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Curriculum

Loyola University Chicago School of Law provides an environment where a global perspective is respected and encouraged. International and Comparative Law are not studied only in theoretical, abstract terms but primarily in the context of values-based professional practice. In addition to purely international classes, courses in other disciplines – health law, child and family law, advocacy, business and tax, antitrust, intellectual property – have strong international and comparative components.

International Centers

The United Nations has designated Loyola Chicago School of Law as the home of its Children's International Human Rights Initiative. The Children's International Human Rights Initiative promotes the physical, emotional, educational, spiritual, and legal rights of children around the world through a program of interdisciplinary research, teaching, outreach and service. It is part of Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Center, a program committed to preparing lawyers and other leaders to be effective advocates for children, their families, and their communities.

Study Abroad

Loyola's international curriculum is expanded by its foreign programs and field study opportunities:

International Programs

- A four-week summer program at Loyola's permanent campus in Rome, Italy, the John Felice Rome Center, focusing on international and comparative law
- A 10-day program in Beijing, during the last 10 days of May in the format of a Field Study. Students must take the Introduction to Chinese Law #177 in the Spring Semester. While on the Field Study, students will earn one additional credit for the Spring course #177, with instruction by a leading Chinese Commercial Law expert.

International Field Study

- A ten-day, between-semester course in London on comparative advocacy, where students observe trials at Old Bailey, then meet with judges and barristers to discuss the substantive and procedural aspects of the British trial system. Students also visit the Inns of the Court and the Law Society, as well as have the opportunity to visit the offices of barristers and solicitors.
- A comparative law seminar on *Legal Systems of the Americas*, which offers students the opportunity to travel to Chile over spring break for on-site study and research. In Santiago, participants meet with faculty and students at the Law Faculty of Universidad Alberto Hurtado.
- A one-week site visit experience in San Juan, Puerto Rico, students have the opportunity to research the island-wide health program for indigents as well as focus on Puerto Rico's managed care and regulation.

- A global law seminar that uses a collaborative immersion approach to learning about the legal system of a selected country, including travel to that country over spring break. Countries of focus have included Tanzania, Thailand, India, Cambodia, Turkey, and Vietnam. Students work in research teams to produce papers of publishable quality.

The Annual Wing-Tat Lee Lecture in International and Comparative Law

This annual event brings to Loyola University Chicago School of Law leading practitioners and scholars to deliver a significant lecture in international and comparative law. The lecture is funded by a grant from the late Wing-Tat Lee, a businessman from Hong-Kong. Previous lecturers include George A. Berman, Karen J. Alter, Thomas Buergenthal, Stephen Schwebel and Eleanor Fox.

The Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law

The Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law was established to support a leading scholar of international recruited from an international search with a grant from the late Wing-Tat Lee, a businessman from Hong-Kong. The current holder of the chair is James T. Gathii who specializes in international law, international human rights and international trade law. He is also an editor of the American Journal of International Law among other leading journals in his field. He serves as an investor-state arbitrator in international investment and contract disputes. He has published over 80 articles and several books and frequently presents his work around the world.

International Moot Court Competition

Students hone their international skills in two moot competitions: the Phillip Jessup Competition, which involves a moot court argument on a problem of public international law, and the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, involving a problem under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. There are two Vis teams that participate each spring in an oral argument involving an international moot arbitration problem. One team participates in Vienna, Austria against approximately 300 law school teams from all over the world, and the other team participates in Hong Kong SAR, China, against approximately 95 law school teams.

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