



International J.D. Dual Degree Frequently Asked Questions

1) Where can I view the 2018 info session?

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2) Is the International JD Dual Degree Program right for me?

Every student has different career goals and reasons for wanting to participate in a program like this. Students who are interested in this program should meet with advisors from WCL Abroad and the Office of Academic Excellence to discuss their options and whether the dual degree is a good match for them.

3) Do I need to speak another language?

The programs at Université Paris Nanterre and Universidad Carlos III require students to be proficient (at least a B2 on the CEFR) in the language of the host country. During the application process, you will be asked to submit written materials in French and Spanish respectively, and your application interview will include speaking and listening in the second language.

The programs at Monash University Law School, the University of Ottawa, LUISS, and Universidad Pontificia Comillas are conducted in English.

4) Do I need to be a U.S. citizen to do the Dual Degree Program?

If you are a WCL student who is not a US citizen, please contact the Assistant Director of Study Abroad as early as possible before applying.

5) If AUWCL is my home institution, how many credits do I need before going abroad?

Before going abroad, AUWCL students must complete a minimum of 59 credits for two year programs and 62 credits for one year programs. In addition, students must complete all of the required JD courses, Evidence, Business Associations and/or Wills Trusts Estates, the Upper Level Writing Requirement, the Experiential Learning Requirement, and any other requirements implemented by AUWCL before going abroad.

6) If AUWCL is NOT my home institution, how many credits must I complete at AUWCL to receive my JD for this program?

Students accepted into the dual degree program, who begin law school outside of the U.S., must complete at least 59 credits while at AUWCL, including all required AUWCL/ABA approved courses and AUWCL graduation requirements.

7) When should I apply?

If you are an AUWCL student, please submit your application in January of your first (1L) year. Students from outside of the U.S. should see their specific program coordinator at their home institution.

8) May I apply to the program if I am a part time student?

You may apply for the program while you are registered as a part time student as long as you change your registration to full time and complete the required credits, including required courses, prior to leaving Washington, D.C. Classes completed during the summer contribute to this total.

9) May I apply to the program if I am a transfer student?

Due to the required number of credits students must complete at AUWCL to earn an AUWCL degree, it is not possible for transfer students to participate in the Dual Degree Program as currently structured.

10) May I participate in the Dual Degree Program if I am currently doing a domestic dual degree (JD/MA) program?

If you are currently in a domestic dual degree program (JD/MA, for example), it is also possible to participate in one of our International JD Dual Degree programs. However, coordinating the domestic master's program requirements into the entire program of studies is the student's responsibility.

11) What do I need to do to apply?

For AUWCL students, please visit the pages related to the specific program of interest for application requirements and additional information.

[AUWCL & Monash University Law School \(Australia\)](#)

[AUWCL & the University of Ottawa Common Law Section \(Canada\)](#)

[AUWCL & Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense \(France\)](#)

[AUWCL & Libera Università Internazionale Degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli \(Italy, JD/LLM\)](#)

[AUWCL & Universidad Carlos III \(Spain, JD/LLM- Master en Derecho de la Union Europea\)](#)

[AUWCL & Universidad Pontificia Comillas \(Spain, JD/LLM- Official Master's Degree in International and European Business Law\)](#)

Students from outside of the US should see their specific program director.

12) What happens with my financial aid?

AUWCL students may apply for and keep their federal financial assistance and other awards and scholarships throughout the program.

13) What is the cost of the program?

For AUWCL students, all tuition and fees are paid to the home institution as if studying at AUWCL for all three years. No tuition is paid for the additional semesters of study beyond those three years. However, the WCL General Activity and Technology fees are due. All other expenses for the trip including, but not limited to: housing, health insurance, travel expenditures, visa costs, books, other living expenses for the 3rd and 4th year, etc. are the sole responsibility of the student.

14) Do I need health insurance?

Health insurance is mandatory for the full term (approximately 4 years) of the program. All students have the option of purchasing the AU health insurance plan, which is generally incorporated into the bill with tuition and fees. If this option is waived, the student is responsible for finding independent health insurance. All AUWCL students who are abroad will be required to find independent health insurance for the final year of the program.

15) Will the grades I receive abroad effect my WCL grade point average?

Grades from abroad will appear on your WCL transcript only as Pass/Fail. Passing grades do not affect your WCL grade point average. However, failing grades will be factored into your grade point average as a zero. Grades from foreign institutions will be reported on your transcript from the respective university, which you may need to provide to potential employers or to the state board of bar examiners.”

16) Will I be able to attend commencement at AUWCL?

Students can participate in commencement as long as they have received a complete record of their courses and grades and these have been cleared by the Registrar's Office for graduation. This means that all students who have met the requirements for graduation, and who have AUWCL as their home institution, should be able to participate in commencement the last semester of the program (generally in the Spring of the 4th year). All costs, in relation to trips back to the US for this purpose, are the responsibility of the student.

17) When am I eligible to take the bar exam in the US?

You are eligible to sit for a US bar exam once you have earned your JD at AUWCL.

18) What kind of jobs are available to me after completing the program?

Careers have varied among program participants. Some have returned to their home country, while others have stayed in the host country. Jobs have been diverse, from the State government, large international firms, to large international development bodies.

If you have any additional questions, please contact wclabroad@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4228.