

Peking University School of Transnational Law General Guidelines for Study Abroad

Application and Selection Process

Students who wish to be considered for study abroad opportunities must submit a complete Application to the Office of International Programs (OIP). Please refer to the <u>International Exchange Application for STL Students</u> document for specific instructions. The Application should demonstrate how the proposed study abroad is thoughtfully related to a student's educational and professional goals.

Applications are submitted during Quarter 2 of the academic year that precedes the beginning of the study abroad term (either the Fall or Spring semester of the following academic year). Exact application deadlines vary each year and are announced by the OIP.

Most STL students study abroad as 3Ls. STL students are <u>not</u> permitted to study abroad in their 1L and 2L years because of the interruption that would result in their required coursework.

Applications are forwarded to a nomination committee comprised of STL professors. Nominations are made primarily based on the strength of a student's academic record and the thoughtfulness of the student's Application, particularly his or her personal statements. Nominations are then forwarded to each host school. Host schools reserve the right to review student applications and make the final admission decision.

Policy on Study Abroad During the 4L Year

Peking University regulations prohibit study abroad within three months of a student's graduation date. In practice, this means that 4L students are not eligible to study abroad during their final semester before graduation. Therefore, while 4L students are generally eligible to participate in STL's study abroad programs, they may only participate through one of the following scenarios:

- (1) during the Fall semester of their 4L year, but students need to accept the risk that there may be credit transfer issues that affect graduation;
 - (2) during the Spring semester of their 4L year, but only if they delay their graduation.

While abroad, 4L students continue to be responsible for any obligations related to the completion of their thesis.

Requirements for Transfer of Credit

Students may receive credit toward their J.D. degree for coursework completed in a study abroad program. The following requirements apply to the transfer of credit:



1. The overseas courses must be graduate- or master's-level law school courses. Without prior advance approval of the OIP, transfer credit shall <u>not</u> be awarded for undergraduate-level law school courses or for courses that were offered by other departments of the host school.

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2. Within the sole judgment of the Director of International Programs, the overseas courses must not duplicate courses previously taken at STL. It is the student's responsibility to present sufficient information (e.g., course descriptions, syllabi) to establish that the overseas courses do not duplicate courses previously taken at STL.

Please note that some host schools require exchange students to enroll in certain courses. If it is determined that a required overseas course duplicates a course previously taken at STL, the student may still be eligible to receive transfer credit.

3. Students must satisfactorily complete their overseas course requirements with passing grades as determined by the grading system of the host school. For more information on the grading system of a particular host school, please refer to the summaries contained below in the Opportunities Available section of this document.

As documentation of their grades, students must submit a copy of their overseas transcript to the Director of International Programs.

- 4. Students must complete and submit to the Director of International Programs a final report on their study abroad experience. For more information, please see the <u>Study Abroad Final Report Instructions</u> document in the Office of International Programs. The final report is due no later than three weeks after the conclusion of your study abroad term.
- 5. For all programs, the maximum transferrable credit is 25 STL credits.

<u>Credit for overseas courses is recorded course-by-course on the STL transcript on a mandatory pass/fail basis</u>. In other words, overseas courses appear on each student's STL transcript one-by-one as separate entries, each with an indication of P (for pass) or F (for fail).

The amount of transfer credit is determined by a ratio of teaching hours per credit at the host school and teaching hours per credit at STL. For more information on the ratio of a particular host school, please refer to the summaries contained below in the <u>Opportunities Available</u> section of this document. Because of rounding effects, the actual amount of transfer credit may differ slightly from the amount that would be produced using a unitary calculation. Please note that the maximum credits that can be transferred for one course is no more than 3 credits.

At AMU – 10 class-hours are equivalent to 1 STL credit.

At Bucerius, Center for Transnational Legal Studies, Indiana, Iowa, and Miami – 1 credit at the host school is roughly equivalent to 1.3 STL credits.

A 1-credit course transfers back to STL as a 1-credit course (rounded down from 1.3 credits) and a 2-credit course transfers back to STL as a 3-credit course (rounded up from 2.6 credits).

At Fundação Getulio Vargas, 1 credit at the host school is roughly equivalent to 1.6 STL credits.



After rounding, a 1-credit course transfers back to STL as a 2-credit course, a 2-credit course transfers back to STL as a 3-credit course.

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At **EBS**, **Tel Aviv and Lausanne**, 1 credit at the host school is roughly equivalent to 1 STL credit. Therefore, no rounding is necessary, and courses at the host school transfer back to STL for an equal number of credits.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. To be eligible for study abroad, a student must be in good academic standing and ordinarily <u>not</u> have been the subject of prior disciplinary action, academic censure, probation or suspension. If you have been the subject of prior disciplinary action, academic censure, probation or suspension, you should consult the OIP about your eligibility.
- 2. During their study abroad term, students are not permitted to enroll in any courses offered at STL.
- 3. During their study abroad term, students continue to pay STL tuition.
- 4. During the school year, students should ordinarily limit their study abroad term to one semester.
- 5. Based on the academic calendar of some host schools, a study abroad term may happen to overlap with a quarter at STL. In this scenario, a student shall not enroll in any STL course offered that quarter for which the student will have an excessive number of absences as a result of the study abroad.
- 6. Though the study abroad offices of our partner schools can provide assistance, it is the ultimate responsibility of each student (1) to secure the necessary visa for entry and residence; (2) reserve and pay for round-trip air travel; and (3) locate and reserve housing in the host country.
- 7. For all programs, students must be able to demonstrate access to health insurance coverage for the full duration of their study abroad term. Students may be able to secure coverage under a Chinese insurance plan or a plan offered in the host country. Students are advised to consult with each host school for more information.
- 8. STL reserves the right to restrict students from attending programs in areas where there may be security risks, even if the student had been previously approved for attendance.
- 9. Some programs require that students submit documentation regarding their financial ability to study abroad. This financial certification process can be time-consuming since the student needs to compile evidence of guaranteed funding such as bank letters and bank statements. Financial certifications can vary with each host school. The following certification amounts, taken from recent years, are provided for reference only:

Bucerius Law School: 3000 Euro University of Indiana: US\$6,347

When applying to study abroad, students must be aware of this potential certification requirement and note that scholarships are rarely available.



10. During their study abroad term, students are enrolled as non-degree students at the host school.

Notwithstanding this rule, some host schools (e.g., Iowa, Miami) allow students to apply credit earned during a study abroad term toward future study in a LLM program (to commence after the student graduates from STL). This helps reduce the time and cost for students to earn advanced law degrees from the host school. Students are advised to consult with each host school for more specific information.

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Opportunities Available

Aix-Marseille University

Year Established	2015
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Aix, France
Semester of Exchange	Quarter 1 only
Available English Law Courses	Students going abroad to AMU will take three
	20-hour courses on International Public Law,
	Human Rights Law and Environmental Law.
	Students also have the option of writing a
	research paper supervised by an AMU faculty
	member which will count as an additional six
	STL credits.
Grading System	Numerical grades out of 20. 10 is a passing
	grade.
Credit System	10 hours of course-work at AMU is equivalent
	to 1 STL credit.
Website	www.ceric-aix.univ-cezanne.fr/

Bucerius Law School

Founded in 2000 as Germany's first private law school, Bucerius is located in Hamburg and offers undergraduate, graduate, and executive education programs. The law school strives to reform German legal education and aspires to represent the German legal community in the international discourse.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Hamburg, Germany
Semester of Exchange	Fall only
Academic Calendar	Early September to late December. Each term
	consists of two 7-week sessions, inclusive of
	exam weeks.
Available English Law Courses	15-18 courses. There is only one required



	course – a 2-credit German Law Survey course.
Grading System	Letter-grade system, from A+ to F
Credit System	1 Bucerius credit is roughly equal to 1.3 STL credits. To be eligible for transfer credit, a student must earn a minimum grade of C in Bucerius courses.
Website	www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html

Deakin University School of Law

Deakin's Master of Laws has a focus on international commercial law and corporate regulation. The course will equip you with fundamental disciplinary knowledge on important areas of the Australian and international legal system and recent professional practice developments.

Year Established	2016	
Available Spaces	2 students	
Each Year		
Location	Victoria, Australia	
Semester of	Fall and Spring	
Exchange		
Academic Calendar	Trimester 1. Early March- Late June;	
	Trimester 2. Early July-Late October;	
	Trimester 3. Early November- Late February.	
Available English	All courses are taught in English	
Law Courses		
Grading System	TBD	
Credit System	TBD	
Website	http://www.deakin.edu.au/international-students/study-abroad-and-e	
	xchange	

EBS Law School

EBS Law School, located in Wiesbaden, is Germany's youngest law faculty and offers a challenging, integrated curriculum that combines traditional legal studies with a specialist focus on business law.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	4 students
Location	Wiesbaden, Germany
Semester of Exchange	Fall only
Academic Calendar	Early September to late December



Available English Law Courses	Students take courses in the EBS Law Term on
	Transnational Commercial Law. There is one
	required 9-credit course on Foundations and Key
	Qualifications of Transnational Commercial Law.
Grading System	Numerical-grade system, from 0 to 18
	*During summer term, EBS uses a letter-grade
	system, from A+ to F.
Credit System	1 EBS credit is equal to 1 STL credit. To be eligible
	for transfer credit, a student must earn a minimum
	grade of 4 in EBS courses during the school year and
	a minimum grade of D during the summer term.
Website	http://www.ebs.edu/international-students-law.html?
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ESADE Law School

ESADE is an international academic institution with over fifty years of history. The main asset of this school are people: faculty members and professionals who nurture reflection, dialogue, projects and initiatives to ensure excellent education, pioneering research and a valuable contribution to social debate and transformation.

Year Established	2016	
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students	
Location	Barcelona, Spain	
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring	
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: late August to late December	
	Spring semester: mid-February to end of June	
Available English Law Courses	From ESADE's intranet STUDENTS can carry out	
	all formalities, including access to the Exchange	
	Information Package (around June/July) and On-line	
	Course Registration once the enrolment period is	
	opened in July.	
	The language of instruction is English and Spanish at	
	the fall term, and Spanish at Spring term (B2	
	Spanish language certificate required).	
Grading System	Numerical-grade system, from 0 to 10	
Credit System	ESADE uses the ECTS credit system. The minimum	
	course load for a term is 30 ECTS.	
Website	http://www.esade.edu/web/eng/alumni-and-network/p	
	rospective-exchange-students	

Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School of Sao Paulo



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FGV, located in Sao Paulo, features an innovative Global Law Program conceived to enable foreign students to understand the general guidelines of the Brazilian legal system, promote a wide debate on global topics under a Brazilian point of view, and engage Brazilian and foreign students in multidisciplinary discussions.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: early August to mid-December
	Spring semester: mid-February to end of June
	Each semester consists of two terms. In the Fall
	semester, the terms run from August through
	September, and from October through
	December. In the Spring semester, the terms
	run from February through April, and May
	through June.
Available English Law Courses	Students take courses in the Global Law
	Program and are required to take a 2-credit
	course on Brazilian Law.
Grading System	Numerical grades, from 0 to 10.
Credit System	1 FGV credit is roughly equal to 1.6 STL
	credits. To be eligible for transfer credit, a
	student must earn a minimum grade of 7 in
	FGV courses.
Website	http://direitogv.fgv.br/en/global-law-program-en

IE Law School

Year Established	2016
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Madrid/ Segvia, Spain
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: early September to mid-December Spring semester: early January to April/May
Available English Law Courses	Coordinators are highly advised to nominate their students according to their study field at Home University. During the enrollment process, students are required to register in courses from their area, being able to take some credits from a different study field depending



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	on availability (there might be a higher possibility of timetable clashes when choosing courses from different areas). During the Add & Drop period, students will only be able to add or drop a course within the 20% of the sessions.
Grading System	TBD
Credit System	TBD
Website	www.ie.edu/universidad

Maastricht University Faculty of Law

Located in the Netherlands, the Maastricht University Faculty of Law is a pioneering law school that has long maintained a strong presence in China. The school is a partner of the China-EU School of Law consortium and regularly organizes conferences in Macau on intellectual property law. Maastricht offers seven LLM programs and features a widely admired pedagogy of "problem-based learning" that the school has implemented in all its courses.

Year Established	2013
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Maastricht, Netherlands
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: early September to early
	February
	Spring semester: early February to early July
	Each semester consists of 3 periods. The first two periods of each semester are each 8-10
	weeks long. The third period of each semester
	is roughly 4 weeks long. The vast majority of
	courses are offered during the first 2 periods
	of each semester.
Available English Law Courses	Approximately 10-15 courses in each
	semester
Grading System	Numerical grades, from 0 to 10.
Credit System	To be eligible for transfer credit, a student
	must earn a minimum grade of 5.5 in
	Maastricht courses.
	In a typical semester, a student can expect to enroll in 24 Maastricht credits. Because of Maastricht's Problem-Based Learning method, courses are highly variable in terms of classroom instruction and team projects.



	Precise ratios are not possible, but 24 Maastricht credits roughly translate to 18 STL credits.
Website	http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Facul ties/FL/TargetGroup/ExchangeStudents/Inco mingStudents.htm

Stockholm University Department of Law

Year Established	2016
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Stockholm, Sweden
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring.
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: Mid August 2017 - Late
	January;
	Spring semester: Mid January – Early June;
	Examinations are arranged throughout the
	year with no fixed examination periods. Each
	course ends with an examination of some sort.
	Break during Christmas depends on the
	course schedule.
Available English Law Courses	Approximately 25-30 these specialized
	courses, are given in English and open to both
	foreign exchange and Swedish law students.
Grading System	TBD
Credit System	TBD
Website	http://www.jurinst.su.se/english

Tel Aviv University Buchmann Faculty of Law

Located at the heart of Tel Aviv, TAU is Israel's premier law school. It offers an environment of excellence and educational intimacy in the form of renowned faculty, vibrant student life, ample opportunities for clinical training, and extracurricular activities. The faculty boasts eight clinics, an International LLM in English, and research centers in ethics, human rights, criminal law, environmental law, and corporate governance and capital markets regulation, among others.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Tel Aviv, Israel



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Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring. However, please see below
	information on available courses.
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: mid-October to mid-January
	Spring semester: mid-February to late June
	The Fall semester consists of one session from mid-October to mid-January for the Fall semester.
	The Spring semester consists of two sessions, one from mid-February to mid-May and the other from mid-May to late June.
Available English Law Courses	Approximately 30-40 courses offered over two semesters. There are no required courses.
Grading System	Numerical grades, from 60 to 100.
Credit System	1 TAU credit is roughly equal to 1 STL credit.
,	To be eligible for transfer credit, a student
	must earn a minimum grade of 61 in TAU
	courses. By TAU rules, students may be
	limited to 14 credits.
Website	http://www6.tau.ac.il/law_exchange/

University of Indiana Maurer School of Law

Founded in 1842, the School of Law is located in Bloomington and is the national leader in the study of the global legal profession. The law school also offers a robust clinical program that features six clinics, various externship opportunities, and an intellectual property law practicum.

Year Established	2010
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Bloomington, Indiana, USA
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: mid-August to mid-December
	Spring semester: early January to early May
Available English Law Courses	A full selection of courses is available. There
	are no required courses.
Grading System	Letter-grade system, from A+ to F
Credit System	1 Indiana credit is roughly equal to 1.3 STL
	credits. To be eligible for transfer credit, a
	student must earn a minimum grade of C in
	IU courses.
Website	http://law.indiana.edu/



University of Iowa College of Law

Located in Iowa City, the College of Law was founded in 1865 and specializes in international and comparative law. The law school also features a research center devoted to the interdisciplinary study of areas related to government regulation of entrepreneurship, innovation, and business.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Iowa City, Iowa, USA
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: mid-August to mid-December
	Spring semester: mid-January to mid-May
Available English Law Courses	A full selection of courses is available. There
	are no required courses.
Grading System	Letter-grade system, from A+ to F
Credit System	1 Iowa credit is roughly equal to 1.3 STL
	credits. To be eligible for transfer credit, a
	student must earn a minimum grade of C in
	Iowa courses.
Miscellaneous Notes	Pursuant to an agreement negotiated by the
	Office of International Programs, students
	have full access to the Office of Career
	Services at Iowa.
Website	http://www.law.uiowa.edu/

University of Lausanne Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice

Located in Lausanne, Switzerland, the UNIL specializes in international, European and comparative law, as well as foreign legislations. The UNIL also features a marked interest in legal culture and theory and a unique Master of Law program in Criminality and Security of New Technologies. The law school offers bachelors, masters, and doctorate programs.

Available Spaces Each Year 4 st	tudents
	students
Location Lau	usanne, Switzerland
Semester of Exchange Fall	ll and Spring
Spr The som more	Il semester: early September to late January ring semester: mid-February to late June e above dates are inclusive of exam periods, me of which are listed as taking place one onth after classes end. Students should consult NIL directly about specific academic calendar



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Available English Law Courses	Many English law courses are offered in UNIL's master's programs. There are no required courses.
Grading System	Numerical grades, from 0 to 6
Credit System	1 UNIL credit is roughly equal to 1 STL credit.
	To be eligible for transfer credit, a student must
	earn a minimum grade of 4 in UNIL courses.
Website	http://www.unil.ch/international/page76145_en.h
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University of Miami School of Law

Founded in 1928 and located in Coral Gables, the University of Miami School of Law specializes in corporate, international, and intellectual property law. The law school also features a distinguished Litigation Skills Program and 10 clinics. The law school also sponsors the annual Law Without Walls program that brings together 18 schools from around the world.

Year Established	2012
Available Spaces Each Year	2 students
Location	Coral Gables, Florida, USA
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring. However, Miami
	recommends that students study abroad during
	the Fall semester.
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: mid-August to mid-December
	Spring semester: mid-January to mid-May
Available English Law Courses	A full selection of courses is available. There
_	are no required courses.
Grading System	Letter-grade system, from A+ to F
Credit System	1 Miami credit is roughly equal to 1.3 STL
	credits. To be eligible for transfer credit, a
	student must earn a minimum grade of C in
	Miami courses.
Miscellaneous Notes	Pursuant to an agreement negotiated by the
	Office of International Programs, students
	have full access to the Office of Career
	Services at Miami.
Website	http://www.law.miami.edu/

University of Zagreb Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, was established in 1776 and while it remains proud of its fine tradition, it seeks to be a modern institution engaged in cutting-edge research and education. It is equipped with a modern library, which offers not only over 400,000 volumes, but also access to numerous international databases, and houses a European Documentation Centre.



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Year Established	2016
Available Spaces Each	4 students
Year	
Location	Zagreb, Croatia
Semester of Exchange	Fall and Spring.
Academic Calendar	Fall semester: Early October – Late February
	Spring semester: Mid- February – Late June
Available English Law	Full list of over 60 courses can be found at
Courses	https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/en/cooperation/courses/courses_in_english
Grading System	TBD
Credit System	TBD
Website	https://www.pravo.unizg.hr/en