



SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW

Fact Sheet

International and comparative law studies have become essential components of legal education. As the practice of law is becoming increasingly global, law students and attorneys with intercultural competency skills and international legal practice experience are in high demand. To provide clients with competitive service, a modern lawyer must reach beyond the knowledge of American law, especially in the areas of commercial, corporate, tax, and human rights law.

For more than 30 years, SLU LAW has demonstrated its commitment to international legal education. Through its educational programs and scholarly activities, [the Center for International and Comparative Law](#) ensures that graduates have the education they need to pursue professional opportunities throughout the world.

The Center builds networks and alliances in the United States and abroad, making the School of Law a Midwestern hub for legal education and scholarship in international and comparative law.

Center for International and Comparative Law Programs:

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I. CICL Faculty Scholarly Activities

CICL faculty are experts in many areas of international and comparative law. Our faculty publish law review articles, books, and commentary on international and comparative law topics and speak at international and comparative law conferences.

II. [Center for International and Comparative Law Biannual Symposium](#)

Every other year, the Center in cooperation with the Saint Louis University Law Journal organizes a full-day symposium bringing together experts to address timely issues in the areas of international and comparative law. Symposium speakers also publish in a Center-themed issue of the Saint Louis University Law Journal. The list below highlights a few of the Center's most recent symposia:

- *The Legitimacy and Legality of War: From Philosophical Foundations to Emerging Problems*
April 14, 2023
- *Misinformation/Disinformation and the Law*
February 12, 2021
- *Internationalism and Sovereignty*
March 29, 2019
- *The Sanford E. Sarasohn Conference on Critical Issues in Comparative and International Taxation II: Taxation and Migration*
March 31, 2017
- *Perspectives on Fighting Human Trafficking*
January 30, 2015

III. [Center for International and Comparative Law Distinguished International Speaker Series and Workshops](#)

The Center regularly offers the Distinguished International Speaker Series, bringing in practitioners, judges, and scholars to speak on relevant international and comparative law issues. Our 2023-2024 speaker series will focus on “Bridge to Practice” and features presentations by a speaker from the United Nations Refugee Agency, as well as in-house counsel and law firm practitioners with an international practice.

CICL also sponsors workshops, such as the 2023 full-day workshop on international refugee law titled, *Refugees at Risk? Or Refugees as an International Risk?* Several speakers participated, including James C. Hathaway, James E. and Sarah A. Degan Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School.

IV. **Course Offerings and [Concentration in International and Comparative Law](#)**

CICL’s full-time faculty are experts in many areas of international and comparative law and offer courses on a variety of topics in the field each semester. CICL also invites visiting faculty from law schools outside the United States to teach courses. The courses below are examples of courses that have been offered by the Center:

- Anthropology of Law
- Art Law
- Business and Ethics of Global Health
- Climate Change and the Law
- Comparative Juvenile Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Creating Rule of Law in Eastern Europe
- Criminal Law Cooperation Between the European Union and the United States
- Cybertechnology and International Law
- Doing Business in Emerging Markets
- Environmental Human Rights Law and the Climate Change Crisis
- European Human Rights Law
- Housing as a Human Right
- Human Rights at Home Litigation Clinic I and II
- Immigration Law

- International Business Transactions
- International Courts and Tribunals
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights Law
- International Law
- International Law, Mass Incarceration and the Rights of Prisoners
- International Sale of Goods
- International Taxation
- International Trade Law
- Introduction to the Civil Law System
- Law and Politics of International Criminal Tribunals
- Law of Global Trade and Investment
- Laws of Armed Conflict
- National Security
- Negotiating International Business Transactions
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court
- Removal Defense Project
- Seminar: Advanced IP: Marketing and Advertising Law
- Seminar: Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies
- Seminar: Citizenship, Human Rights & Social Justice
- Seminar: Corporate Social Responsibility
- Seminar: Death Penalty
- Seminar: International Criminal Law
- Seminar: International Humanitarian Law
- Seminar: International Intellectual Property Law
- Seminar: International Sale of Goods
- Seminar: International Taxation
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

J.D. students can earn a [concentration in international and comparative law](#) by completing a required course of study and specific co-curricular activities through the Center. For the requirements, please see the following [link](#).

V. [Summer Law Program in Madrid and International Summer Internships](#)

Each summer, students have the opportunity to study international and comparative law through the Summer Law Program in Madrid. The program, which has been offered on an annual basis for over 20 years, is held on the Saint Louis University Madrid campus. Students may earn up to six credit hours in courses taught by SLU LAW faculty and Spanish visiting professors. The six-week program includes visits to Spanish law firms and courts including the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court, as well as cultural activities.

Students also have the opportunity to apply to intern abroad after the Summer Law Program in Madrid. The internships that the Center for International and Comparative Law arranges after the Summer Law Program in Madrid provide students the opportunity to gain meaningful international legal practice experience and to improve their intercultural competency skills. The Center places students at a variety of law firms and non-for-profit organizations around the world. As we tailor the internship search to fit our students' interests, we have found new placements each year.

VI. Semester Study Abroad/Exchange Programs

Through memoranda of understanding and agreements with various international law schools, J.D. students may study abroad for one semester after their first year of study at SLU LAW. We offer semester exchanges at the following foreign institutions:

- Nanjing University Law School, China
- Hohai University School of Law, China
- Université Paris Dauphine, France
- University of Orléans, France
- University of Toulouse, France
- Jindal Global Law School, India
- University College Cork, Ireland
- University of Bern, Switzerland

VII. Visiting Scholars and Researchers Program

The Center for International and Comparative Law hosts distinguished international academics, lawyers, judges, government officials, and graduate law students engaged in legal research and professional development. Such scholars and researchers visit SLU LAW for periods ranging from 10 days to one year.

Recent visiting scholars and researchers have come from diverse countries such as China, Germany, Italy, Portugal, and France. Over the years, visiting scholars and researchers have contributed to SLU LAW's rich intellectual climate while drawing on the wide-ranging expertise of SLU LAW's faculty in U.S. domestic, international, and comparative law.

VIII. LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers

The Center for International and Comparative Law offers a one-year LL.M. in American Law for Foreign Lawyers degree program. Students may choose to focus their course of study in a specialized area or pursue a general course of study. A Center faculty member serves as the program director, upholding the quality of the program and representing the interests of the students, as needed.

IX. Two-Year J.D. for Foreign Lawyers

The Center for International and Comparative Law offers a Two-Year J.D. for Foreign Lawyers degree program. This program allows well-qualified graduates of foreign law schools the opportunity to enter the J.D. program with advanced standing and to complete the J.D. within two academic years. A Center faculty member serves as the program director, upholding the quality of the program and representing the interests of the students, as needed.

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