

CERTIFICATE IN INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

LEVIN COLLEGE OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Background Information

Although the term “global economy” has become fairly commonplace, lawyers today realize that globalization involves much more than economics. Every field of law that touches upon commerce, including civil procedure, business associations, securities regulation, intellectual property, trade regulation, taxation, immigration, environmental law, and others, is affected by the globalization process. Equally important is the ever-growing development of human rights laws, both domestically and at the international level. Today’s lawyer is continually challenged by clients and others to become familiar with the laws of foreign jurisdictions and to understand international legal processes.

The Certificate in International and Comparative Law rewards significant academic achievement in the field of international and comparative law. It is awarded by the Levin College of Law to students who have met the requirements stated below. The Certificate is a mark of achievement and a credential for any student who might potentially practice law or be otherwise involved in international matters.

Students enrolled in the Certificate Program have registration priority for program core courses, are given selection priority for student exchanges, summer academic programs in foreign countries and other overseas programs, and are encouraged to attend and to participate in symposia, publications, and programs involving matters of international interest.

The Certificate Program is administered by the International Programs Committee of the Levin College of Law. A faculty member serves as Director of the Certificate Program. All issues regarding Certificate requirements are decided by the Director, subject to review by the International Programs Committee. The Program Assistant for International Programs handles all applications and can assist with any questions or concerns. The International Programs Office (as pertaining to this certificate) is located in 343 Holland Hall.

Eligibility to Enroll

All J.D. students enrolled at the Levin College of Law are eligible to enroll in the Certificate Program. Enrollment may be at any time during a student’s academic tenure. There is no charge to enroll. Enrollment forms can be obtained in Karen Kays office, 343 Holland Hall, online at <http://www.law.ufl.edu/academics/concentration/international-comparative-law/certificate-program>.

Certificate Requirements

- A. Completion of the usual graduation requirements for a J.D. degree.
- B. Completion of at least 18 credit hours of courses with international or comparative law content. This requirement is satisfied by:
 - 1. Completion of the following three (3) courses with a grade of C or better:
 - a. **International Law**
 - b. **Comparative Law**
 - c. **International Business Transactions**
 - 2. Completion of additional courses as may be selected from the list of approved courses in Schedules A and/or B; and
 - 3. A cumulative GPA no less than 3.0 for all courses taken to satisfy the 18-credit hour requirement.
- C. Participation in either:
 - 1. An ABA-recognized academic summer abroad program;
 - 2. An ABA-recognized foreign student exchange of at least one-semester in length;
 - 3. A foreign law study program approved in advance by the Director of the Certificate Program.
 - 4. Other significant educational experience abroad approved by the Director of the Certificate Program. (This experience could precede or be concurrent with law school. The Certificate enrollee should check with the Director of the Certificate Program to determine whether the foreign program satisfies this requirement.).

Foreign Language Proficiency

Foreign language proficiency is not required to obtain the Certificate. In recognition that multilingualism is a decided professional advantage, Certificate students are strongly encouraged to develop verbal competency in a second language other than English.

Transfer Students

Students who have transferred into the Levin College of Law, or students who transfer to or take courses from other colleges or institutions, may satisfy the requirements of Item B through courses taken and grades received elsewhere if approved by the Director of the Certificate Program.

SCHEDULE A

Admiralty
Advanced Human Rights
Art Law
Comparative Constitutional History
Comparative Family Law
Conflict of Law (also called Conflicts)
Course taught by a Foreign Exchange Visitor
Cross Cultural Counseling
Dispute Resolution Under International Trade & Investment Agreements
European Community Law
European & International Copyright Law
Foreign Enrichment
Foreign and International Legal Research
Global Corporate Compliance
Immigration & Nationality Law (also called Immigration Law)
International Children's Law
International Criminal Law
International Environmental & Trade Law (seminar)
International Financial Crimes
International Human Rights
International Intellectual Property
International Law
International Law of the Sea
International Litigation & Arbitration
International Sale of Goods
International Securities Regulations
International Trade & Environment
International Trade Law
International Trade Law (seminar)
Law of NAFTA
Law & Policy in the Americas (seminar)
National Security Law
Trade & Human Rights

Courses offered on a limited basis can be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if they would qualify to count towards the certificate. Please contact Karen Kays in 343 Holland Hall for information.

SCHEDULE B

1. Up to 2 credits for participation in one or more of the following:
 - Florida Journal of International Law
 - Jessup International Moot Court
 - Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court
2. Credits earned in an ABA-recognized academic summer program abroad.
3. Credits earned in an ABA-recognized foreign student exchange program of at least one semester in length.
4. Credits earned in a foreign law study program approved in advance by the Director of the Certificate Program.
5. Such other University of Florida or other university courses for which credit is approved in advance by the Director of the Certificate Program.