



Summer Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

1) Are the Summer Abroad Programs ABA approved?

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 JD student in good standing that will have completed their first year of law school (full-time or part-time) 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. Over the years, we have had students from over 50 law schools attend AUWCL programs.

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. Applicants are required to be in good standing at an ABA accredited law school, be authorized by their law school to participate in the program they are applying to, and submit your complete application (including any application fees) while spots are available to be admitted to the program.

6) Do the courses require a lot of work?

The courses have a fair amount of reading. The programs adhere to the [AUWCL Determination of Credit Hours for Coursework](#) policy that requires a specific amount of out-of-class student academic engagement per credit offered. 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 that are program specific, please visit the program website or email the programs directly.

Europe Summer Programs	Website	Email
Summer Law Program in The Hague	Website	Email

11) What if I want to study on a program not listed on this web site as an AUWCL student?

All requests for AUWCL students 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.