

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER  
CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LAW AND INTERNATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS LL.M. STUDENTS**

This *Curriculum Guide for Global Health Law LL.M. Students* is designed to help students select offerings listed under “Global Health Law Courses” in the Course Schedule of Georgetown University Law Center. Designed primarily to assist candidates for the LL.M. in Global Health Law and International Institutions as they select courses during their time in residence at Georgetown. Students will be required to complete the remaining half of their degree requirements at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. The *Guide* also may prove useful to other students in selecting courses in this area. The *Guide* complements but does not supersede course registration materials provided in print and on line.

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The *Guide* consists of three parts. Part I provides introductory information. Part II lists the courses that meet the certificate requirements. Part III suggests additional courses outside of the certificate that may prove useful.

**Part I: Introductory Information**

**Academic Counseling**

To schedule an appointment to discuss your schedule of courses, please contact Lindsay Wiley, Global Health Law Program Director, 202-662-9291 or [lfw4@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:lfw4@law.georgetown.edu).

**Course Prerequisites**

Some Global Health Law courses list one or more courses as prerequisites. If you have taken the listed course at Georgetown or an equivalent course at another school, then you have met the prerequisite and you do not have to request a waiver. If you have not taken the prerequisite course but believe you nonetheless possess the requisite knowledge, you will need to request a waiver from the professor. For courses as to which you need to request a waiver, if you are registering over the summer, you may tentatively select that course. However, you will eventually need to get the professor’s approval to waive the prerequisite. It may be possible to do this by email during the summer (you may contact a professor by going to the “Faculty and Administration” section of [www.law.georgetown.edu](http://www.law.georgetown.edu)). Alternatively, you may discuss the prerequisite issue with your academic counselor when you arrive, or with the faculty member during the first week of classes.

**Requirements of the Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M.:**

To obtain an LL.M. in Global Health Law and International Institutions, students must have been admitted to the program during the LL.M. application process. Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. students must successfully complete **a minimum of 12 academic credits while in residence at Georgetown, 10 of which must be from global health law specialization courses**. To find a list of these courses, see page 3 below. You may also find a list of these courses online by going to [www.law.georgetown.edu](http://www.law.georgetown.edu). Click on “Academic Programs,” click on “Curriculum Guide,” and click on the “Schedules” tab. Select the appropriate semester (e.g., Fall 2009: Graduate Programs Schedule) and then select “LLM: Global Health Law” from the drop-down menu.) Students must also successfully complete a minimum of 39 academic credits at the Graduate Institute (3 academic credits at the Graduate Institute are the equivalent of 1 academic at Georgetown), 24 of which must be from coursework and 15 of which must be from a required internship. With permission, students may substitute a thesis for the internship requirement.

**As part of the 10 required specialization credits required while in residence at Georgetown, students in the Global Health Law LL.M. program must successfully complete the basic *Global Health Law* course.** In the 2009-2010 academic year, this course is taught as a 4-credit course by Prof. Allyn Taylor.

### **Researching Your Course Selections**

Students normally begin their course selection process with the online Course Schedule. When you see a course that you are interested in, note the meeting time, any prerequisites or recommended courses, and whether the course requires an exam or a paper. You should then review the description of the course, using the online curriculum guide ([http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab\\_courses.cfm](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab_courses.cfm)). Next, you may wish to click on the name(s) of the faculty teaching the course to get an idea of their background. The Law Center’s adjunct faculty are extremely accomplished and each brings a unique perspective to his or her subject. You may also wish to note if a particular faculty member has had work experience at an organization in which you are interested.

Finally, some students find it helpful when selecting courses to consult student evaluations of faculty and courses that have been offered in previous years. The evaluations are available online at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/evaluations/>. A university NetID is required to log in and view these evaluations, and NetIDs were mailed to admitted students during the summer. These numerical evaluations rank faculty and courses on a number of criteria that take the form of statements like “The instructor taught the course well.” Responses can range from 5 (the most favorable evaluation) to 1 (the least favorable evaluation). The tabulations indicate the number and percentage of enrolled students who provided responses to each question and provide an average score for each course. Hard copies of these evaluations are also available for your review at the circulation desk of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library or in the Graduate Programs Office.

**Papers, Seminars, and Writing Requirements**

Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M. students are required to write either an internship report or (with permission) a thesis as a requirement of the degree.

The O’Neill Institute’s website includes a resource center with bibliographies and research guides on a wide variety of national and global health law and policy topics it is available online at: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/oneillinstitute/>. You may find it helpful to refer to this guide when looking for a paper topic or for sources.

All international students who did not participate in the Foundations of American Law program are required to complete the course, U.S. Legal Discourse I, unless this requirement has been waived, in writing, by an international student advisor from the Office of Graduate Programs. Waivers will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

**Part II: Courses That Count Towards the Global Health Law and International Institutions LL.M.**

The following courses count towards the required number of credits for students pursuing the Global Health Law LL.M. Please note that only students who enter the program on a part-time basis will be in residence at Georgetown during the spring semester. Full-time students will only be able to take courses at Georgetown in the fall semester.

| Fall 2009  | Spring 2010  |
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| <p> <b>Access to Health Care Coverage: Law and Policy</b><br/> <b>Alternative and Complementary Medicine: Legal Issues Seminar</b><br/> <b>Bioethics and the Law Seminar</b><br/> <b>Biotechnology and Patent Law Seminar</b><br/> <b>Economic Analysis of Health Care Law</b><br/> <b>Epidemiology for Lawyers</b><br/> <b>Food and Drug Law</b><br/> <b>Global Health Law</b><br/> <b>Health and Human Rights</b><br/> <b>Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility</b><br/> <b>International Protection of Intellectual Property Through the WTO</b><br/> <b>O’Neill Colloquium: Scholarly Perspectives on Health Reform</b><br/> <b>Trade, IP Rights, &amp; Public Health</b> </p> <p><i>J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH LAW</i></p> | <p> <b>AIDS Law and Ethics Seminar</b><br/> <b>Drug Abuse and the Law: Policy, Politics, and Public Health</b><br/> <b>The Global Environment, Health and the Law</b><br/> <b>Health Law and Policy</b><br/> <b>Human Rights Obligations of Non-state Actors: Implications for Global Health</b><br/> <b>Intellectual Property in World Trade</b><br/> <b>International Organizations &amp; Global Health Lawmaking</b><br/> <b>International Trade &amp; Health</b><br/> <b>International Trade, Investment, and Sustainable Development: Reconciling Open Markets with Environmental and Social Concerns</b><br/> <b>Law and Psychiatry Seminar</b><br/> <b>Law and Regulation of Drugs, Biologics and Devices</b><br/> <b>Medical Malpractice for Nonphysicians Seminar</b><br/> <b>Medical Law Seminar</b><br/> <b>Pharmaceutical Intellectual Property Law Seminar</b><br/> <b>Public Health Law and Ethics</b> </p> <p><i>J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH LAW</i></p> |

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| <p><i>If space is available, this course may be taken for Global Health Law course credit.</i></p> <p><b>The Mind and the Law</b></p> | <p><i>If space is available, this course may be taken for Global Health Law course credit.</i></p> <p><b>Aging and Law Seminar</b><br/> <b>Disability Discrimination Law</b></p> |
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Further information on these courses can be gleaned from the course descriptions available online. Additional questions as to whether a particular course fits well in one’s course of study or other goals can be addressed to Lindsay Wiley, [lfw4@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:lfw4@law.georgetown.edu)

**Part III: Additional Courses of Interest**

Many courses that do not count towards the certificate can be vital additions to your course of study. These courses may not focus on health law issues, but may nonetheless be interesting and important for students interested in health law-related issues. Students may want to peruse course offerings in international trade law/WTO Law, intellectual property, international human rights law, environmental law, or national security law.