

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH LAW 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, 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 Tanya Baytor, the Global Health Law Program Director at teb39@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). 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 LL.M.:

To obtain an LL.M. in Global Health Law, students must have been admitted to the program during the LL.M. application process. Global Health Law LL.M. students who received their J.D. from a law school in the United States must successfully complete **a minimum of 16 academic**

credits from global health law specialization courses. Students who received their first law degree from a law school outside the United States must successfully **complete a minimum of 14 academic credits from global health law specialization courses.** To find a list of these courses, see page 4 below. You may also find a list of these courses online by going to 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.)

As part of the required 16 or 14 specialization credits, students in the Global Health Law LL.M. program must successfully complete the introductory Global Health Law course.

Please note that in the 2012-13 academic year, Prof. Gostin’s 2-credit evening course will be being offered as an alternative for part-time students who are not able to take a 4-credit course during the daytime. Students can take either (1) the 4-credit course, Global Health Law, offered by Prof. Allyn Taylor during the daytime in the fall semester; or (2) *both* the 2-credit course, Global Health Law and Governance: Grand Challenges, offered by Prof. Larry Gostin during the evenings in the fall semester and the 2-credit course Global Health Law: An Intensive, Problem-based Exploration, offered by Prof. Gostin and Prof. Taylor during two weekends in the fall semester. Students are not barred from taking all three of these courses concurrently, though that will not be the best use of time for most students. It is expected that the majority of students will enroll in Prof. Taylor’s 4-credit course to fulfill the introductory course requirement and also enroll in the 2-credit weekend course (Global Health Law: Intensive, Problem-based Exploration) as an additional global health law specialization course. The 2-credit weekend course is designed around a unique event simulation and is a wonderful experience for students.

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). 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 LL.M. students are not required to write any papers for the degree. However, students are strongly encouraged to take at least one course – preferably, more than one – that will hone their legal writing skills. Clear and persuasive legal writing is the single most important ingredient for success in practice. Further, getting a paper published or winning a writing competition can be very helpful to your career. Courses that require a paper or registering for Graduate Independent Research are the two best vehicles to this end.

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 LL.M.

The following courses count towards the required number of credits for students pursuing a Global Health Law LL.M.

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
<p><u>Alternative and Complementary Medicine: Legal Issues Seminar</u> <u>Bioethics and the Law Seminar</u> <u>Biosecurity and the Law Seminar</u> <u>Global Health Law</u> <u>Health Law and Policy</u> <u>Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility</u> <u>International Assistance for Global Health</u> <u>International Trade and Health</u> <u>National and Global Health Law: O’Neill Colloquium</u> <u>Trade, IP Rights, & Public Health</u></p> <p><i>J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH LAW</i> <i>If space is available, this course may be taken for Global Health Law course credit.</i> <u>Disability Discrimination Law</u></p>	<p><u>Access to Health Care Coverage: Law and Policy</u> <u>Economic Analysis of Health Care Law</u> <u>Epidemiology for Lawyers</u> <u>Global Health Law: An Intensive, Problem-Based Exploration</u> <u>Global Risk Regulation</u> <u>Health and Human Rights</u> <u>Health Care Compliance, Fraud and Abuse</u> <u>International Bioethics</u> <u>International Trade, Investment, and Sustainable Development: Reconciling Open Markets with Environmental and Social Concerns</u> <u>Law and Healthy Lifestyles</u> <u>Law and Psychiatry Seminar</u> <u>Law and Regulation of Drugs, Biologics and Devices</u> <u>Law and Regulation of Global Health Technologies</u> <u>Medical Law Seminar</u> <u>Public Health and International Investment Law</u> <u>Research with Human Subjects: Law, Policy and Ethics</u> <u>The Mind and the Law</u></p> <p><i>J.D. COURSES IN THE FIELD OF GLOBAL HEALTH LAW</i></p>

	<i>If space is available, this course may be taken for Global Health Law course credit.</i> <u>Aging and Law Seminar</u> <u>Mental Health Issues in Criminal Law</u>
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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 the Global Health Law Program Director.

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.