

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN LAW AND LEGAL EDUCATION

July 10 - August 6, 2011

We are looking forward to your arrival for Foundations at Georgetown University Law Center. Please review this pre-arrival information carefully so that you know about course registration, arrival on campus, and other important information that will help you during your first days in our community.

Arrival for Students Living at Catholic University: On Sunday, July 10, please go directly to **Ryan Hall, Catholic University of America, John McCormack Drive NE, Washington, DC 20064** to check-in between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Please give the Catholic University address on the form you will give to Immigration upon your arrival: Catholic University of America, 620 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20064. [*Please note students are now living in **Ryan Hall**, not Regan Hall. Ryan is next to Regan Hall and even closer to the metro.]

Please let us know in advance if you will arrive after 10:00 p.m. There is always a residence assistant “on call,” so if you arrive late at night, use the courtesy phone located by the front door of Ryan Hall to call an RA who will assist you and check you in. The phone number is (202) 319-5200.

Students arriving prior to July 10th can refer to the Foundations website for suggestions on local hotels until Foundations housing becomes available on July 10th.

Getting to the Law Center: The Law Center is convenient to the **Red Line Metro stations of Judiciary Square and Union Station**. The “Circulator” bus stops near the Law Center for \$1 per ride. We recommend that students living off-campus use public transportation because on-campus parking is limited. Ask for parking information at registration and bring your automobile registration to request parking.

Seeing the Sights: We have arranged a Monument Tour for Sunday evening, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. All students and family members are invited to join us. We will meet at the Hotung International Law Building, second floor.

Registration: Monday, July 11, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. in the second floor lobby of the Hotung International Law Building. We will distribute our casebook and other important books and materials at registration, including a detailed schedule and the assigned reading for each class session, and there will be library tours. There will be reading to do for Tuesday's classes. **Please arrive at your convenience between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

Classes: Classes begin Tuesday, July 12 at 9:00 a.m. in McDonough Hall, Room 205.

Foundations Office: The Foundations staff office is located in the Hotung International Law Building, Room 5008. It will be open Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday July 12.

We regret that preparation for Foundations makes it impossible to greet you in person before the program begins, but we look forward to meeting you at the tour on Sunday and at registration on Monday, July 11.

Fees: Students should pay the balance due on tuition and housing at registration. **You may pay by credit card (MasterCard or Visa only), cash, traveler or personal checks, or wire transfer. Checks should be made payable to Georgetown University Law Center.**

Wire Transfers: Please contact us for wire transfer information if you will pay by wire transfer.

Students Whose Sponsors Need to be Billed: Please mail [or telefax to (202) 662-9487] a letter confirming your sponsor's intent to pay your fees. The letter should be on your sponsor's letterhead and include the name and address of the person to be billed and whether they are paying for tuition, housing or both. Please also bring the original letter to registration if you did not send the original.

IIE has already sent this documentation for the students they sponsor for Foundations.

Travel from the Local Airports: Local transportation to Ryan Hall at Catholic University is easily available from the three airports serving Washington, D.C.: Dulles International Airport (IAD), Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport, and Reagan National Airport (DCA). If you take a taxi or a shuttle service, tell the driver to go to the Catholic University of America, Ryan Hall, located near the National Shrine. Ryan Hall is located just past the Columbus Law School on John McCormack Drive. Catholic University is also conveniently situated on the Metro's Red Line at the Brookland/CUA stop.

• **Dulles International Airport (IAD):** Taxi fare is about \$65. SuperShuttle also offers transportation to Catholic University for about \$33. Upon arrival at the airport, look for Ground Transportation/Shared Ride signs. The SuperShuttle ticket counters are located on the lower level, just before exiting the building. See

the uniformed Guest Service Representative who will assist with boarding. If you arrive after 12 midnight, call (703) 416-7884.

Washington Flyer is another way to travel from Dulles to Washington. Leaving every thirty minutes Washington Flyer delivers visitors to the West Falls Church Metro Station connecting them to Metro. Continue on the Metro to the Brookland/CUA station on the Red line. The trip from Dulles to Catholic via Washington Flyer is approximately 70 minutes and will cost approximately \$11.50 a person plus metro fare, about \$2-\$5.

• **Baltimore/Washington International (BWI) Thurgood Marshall Airport:** Taxi fare is about \$55-\$65. SuperShuttle can also take you to campus. The average price for a trip to CUA is \$31 for the 1st person \$11 each additional person. Go to the lower level of the airport and follow signs to the Ground Transportation Desk (near Baggage Claims #1 & #10) and see the Guest Service Representative who will assist with boarding. If you arrive between 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., call (888) 826-2700.

You can also take a shuttle bus from BWI to the MARC train station and then take the MARC train to Union Station. From Union Station, you can take Metro's Red Line to Brookland/CUA. The MARC train ride to Union Station will cost \$5.00. For more information, please visit the MARC website (<http://www.mtmaryland.com/services/marc/>).

• **Reagan National Airport (DCA):** Taxi fare costs \$15-\$25. You can also take the Metro to the Brookland/CUA stop.

Cell Phones: Please find on our website useful information about cell phones.

The Foundations office can take **emergency calls** at (202) 662-6625 and send the message to your email account.

Personal Expenses: We estimate your personal expenses (food, local transportation, and personal necessities) will be between \$40.00 and \$50.00 per day, depending on your level of spending. You may wish to budget additional money for shopping and entertainment. ATM machines are readily available.

Medical/Hospital Insurance: Medical care is not state-subsidized and can be costly. An initial visit to a physician may cost \$100.00, one visit to the emergency room can cost several thousand dollars, and charges for laboratory fees and prescription medicine are extra.

Georgetown's health insurance policy for the 2011-12 academic year begins August 15, 2011. Students enrolling in the Georgetown policy need to arrange short-term "travel health" coverage until August 15.

Short-term health insurance policies students have used in the past include those arranged through STA (www.statravel.com), Harbour Group (info@hginsurance.com) or International Students Organization (mailbox@isoa.org); find other providers on the world-wide-web or through a travel agency.

Neither the Foundations of American Law nor Georgetown University will assume financial responsibility for medical or hospital bills.

Weather & Clothing: Washington's summer weather can be extremely hot and humid. Occasionally we will have temperatures of 100° F (40° C) and high humidity. We suggest you bring lightweight clothing for days and a light jacket or sweater for evenings and early mornings. All buildings are air conditioned, so bring clothing that will keep you comfortable in the cool classroom and hot, humid outdoors. *We strongly recommend that you bring a sweater or jacket to class daily.*

Casual attire is appropriate for classes but bring at least one business outfit for special events. We encourage students to wear "traditional" attire from home to our farewell dinner on Friday, August 5th.

Travel Outside the U.S. During Foundations or Before Your LL.M. Begins: Once you enter the U.S. on your student visa you are expected to remain in the U.S. until you enroll at Georgetown. **Do not use your I-20 form to enter if you come early [e.g. to arrange housing] and then return home or travel outside the U.S. Use your I-20 or DS-2019 only when you are entering the U.S. to begin Foundations. Please call us immediately if you have questions!**

The organization that issued your I-20 form (Georgetown) or your DS-2019 form (Georgetown or another sponsor, such as Institute of International Education) must give you a travel endorsement after your arrival if you plan to leave the U.S. during or after Foundations and before the beginning of your LL.M. program.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CARRY THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR PASSPORT AND VISA DOCUMENTS WHEN YOU TRAVEL SO YOU HAVE THE "TRAVEL FROM THE AIRPORT" INSTRUCTIONS AND THE RYAN HALL ADDRESS, IF YOU ARE LIVING AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

Check our website [www.law.georgetown.edu/foundations] for more information including opening bank accounts, cell phones, "Zipcar" membership, computers, or our calendar.

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY!