

Global Law Scholars Program Requirements

Each GLS participant is provided with an updated audit sheet at least once a year showing which requirements they have met and which requirements are still outstanding. Participants are also given the opportunity to meet with the Faculty Director or Administrator to discuss course requirements.

Courses offered in the **2020-2021 Academic Year** are shown below in **BOLD**.

F= Fall courses

S= Spring courses

F/S= courses offered in Fall and Spring

SU= Summer courses

SU/S= courses offered in Summer and Spring

YR= year-long courses

W1= upper-class Week One courses.

Please note that course availability is subject to change. Students should always consult the online course schedule to confirm course information. The current year's course schedule can be found at http://apps.law.georgetown.edu/curriculum/tab_schedules.cfm.

Selection of alternatives and substitutions for the courses/seminars/clinics listed below requires prior written approval from the GLS Faculty Director. If a course/seminar/clinic is not listed as meeting a particular requirement, students should assume that it does not meet that requirement until they receive written approval.

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1) **GLS 1L Seminar** (restricted to GLS students)

In their first year, the Global Law Scholars participate in a year-long non-credit seminar that meets approximately ten times a semester. Generally, this seminar aims to acquaint incoming GLS participants with the wide variety of practice areas in international and transnational law through presentations by faculty and practitioners. There are also some practical sessions on navigating law

school with upper level law students. The specific content changes from year to year based on students' interests and the availability of speakers.

2) GLS 2L Seminar (restricted to GLS students)

Building an International Skill Set (F)

Applying an International Skill Set (S)

During their second year, Global Law Scholars also participate in a year-long seminar, for which they earn one credit each semester, for a total of two credits. This seminar focuses on building and applying the particular skills required by lawyers in the international, transnational and comparative areas. Because these semester components must be taken on a pass/fail basis, they do not count toward the 7 credit pass/fail maximum.

The 2L Seminar includes individual sessions focusing on comparative law, specialized research in international and transnational law, and international negotiation and advocacy techniques. (There is required reading for the comparative law session.) For the bulk of the 2L seminar the students work on a group project in a substantive area of their own choosing. The topic varies from year-to-year. For example, the GLS 2L class of 2012 worked on the international legal dimensions of climate change, the class of 2013 worked on protection of persons in the event of disasters, the class of 2014 examined the issue of labor trafficking in U.S. government contracting, the class of 2015 used qualitative and quantitative research to analyze compliance with statutory disclosure requirements related to conflict minerals, and the class of 2016 produced a descriptive “anatomy” of a variety of implementation review mechanisms (IRMs) used in international treaties, designed to assist practitioners who are engaged in treaty negotiation.

Another feature of the 2L seminar involves three roundtable discussions of recent books on international law and related issues (including for example recent award-winning volumes or those representing new or challenging perspectives), intended to supplement classroom work and to stimulate the participants' appreciation of developments in the field. The books we discussed in the past few years include: Jens David Ohlin, [The Assault on International Law](#) (2015); Lawrence Wright, [Thirteen Days in September: Carter, Begin, and Sadat at Camp David](#) (2014); Shane Harris, [@War: The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex](#) (2014); Ryan Goodman and Derek Jinks, [Socializing States: Promoting Human Rights Through International Law](#) (2013); Karen Alter, [The New Terrain of International Law: Courts, Politics, Rights](#) (2014); John Yoo, [Point of Attack: Preventing War, International Law and Global Welfare](#) (2014); Joel Trachtman, [The Future of International Law: Global Government](#) (2013); Curt Bradley, [International Law in the U.S. Legal System](#) (2013); Eric Posner and Alan Sykes, [Economic Foundations of International Law](#) (Harvard 2013); Jeremy Waldron, [Partly Laws Common to All Mankind: Foreign Law in American Courts](#) (Yale 2012); Paul Schiff Bermann, [Global Legal Pluralism: A Jurisprudence of Law Beyond Borders](#) (Cambridge 2012); and David Fischer, [Morality and War: Can War be Just in the 21st Century?](#) (2011).

3) International Law I

Must be taken as the elective during the Spring Semester of the first year; GLS students are assured admission into this elective.

4) International Law II (international economic law or an approved substitute)

Students are required to fulfill this requirement in the 2nd year.

Approved Alternatives for International Law II (when offered):

International Business Transactions (F/S)

International Business Transactions and Trade Law

International Economic Law

International Economic Law & Policy Colloquium (S)

International Economic Law Practicum (S)

International Finance and Regulation (F)

International Trade Law (F)

International Trade, Development & the Common Good (S)

International Trade Law & Regulation (F)

International Trade Law and Regulation (WTO)

International Trade and the World Trade Organization

World Trade Organization: Agreements, Negotiations, and Disputes (S)

5) Global Law Scholar Writing Requirement

GLS students **must** complete their Upper class Legal Writing Requirement in a seminar or clinic dealing with international, transnational or comparative law.

This seminar MUST satisfy the Upper class Legal Writing Requirement (WR) for the J.D. Program. (see “Upper class Legal Writing Requirement” in the Juris Doctor Program section of the [Georgetown Law Student Handbook](#)). This means that the seminar or clinic MUST have a WR listed as the course requirement in the course schedule.

It is also possible to satisfy this requirement through a Supervised Research project (see “Supervised Research” in the Juris Doctor Program section of the [Handbook](#)).

Students who wish to choose this alternative must contact Professors De Rosa or Stewart for approval in advance of registering for the supervised research project. The supervised research topic must be substantially international, transnational or comparative in nature or must focus primarily on a component of foreign law.

Illustrative List of Courses in which the Global Law Scholars Writing Requirement can be satisfied (*specific paper topics require approval*)

- Asian Law and Policy Studies Seminar
- China and International Law
- Chinese Law Seminar
- Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar: The South African Bill of Rights
- **Constitutional Aspects of Foreign Affairs Seminar (F)**

- **Contemporary Legal Scholarship Seminar (F/S)**
- **Current Issues in Transnational (Private International) Law Seminar (F)**
- Drug Law and Policy Seminar: A Critical Perspective on the War on Drugs in the Americas
- **Energy Problems Seminar: Climate Change and Other Energy Issues (See note Below) (F)**
- Early American Legal History: From Settlement to Reconstruction, 1600-1880
- **English Legal History Seminar: Foundations of American Law (F)**
- Globalization and Systemic Risk Seminar
- Health and Human Rights
- **International Law in Domestic Courts Seminar (S)**
- International Law Seminar: Use of Force and Conflict Resolution
- International Law Seminar: Water Resources
- **International Law Seminar: Poverty Reduction and Accountability (S)**
- International Legal Philosophy Seminar
- **International Migration and Development (F)**
- International Trade Law & Regulation (WTO)
- **International Trade Law & Regulation (F)**
- International Trade Seminar: The WTO and Subsidies
- **International Women's Human Rights Clinic (F/S)**
- **Investor-State Dispute Resolution Seminar (S)**
- Israel/Palestine Conflict: Legal Issues Seminar
- Latin American Law Seminar
- Law and Development Seminar
- **Legal Spanish: The Traditions, The Culture and Lawyering Tools (S)**
- **Trade, Money, and Trust: The Law and Policy of Globalization Seminar (F)**
- **National and Global Health Law: O'Neill Colloquium (F)**
- Nuclear Non-Proliferation Law: Preventing Nuclear Terrorism
- **Religion and Constitutions in Global Perspective Seminar (S)**
- **Space Law Seminar (S)**
- **Use of Force, National Security, and Human Rights Seminar (S)**
- War and Peace Seminar: New Thinking About the Causes of War and War Avoidance

(6) Comparative Law Requirement

A course in Comparative Law or an **approved substitute** must be taken prior to graduation. To satisfy this requirement, a course or seminar must devote at least a third of its curriculum to examination of a non-U.S. legal system. (If a student takes an approved comparative law J.D. writing requirement seminar, the student may satisfy both this requirement and the requirement described in (5), above, with that one course.) (NOTE: this requirement is in addition to the required 2L Seminar session on comparative law.)

Illustrative List of Courses Satisfying Comparative Law Requirement

- Advanced Antitrust Seminar: A Comparative Look at EU and US Competition Law
- Anti-Corruption Laws and Enforcement Mechanisms: An International Approach
- China's Financial Markets
- Chinese Law Seminar

- Comparative Bill of Rights Seminar
- Comparative Civil Procedure
- **Comparative Constitutional Law (S)**
- Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar
- Comparative Constitutional Law Seminar: The South African Bill of Rights
- Comparative Corporate Governance
- **Comparative Law: Focus on EU and US (S)**
- **Comparative Law: Law and Society in the Middle East Seminar (F)**
- Comparative Property Law: Focus on U.S. and Europe
- Comparative Reproductive Technologies and “Reproductive Tourism”
- Comparative Tax Law
- Constitutional Rights and Human Rights in Comparative Perspective
- Constitutional Rights and Their Limitations: Proportionality
- **Contemporary Legal Scholarship Seminar (F/S)**
- **Cross-Border Transactions in Latin America (F)**
- EU Law: Foundations and International Research
- **EU Law: Selected Topics in ECJ Jurisprudence (W1)**
- Global Cybercrime Law
- **Global Revolutions and Civil Society (F)**
- **Policy Clinic (Harrison Institute for Public Law) (see note below) (YR)**
- **International and Comparative Antitrust Law (S)**
- **International and Comparative Law on Women’s Human Rights (F)**
- International Conflicts of Jurisdiction and the Extraterritorial Application of U.S. Law
- **Global Law of Work (F)**
- International Trafficking in Persons
- Investment and Trade Laws of the Middle East
- Roman Law (formerly Introduction to Roman Law)
- Islamic Finance Law
- Japan/US Comparative Legal Study
- Japanese Civil Procedure
- Latin American Law Seminar
- **Law and Foreign Investment in China (F)**
- Law and Society in Latin America
- **Legal Spanish: The Traditions, The Culture and Lawyering Tools (S)**
- **Nationalisms, State & Cultural Identities Seminar(F)**
- Property Law and Gov’t Economic Policy: American Indians, the Balkans and the Americas
- **Research Skills in International and Comparative Law (S)**
- Rule of Law Promotion in Civil Society in China: Women, the Elderly and the Demographic Consequences of China’s One-Child Policy
- **Transnational Law Colloquium (F)**

Note Clinics and Seminars: Students who wish to satisfy the comparative law requirement by participating writing seminars or in the Harrison Institute for Public Law: Policy Clinic must have a sufficiently international, transnational or comparative focus to their clinic work. Students must discuss the topic of their work with one of the GLS Faculty Directors and receive written approval to count as the comparative law requirement.

(7) Focus Elective

Students must also enroll in a qualifying course or seminar (**for two or more credits**) that focuses on international or transnational legal problems in a specific context. Students generally elect, but are not required, to take this course in their third year. (This requirement has to be met independently of the requirements set forth above. Thus, for example, a student may *not in one course* satisfy the "focus" elective requirement and the J.D writing requirement seminar described in **(5)**, above.) Students are strongly encouraged to choose an elective that focuses on an area that they have not already explored in another course.

Illustrative Courses Satisfying "Focus" Elective

- **Advanced International Commercial Arbitration (S)**
- Advanced Issues in International Human Rights Seminar
- **Advanced Patent Law Seminar (S)**
- Anti-Corruption Laws and Enforcement Mechanisms: An International Approach
- Art and Cultural Property Law Seminar: Indiana Jones and the Elgin Marbles
- Asia-Pacific Legal Issues
- Asian Law & Policy Seminar
- **Aviation Law (F)**
- China and International Law
- **Comparative Law: Law and Society in the Middle East Seminar (F)**
- **Conflict of Laws: Choice of Law (Private International Law) (S)**
- **Contract Law Seminar: Franchising (SU)**
- **Criminal Practice Seminar: White-Collar Crimes in a Transnational Context (S)**
- **Current Issues in Transnational (Private International) Law Seminar (F)**
- Cross-Border Commercial Regulation: Aviation and Maritime Law
- **Cross-Border Transactions in Latin America (F)**
- **Cyber and National Security: Current Issues Seminar (F)**
- **Foreign Relations Law (F)**
- **Gender and U.S. Foreign Policy (S)**
- **Global Anti-Corruption Seminar (F/S)**
- Global Commerce and Litigation
- **Global Health Law (F)**
- Global Securities Offerings
- Health, Human Rights and Social Justice
- **Human Rights and the Inter-American System (S)**
- Human Rights at the Intersection of Trade and Corporate Responsibility
- **Human Rights Fact-Finding (Project-Based Practicum) (YR)**
- Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the 21st Century: Legal Perspectives
- **Immigration Law and Policy (SU/S)**
- Intellectual Property in World Trade
- **International and Comparative Antitrust Law (S)**
- **International Bankruptcy (S)**
- **International Business Litigation and Federal Practice (S)**
- **International Business Negotiations (F/S)**
- **International Business Transactions (F/S)**
- International Civil Litigation and Federal Practice

- **International Commercial Arbitration (F)**
- **International Criminal Law (S)**
- International Courts and Tribunals: Theory and Practice
- **International Efforts to Combat Corruption Seminar (S)**
- International Environmental Law
- International Finance
- International Human Rights Colloquium
- **International Human Rights (S)**
- **International Human Rights Law (F/S)**
- International Law and the New Global Political Economy Seminar
- International Law of Racial Discrimination
- **Global Law of Work (F)**
- International Legal Philosophy
- **International Negotiations (F)**
- **International Negotiations Seminar (F/S)**
- **International Project Finance (S)**
- **International Project Finance and Investment (S)**
- International Trade and Health
- **International Trade and Investment Litigation Strategy (S)**
- International Trade Remedies and the WTO
- International Trade, Investment, and Sustainable Development: Reconciling Open Markets and Environmental and Social Concerns
- International Trafficking in Persons
- **International White Collar Crime (F)**
- **Issues in Disarmament: Proliferation and Terrorism Seminar (S)**
- **Justice and Accountability for International Atrocities Crimes: Bridging Theory and Practice Seminar (S)**
- Law and Development Seminar
- Law of War
- **Law of War Seminar (F)**
- **Advocacy in International Arbitration (F)**
- Managing National Security
- **Maritime Law (F)**
- **National Security and the Law of the Sea (S)**
- National Security Crisis Law
- **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Law & Policy (F)**
- Pre-Negotiation Strategies for Cross-Border Transactions
- **Refugee Law and Policy (F)**
- Regulation of International Securities Markets
- **Religion and Constitutions in Global Perspective Seminar (S)**
- **Religion, State and Multiculturalism Seminar (S)**
- Restorative Justice in International Human Rights: A New Paradigm
- **Rule of Law and the Administration of Justice (F)**
- **Tax Treaties (two credit version only) (F/S)**
- **The Federal Courts and the World Seminar: History, Developments, and Problems (F)**
- Trade and Integration in the Americas
- Treaties and the Constitution: New Directions
- **U.S. and International Customs Law (S)**

- U.S. Taxation of International Transactions
- **Use of Force, National Security, and Human Rights Seminar (S)**

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