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JD/LLM Core Faculty

Francesca Bignami
European Law, Comparative Public Law, International Economic Law

Curtis Bradley
Public International Law, U.S. Foreign Relations Law

Mitsu Fukui
International Finance

Donald Horowitz
Comparative Constitutional Law, Ethnic Conflict and Its Amelioration

Ralf Michaels
Conflict of Laws, Comparative Law

Middle Eastern Law

International Criminal Law, Use of Force, International Human Rights

Jerome Reichman
International Intellectual Property

James Saltzman
Trade and Environmental Law

Steven Schwarz

Jonathan Weiner
International Environmental Law, Comparative Regulatory Policy

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GLOBAL LAW WORKSHOP

The Global Law Workshop is a year-round workshop that focuses on current issues in international and comparative law. Prominent legal scholars from around the world present their latest work in a small seminar setting. Open to JD/LLM, LLM, and SJD students, and other students interested in international law, the course is run and regularly attended by Duke Law faculty.

DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Duke Law’s LLM, Visiting Scholars, SJD, and international exchange programs bring as many as 100 foreign lawyers and scholars to the Law School each year to study a wide range of subjects. The LLM Class of 2008 included students from 39 countries, ranging from Kenya and Nigeria to Germany, Colombia, Korea, and China. The majority of these students have worked for two or more years with large law firms in their home countries, but many also have served as judges, prosecutors, academics, in-house lawyers, and public service interns.

GLOBAL CAPITAL MARKETS CENTER

The Global Capital Markets Center is a collaboration between Duke Law and Duke’s Fuqua School of Business. The center sponsors research and develops curriculum relating to business, finance, legal, and public policy issues. The center is particularly interested in corporate governance issues and, in partnership with the New York Stock Exchange Foundation, sponsors the annual Directors’ Education Institute for senior executives and board members.

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CREDITS

Total Credits Required 104
(84 for JD / 20 for LLM)
First-Year Required Credits 37
Duke Law Summer Institute
(Geneva/Hong Kong during 1L summer) 6
Upperclass Credits 61

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Pre-1L Summer Courses: Property, Contracts
1L Fall JD Courses: Civil Procedure; Torts; Legal Analysis, Research & Writing
1L Spring JD Courses: Criminal Law; Constitutional Law; Legal Analysis, Research & Writing
1L LLM Courses: International Law, Comparative Law; Research Methods in International, Foreign, and Comparative Law

Duke Summer Institutes in Transnational Law (Geneva/Hong Kong): Three courses in international, foreign, or comparative law
Required Upper-level JD Course: Ethics
Upper-level LLM Courses: At least seven credits in international, comparative, or foreign law

Significant writing on an international, comparative, or foreign law subject: Usually satisfied by externship paper, independent study paper, or seminar paper/

Foreign Language Competency Requirement: Usually satisfied by an intermediate-level language course at Duke, advanced language study at your undergraduate institution, or a language competency test.

OTHER COURSEWORK

Courses Outside the Law School: Up to nine credits from other University divisions may count toward the LLM requirements; six of those credits must involve international, foreign, or comparative fields of study. The Duke University Area Studies Program is rich in courses on many specific countries, and the Political Science Department offers excellent programs in international relations.

Externship in International Law: Up to 14 credits may be earned for one semester of unpaid work at a preapproved international organization. Capstone Projects and domestic partial-semester externships also are available.

Study Abroad: JD/LLM students may participate in a one-semester exchange program at one of 20 outstanding law schools in 17 countries.