



UNIVERSITY of
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STURM COLLEGE OF LAW
International Legal Studies Program

University of Denver Sturm College of Law
International Law Certificate Program (also found online at:
<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/petitions/index.php?id=14>

Description of the Certificate Program

The International Law Certificate Program provides JD students at the Sturm College of Law the opportunity to study in-depth various aspects of international, comparative, and foreign law. Completion of the International Law Certificate will prepare students for a variety of careers in international law both domestically and globally. Students who obtain the certificate will have an edge over their competition in the job market where international law practice has become a preference for many prospective attorneys.

Program Requirements

Students are eligible for the certificate upon completion of 15 semester credit hours of classes focused on international law consistent with the requirements set out here. To qualify, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.3 or better and have received a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in classes counting for the certificate.

Students must complete the following:

- 1 Required Course: International Law (L4320);
- At least 2 Core Courses: At least 2 courses from the list below of “Core International and Comparative Law Courses” (core courses);
- Elective Courses: The remainder of the credits required by taking electives chosen from either the list of “Core International and Comparative Law Courses” or the list below of “Elective International, Comparative, and Foreign Law Courses” (elective courses); and
- Upper-Level Writing Requirement as described below.

Students may count participation in the Jessup Moot Court competition, the International Commercial Arbitration Moot, or the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy (DJILP) for up to 2 hours of credit per activity that will count towards their elective courses.

Courses in international, comparative, or foreign law taken as part of a study abroad program *may* also be counted towards the elective courses. However, study abroad courses *must* be approved *in writing* by the Director of the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP), in consultation with the Dean of Academic Affairs. (This is separate from the approval process for study abroad credits to be counted towards the JD).

Required Course

You must take this course, International Law courses taken as part of a Study Abroad program outside of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law are NOT accepted for the certificate.

International Law –L4320

Core International and Comparative Law Courses

(Core Courses)

You must take at least 2 courses from this list.

Courses are listed in alphabetical order. Some course numbers and names may change. Please contact the ILSP Director or ILSP Administrative Director if you are unsure whether a course you are interested in is the same as a course listed below.

The Civil Law System in Latin America—L4701LA

Comparative Law – L4135

Comparative Law Perspectives—L4701

European Union Law – L4232

Global Climate Change Law and Policy (also listed as Global Climate Change)—L4259

Human Rights Seminar—L4704IH

International Bankruptcy—L4701

International Business Transactions – L4315

International Commercial Arbitration—L4341

International Commercial Arbitration Practice and Procedure—(forthcoming)

International Commercial Dispute Resolution – L4311

International Commercial Law or Topics in International Commercial Law – L4708

International and Comparative Law Research—L4709

International and Comparative Mining Law—L4342

International and Comparative Petroleum Law—L4343

International Criminal Law—L4703

International Criminal Law Procedure—L4303

International Criminal Law Practicum—L4303 or L4706IC

International Criminal & Humanitarian Law – L4291 or L4705CT or L4706H or 4705PG

International Conflict Resolution and Management – L4316

International Dispute Resolution—L4704

International Environmental Law—L4317

International Human Rights Law—L4290

International Human Rights Law Seminar—L4319

International Human Rights Law of Indigenous People—L4288

International Intellectual Property—L4334

International Investments—L4707

International Law and the Use of Force—L4309 or L4707LF

International Litigation—L4701

International Mergers and Acquisitions—L4351

International Organizations—L4336

International Organizations Seminar—L4703IO
International Practice and Procedure—L4707
International Sales—L4707
International Tax—L4344 or L4334
International Wildlife Law—L4706
International Trade—L4379
International Trade and Investment Law—L4340
International Trade Seminar—L4702
International Water Law—L4672
Multinational Corporations: Corporate Social Responsibility & International Law—L4701

Elective International, Comparative, and Foreign Law Courses
(Elective Courses)

The remainder of credits required for the certificate must come from courses either on this list or on the list of Core Courses above.

Courses are listed in alphabetical order. Some course numbers and names may change. Please contact the ILSP Director or ILSP Administrative Director if you are unsure whether a course you are interested in is the same as a course listed below.

Asylum Law—L4709E
Asylum Law Practicum—L4709AP
The Alien Tort Statute—L4705
Commercial Law for Foreign Investors in Guatemala—L4139
Community Expectations in Sustainable Development of Natural Resources—L4701
Comparative Criminal Procedure in the Americas—L4700
Comparative Corporate Law Seminar—L4129
Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law—L4701
Comparative Environmental Law—L4137 or L4168
Comparative Constitutional Human Rights—L4142
Corporate Social Responsibility—L4133
Doing Business in Latin America—L4700
Emerging International Standards for the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources—L4702
European Union Environmental Law and Policy--L4037
Global Trade and the Environment—L4709
Holocaust Seminar—L4277
Human Trafficking and Involuntary Servitude—L4701
Immigration Law—L4295
International Business Planning Seminar—L4299
International Business Transactions, Federal Regulation – L4318
International Business Transactions in Spanish—L4548
International Business Transactions Seminar—L4315
Islamic Law and Human Rights—L4707
Latin American Law and Policy—L4362
Legal Spanish for US Lawyers—L4424 or Spanish for Lawyers I—L4553
National Policies and Legislation for the Sustainable Development of Natural Resources—L4704

Negotiation and Drafting in an International Business Context—L4704
Ocean and Coastal Law and Policy—L4461
Protecting Intellectual Property in International Transactions—L4708
Russian for Lawyers I—L4524
Spanish for Lawyers I—L4553 **or** Legal Spanish for US Lawyers—L4424
Sustainable Development and International Trade—L4556
Topics in International Trade—L4704
Victim Rights and Advocacy at the International Criminal Court—L4197

Eligible Extracurricular Activities that May Count for Elective Courses

Denver Journal of International Law and Policy—up to 2 credit hours
Jessup Moot—up to 2 credit hours
Vis Moot—up to 2 credit hours

Study Abroad

Students may also petition the Director of the International Legal Studies Program for approval of study abroad courses to count towards fulfillment of their elective courses. However, study abroad courses *must* be approved *in writing* by the Director of the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP), in consultation with the Dean of Academic Affairs. (This is separate from the approval process for study abroad credits to be counted toward the JD).

Directed Research

A student may take up to 2 credits of directed research on an international, comparative, or foreign law topic to count towards their elective courses. The directed research must be approved *in writing* by the Director of the International Legal Studies Program, but may be done with any full-time Sturm College of Law faculty member. (It may also, but does not have to, count towards fulfillment of the Upper Level Writing Requirement – see below).

Upper Level Writing Requirement

Students must also complete a research paper on an international law topic that satisfies Sturm’s upper-level writing requirement. This research paper requirement can be satisfied by a student writing a research paper for one of the listed Certificate Program courses that meets the upper-level writing requirement. It can also be satisfied by a student undertaking a directed research that meets the upper-level writing requirement for 2 or more credit hours on an international, comparative, or foreign law topic, supervised by a full-time faculty member at Sturm. Students wishing to fulfill the writing requirement in this manner should direct their requests to Professor Annecoos Wiersema, International Legal Studies Program Faculty Director. The writing requirement must be certified (see below) by the student’s course instructor or directed research faculty supervisor.

See attached “Certification of Successful Completion of Upper Level & International Law Topic Writing Requirement.” Students and their professors must sign the attached petition certifying the student’s successful completion of the International Law Certificate Program writing requirement.

****Please note that the list of eligible core and elective classes is updated regularly. Please see the ILSP Director, or the ILSP Administrative Director, if you have questions about a particular class.**

****Please also note that Study Abroad courses, and participation in the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy, Vis Moot or Jessup may not replace the required class (International Law) or count toward the core classes.**