



International J.D. Dual Degree Frequently Asked Questions

1) Where can I view the 2017 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 sit down with the program staff to discuss their options and whether the dual degree is a good match for them.

3) Do I need to speak another language?

All students must be proficient in the language of the host country. The program in France, the JD/Laurea Magistrale program in Italy, and the JD/LLM- Master en Derecho de la Union Europea program in Spain all require students to pass a language proficiency exam, as noted on the program pages. The JD/Laurea Magistrale program in Italy also requires a demonstrated working knowledge of Latin (reading and some writing). Students will also have personal interviews during the application process in both English and the other language. All students must pass the exams prior to going abroad. If a student is unable to meet the requirements, he/she will be ineligible to participate in the program.

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 Associate 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?

AUWCL students must complete a minimum of 59 credits, including all of the regular J.D. required courses (including the Upper Level Writing, Professional Skills, and any other requirements) 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.

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 59 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?

Please contact WCL Abroad as soon as possible to see if it would be possible for you to participate in one of these programs.

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 \(Italy, JD/Laurea Magistrale\)](#)

[AUWCL & 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. 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 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.

16) 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.

17) 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.