

INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL LAW?

The scope of international law includes how to transact business affairs and conduct foreign relations across international boundaries, as well as examining how countries relate to one another and manage major global problems. The growth of the global marketplace and increasing interdependence among nations places a premium on lawyers who understand the international implications of various public, private, and commercial activities. Houston holds a commanding international presence, and the Law Center's programs related to international law capitalize on the city's substantial global connections.

UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

- Admiralty
- Admiralty, PI & Death
- Comparative Law
- Doing Business Down Under – Australia & New Zealand
- European Union Law
- Foreign Affairs
- Human Rights
- Immigration & the Family
- Immigration and Business Law
- Immigration Clinic
- Immigration Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Corporate Compliance
- International Courts & Tribunals
- International Criminal Law
- International Intellectual Property
- International Law
- International Litigation
- International Petroleum Transactions
- International Risk Management
- International Tax
- International Trade
- Introduction to Chinese Law
- Introduction to Islamic Legal Theory & Practice
- Introduction to the Law of Mexico
- Latin American Comparative Law
- Law of International Organizations
- U.S. Export Regulation
- U.S. Import Regulation

Not all classes are offered every year, and offerings are subject to change. <http://catalog.uh.edu/content.php?catoid=13&navoid=3193>

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY LAWYERS PROGRAM

The Law Center's newest joint degree is the J.D./J.D. with the University of Calgary. The International Energy Lawyers Program (IELP) allows you to earn both Canadian and American law degrees in four years. As an IELP student, you will spend two years at each school and take courses that will enable you to apply for admission to the bars in the United States and Canada. The Law Center and Calgary Faculty of Law each enjoy international reputations as leading law schools in these areas, and Houston and Calgary are both leading energy centers.

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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

UHLC has numerous exchange programs that allow you to expand your understanding of the legal systems in other countries and to enhance your appreciation for the complexities of international and comparative law. There are three approaches available to Law Center students who want to study abroad.

1. Participate in one of the Law Center's international exchange programs, which break down into two types: NACLE (North American Consortium of Legal Education) schools and Other Exchange Agreement schools, listed below.

North American Consortium of Legal Education (NACLE) schools include:

- McGill University in Montreal, Quebec
- The University of Dalhousie in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- The University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C.
- The University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario
- ITESM, Monterrey Tech in Monterrey, Nuevo León
- Universidad Panamericana in Mexico City, Mexico
- Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, UNAM in Mexico City, Mexico
- Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City, Mexico

Other Exchange Agreement schools include:

- Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon
- Wonkwang University College of Law in Korea
- Fundacao Getulio Vargas, Rio de Janeiro in Brazil
- Yeditepe University Law Faculty in Istanbul

2. Attend the Foreign Study programs available from other ABA-approved law schools.

3. Create your own independent foreign study program in almost any country by working with the Student Services Office. law.uh.edu/academic/study-abroad.asp



"I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law and NACLE at the University of Houston Law Center. During my 1L summer, I had the amazing experience of working at the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores in the Family Law Unit in Mexico City. I worked on Hague International Parental Abduction cases, as well as researched and developed materials for Mexican national parents facing termination of their parental rights in the United States. My experience in Mexico allowed me to gain a unique understanding of the Mexican legal system and the ways it intersects with our own laws. On top of everything else, I got to live for a summer in Mexico City, an amazing, historic, beautiful city with amazing food. I can't imagine having a better 1L internship experience."

– LAUREN A. FISHER FLORES '15
STAFF ATTORNEY, KIDS IN NEED OF DEFENSE (KIND)

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Global Fellowship Program provides financial assistance to students pursuing international placements with government and nonprofit agencies during the summer. The program goal is to allow students to enrich their skill set and broaden their career networks to pursue careers across the globe. Placements for the summer of 2015 included:

- Comisión Nacional de Hidrocarburos (Mexico)
- Alberta Utilities Commission (Canada)
- Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) (Mexico)
- Commission for Environmental Cooperation (Canada)
- National Green Tribunal Internship (India)
- Petróleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) (Mexico)

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IMMIGRATION CLINIC

The immigration clinic specializes in handling applications for asylum on behalf of victims of torture and persecution; in representing immigrants who have been the victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, and crime; and in dealing with children and those fleeing civil war, genocide, or political repression. Under close faculty supervision, clinic students are responsible for handling the cases from the initial interview through the conclusion of the case, including trial, if needed. Students in the clinic have won precedent-setting decisions and have worked on cases that have reached as far as the U.S. Supreme Court. law.uh.edu/clinic/immi.asp

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Houston Journal of International Law (HJIL) is a student-run scholarly legal journal that publishes articles written by leading legal scholars and student-written case notes and comments on topics of international legal significance. The Journal is ranked in the top 25% of all journals published worldwide based on the number of citations, according to a recent ranking by Washington & Lee University. Students are invited to participate on the basis of their 1L grades or the summer writing competition. hjil.org/

International Law Society (ILS) is a student organization committed to advancing student understanding of international law and increasing awareness of global events and cultures. ILS provides a forum for students, practitioners, and academics to exchange ideas and opportunities in international law by organizing seminars with international lawyers and consular representatives. It also hosts social events and advising sessions. law.uh.edu/organizations/ilssoc

CENTER FOR U.S. AND MEXICAN LAW

UHLC's Center for U.S. and Mexican Law is the first research center in any U.S. law school devoted to the independent, critical study of Mexican law and aspects of U.S.-Mexico relations. The Center capitalizes on Houston's position as a gateway between the United States and Mexico, and its research programs are directed toward increasing the understanding of Mexican laws and legal institutions in the U.S., and of U.S. laws and legal institutions in Mexico. The Center also sponsors activities to promote professional cooperation and comparative legal education in North America through a partnership with the North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE). law.uh.edu/Mexican-law/

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL ADVOCACY COMPETITIONS

UHLC provides aspiring lawyers interested in practicing international law with rigorous skills training to meet the challenges of an international legal career. Students compete in several international moot court and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) competitions each year.

- The Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition features more than 550 law schools from more than 80 countries, making it the world's largest moot court competition. Each year, UHLC sends members of our moot court team to compete in this prestigious event.
- Stetson University College of Law hosts an International Environmental Moot Court Competition each year, and UHLC was honored to compete in this event in 2015.
- Paris, France is home to the International Chamber of Commerce's International Commercial Mediation Competition. In 2015, two UHLC students won the competition, which makes UHLC the only school in the world to hold this honor more than once, having also won in 2005. The 2015 competition included teams from 34 countries.
- Each spring, UHLC sends students to Hong Kong for the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition, in which students conduct an arbitration based on a problem involving an international sales transaction. Since 2004, UHLC students have consistently won at least one award in this competition, and in 2015, our team was the top-ranked U.S. team after the preliminary round.