be paying all [tuition and fees](#) to AUWCL. Visiting students will pay all [tuition and fees](#) to AUWCL.

7) How will it affect my financial aid?

It should not affect your financial aid in any way. Before applying to any semester abroad opportunity, 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 semester abroad.

8) When can I go?

Most programs allow either fall or spring semester exchange students. [Bucerius](#), [Univ Carlos III](#), and [Ghent](#) allow students to visit only during the fall semester and [Utrecht](#) and [Freie](#) only in the spring. Please see individual program pages for specific program dates as many European schools have varying calendars.

9) What if I don't speak the language?

Most of the participating institutions offer classes in English. Some Universities do require a language proficiency, though. Please see the list below for the language of instruction. Language of instruction can also be found on program specific pages.

School	Location	Language
Bucerius Law School	Hamburg, Germany	English
Chinese University Hong Kong	Hong Kong	English
Erasmus University	Rotterdam, Netherlands	English and/or Dutch
ESADE Law School	Barcelona, Spain	Spanish, limited English
Freie University	Berlin, Germany	German
Istanbul Bilgi University	Istanbul, Turkey	English
Jindal Global Law School	Delhi, India	English
Monash University	Melbourne, Australia	English
Stockholm University	Stockholm, Sweden	English
Sungkyunkwan University	Seoul, South Korea	Korean, limited English
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Madrid, Spain	Spanish and English
Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile	Spanish
Universidad de Los Andes	Bogotá, Colombia	Spanish
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México	Mexico City, Mexico	Spanish
Universidad Sergio Arboleda	Bogotá, Colombia	Spanish
Universidad del Rosario	Bogotá, Colombia	Spanish

Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi	Milan, Italy	English and/or Italian
Universidad Torcuato di Tella	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Spanish
Université Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense	Paris, France	French
University of Bergen	Bergen, Norway	English
University of Copenhagen	Copenhagen, Denmark	English
University of Dundee	Dundee, Scotland	English
University of Ghent	Ghent, Belgium	English and/or Dutch
University of Helsinki	Helsinki, Finland	English, Finnish, and/or Swedish
University of Oslo	Oslo, Norway	English
University of Ottawa	Ottawa, Canada	English and/or French
University of Pretoria	Pretoria, South Africa	English
University of Western Ontario	Ontario, Canada	English
Yonsei University	Seoul, South Korea	Korean, limited English

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

All requests to study through a non-WCL 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.

11) I've read all the information on your website, but I still have questions. Who do I contact?

Refer any questions to:

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