

Guidance for International LL.M. Students

Your year as a Georgetown Law student will begin soon and we are working to make it a very challenging and exciting year for you and your classmates. Your first challenge is to select courses and you must do this before you arrive in Washington. We will be sending you your Course Registration Materials by International Express Mail so please watch for them. If you have not received the package by June 9th, please send an email directly to the Registrar at lawreg@law.georgetown.edu.

Thoughtful course selection is an important component of a successful LL.M. year so please review the information carefully and follow the instructions. This can be time-consuming and you will find that there are more interesting courses than you will be able to take during your LL.M. so you will have to make some difficult choices.

Here is some important basic information useful for all our international students:

- You are eligible to request courses from the entire graduate and “upper-level” J.D. curriculum [except clinics]. It is not necessary, e.g., to be in the Securities and Financial Regulation program to request a course that is also part of that specialized curriculum.
- You can change your specialization during your enrollment based on the courses you choose. The important thing is to choose courses you want; do not focus on the name of the degree.
- **U.S. Legal Discourse I is a required course (offered only in the Fall semester) for all international students who did not attend Foundations of American Law and Legal Education. You must include it on your list of courses when you submit your course requests.** In exceptional circumstances, such as a time conflict with another course, we will consider waivers of U.S. Legal Discourse I. Please contact me for any request concerning a waiver. All students can request the U.S. Legal Discourse II classes offered in fall and spring.
- You do not register now for the Externship Program in Spring 2010 You will apply in a separate process during the Fall semester. So, plan your schedule without the Externship, and if you arrange an Externship, you can drop one Spring course and add the Externship later in the year.
- Many students enroll not only in courses that develop your substantive legal knowledge but also refine their practical skills and techniques. I have included a list of these “Global Legal Skills” courses at the end of this Guide.
- We will hold a general information session during the first week of Foundations of American Law and Legal Education and, after that session, we will begin the individual appointments with each Foundations student. We will meet those students arriving in August during and in the days before Orientation Week. *In the meantime, please feel free to phone or e-mail with questions (mayer@law.georgetown.edu; phone 202 662 9470).*

We have listed below some course groups that you can use as a guide in doing your own planning. Remember, however, that these are just hints to get you started and you should review the entire curriculum to identify the best courses for your education, interests and career. Also, remember that many students combine their interests, with a mixture of public and private sector courses, and U.S. and international courses.

Students focusing on an international private practice career:

- Many students combine a few domestic U.S. business courses like Corporations, Antitrust Law, and Accounting for Lawyers with a majority of classes in international law subjects.
- Many students like to include courses in areas such as international trade, international business law, international dispute resolution, international project finance, and international negotiations. Then, you can add a few more specialized courses or seminars in these areas, or focus on your own specialized interest such as international banking, intellectual property, telecommunications, or competition law.

Students focusing on an international public law career:

- Consider courses such as International Agreements; International Human Rights (and other related courses); International Criminal Law; International Trade Law; National Security Law; International Law I (public international law if you have not already studied it), or International Law II.
- Comparative Law courses such as Investment and Trade Laws of the Middle East; International Civil Litigation: Current Issues and Trends in the U.S. and Europe; Comparative Tax Law, and Cross-Border Transactions: Latin America.
- U.S. law courses such as Introduction to U.S. Constitutional Law; Constitutional Law II (individual rights & liberties); Legislation and Statutory Interpretation, Environmental Law, Election Administration and the Law, and Civil Rights.

Students focusing on U.S. Business Law

- Consider courses such as Corporations, Antitrust, Corporate Governance, Securities Regulation, Accounting for Lawyers, Federal Regulation of Financial Institutions, Commercial Law, Environmental Law, and Economic Reasoning and the Law.

Global Legal Skills Courses

Fall 2009:

Advanced Online Legal Research
International Negotiations
U.S. Legal Discourse
U.S. Legal Discourse II: Writing for Corporate Practice
U.S. Legal Discourse II: Writing for Law Firm Practice
U.S. Legal Discourse II: Writing for Tax Practice
Advanced Legal Research [J.D. course]

Spring 2010:

Advanced International Commercial Arbitration

Introduction to US Contract Drafting

Negotiations and Mediation Seminar

Presentation Skills for Lawyers

U.S. Legal Discourse II: Writing for Law Firm Practice

Law Firm Research [J.D. course]

Advanced Legal Research [J.D. course]