



OVERSEAS EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

LIS OVERSEAS EXTERNSHIP APPLICATION

In addition to the completion of this application, each applicant should include a curriculum vitae, and law transcript. (An unofficial transcript is fine.) While fluency in Spanish is not required, strong language skills are highly preferred. All applicants must meet with Professor Juárez before applications will be forwarded to a firm.

Please include C.V., transcript and essay in separate files in one e-mail so that we might forward them to firms.

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Address:

Permanent address and phone number (if different from above:

Firm and country to which you are applying (please list one)

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Expected graduation date:
2. DU Law students may earn 3 to 6 academic credits for externships. Students may earn one credit for every 50 hours of work. Students seeking financial aid must enroll for at least four credits. How many credits are you interested in enrolling for?
3. Are you interested in doing a directed research project for credit during your externship?
4. How did you hear about the LIS externship program?

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Have you previously participated in a study-abroad or internship program overseas? If

yes, please describe the programs and name the countries visited.

2. Please indicate your proficiency level in Spanish or Portuguese.
3. Please describe any personal or professional cross-cultural experience you may have which has better prepared you for the LIS Externship Program.

III. CULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL IMMERSION

1. Externship students may find that buses run late, your co-worker meets you two hours later than discussed, and the taxis you've taken for the past week have really been charging you the "gringo" price" rather than the local price. As you will inevitably run into situations of this sort, please describe your tolerance for ambiguity and cultural differences and your ability to be flexible. Please give a concrete example.
2. At your firm, your initiative will be expected and greatly valued. If you find that your assigned mentor is extremely busy and you have little to do, how will you respond?
3. If your co-workers keep speaking to you in English and you really would like to use your Spanish/Portuguese, how will you respond to this situation?
4. In Latin America and Spain meaningful relationships between co-workers are often highly valued in order to maintain a positive work environment. If you run into problems with a specific person in your office, how will you approach the situation? Consider giving an example from your past to better illustrate.

IV. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

In a one- to two-page essay in English or Spanish, please explore the following questions:

1. Why did you choose this firm and/or country in particular?
2. Describe in detail your expectations of interning abroad with this firm.
3. Discuss your skills and aptitudes. How will you use them to contribute to the hosting law firm?

V. STUDENT CONTRACT

In applying to the LIS Externship Program I hereby acknowledge that this program brings together a legal internship experience along with the challenges of language exchange and cross-cultural immersion abroad. I understand that the University of Denver Sturm College of Law cannot guarantee that LIS externship experiences will parallel those internship experiences had domestically in the United States. I understand that the program will involve new and often taxing cultural and language challenges. I also understand that I may encounter a work environment where the concept of time will differ, where work relationships vary from those in the United States (while remaining professional), where knowledge of the Spanish (or Portuguese) language is expected in everyday work assignments, and where initiative is often a vital asset.

Signed or type name and date here indicate the student's agreement to this contract:

Signature: _____

Date:

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ADDITIONAL MATERIALS BY E-MAIL ONLY TO bjuares@law.du.edu.

Questions regarding the LIS Externship Program may be directed to:

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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1, 2011