

## **International Legal Education and Specialist Certification**

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### **I. Update on First-Year Courses That Focus on International or Comparative Law<sup>1</sup>**

Since our report last year,<sup>2</sup> there are at least ten more required or optional first-year courses that focus on international and/or comparative law. As of the end of November 2017, twenty-nine schools reported that they typically offer these types of courses. Reporting schools listed more than forty-one courses, many of which are doctrinal in nature, with the remaining being skills-oriented. Although most courses are offered in the spring, a few are offered during the fall term. Most interesting is that more than a dozen are *required* courses. The specific offerings follow:

Institution	Course(s)	Type of 1L Course
American University	Comparative Law and Development <sup>3</sup>	Spring elective <sup>4</sup>
American University	<i>Immigration and Naturalization</i> <sup>5</sup>	Spring elective <sup>6</sup>
American University	<i>International Law</i> <sup>7</sup>	Spring elective <sup>8</sup>

1. Diane Penneys Edelman, Professor of Law and Director of International Programs at Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, authored this section.

2. 51 ABA/SIL YIR 531, 536 – 38 (2017) (containing the first published list of these courses).

3. *Comparative Law (LAW-619-001)*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., [https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf\\_course.cfm?number=LAW-619-001&time=spring\\_2018](https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf_course.cfm?number=LAW-619-001&time=spring_2018) (last visited Feb.4, 2018).

4. See *JD Admissions*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., <https://www.wcl.american.edu/school/admissions/jd/curriculum/> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

5. *Immigration & Naturalization (LAW-655-001)*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., [https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf\\_course.cfm?number=LAW-655-001&time=spring\\_2018](https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf_course.cfm?number=LAW-655-001&time=spring_2018) (last visited Feb.4, 2018).

6. See *JD Admissions*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., *supra* note 4.

7. *International Law (LAW-660-001)*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., [https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf\\_course.cfm?number=LAW-660-001&time=spring\\_2018](https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/inf_course.cfm?number=LAW-660-001&time=spring_2018) (last visited Feb.4, 2018).

8. *JD Admissions*, AM. U. WASH. C. OF L., *supra* note 4.

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Arizona, University of	International Business Transactions <sup>9</sup>	Spring elective <sup>10</sup>
Arizona, University of	Immigration Law <sup>11</sup>	Spring elective <sup>12</sup>
Baltimore, University of	Comparative Law <sup>13</sup>	Spring elective <sup>14</sup>
Brooklyn	Legal Writing II <sup>15</sup>	Legal Writing option—spring <sup>16</sup>
California—Irvine, University of	<i>International Legal Analysis</i> <sup>17</sup>	Required—spring <sup>18</sup>
Chicago, University of	<i>Foreign Relations Law</i> <sup>19</sup>	Required <sup>20</sup>
Detroit Mercy	<i>Comparative Legal Writing &amp; Research</i> <sup>21</sup>	Required first-year course for students enrolled in joint program with University of Windsor <sup>22</sup>

9. *Browse Course Catalog: LAW 644C—International Business Transactions*, THE U. OF ARIZ., [https://uaccess.schedule.arizona.edu/psp/uazsapr2\\_1/UA\\_CATALOG/HRMS/c/ESTABLISH\\_COURSES.SSS\\_BROWSE\\_CATLG.GBL?](https://uaccess.schedule.arizona.edu/psp/uazsapr2_1/UA_CATALOG/HRMS/c/ESTABLISH_COURSES.SSS_BROWSE_CATLG.GBL?) (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

10. *See id.*

11. *Browse Course Catalog: LAW 620—Immigration Law*, THE U. OF ARIZ., [https://uaccess.schedule.arizona.edu/psp/uazsapr2\\_1/UA\\_CATALOG/HRMS/c/ESTABLISH\\_COURSES.SSS\\_BROWSE\\_CATLG.GBL?](https://uaccess.schedule.arizona.edu/psp/uazsapr2_1/UA_CATALOG/HRMS/c/ESTABLISH_COURSES.SSS_BROWSE_CATLG.GBL?) (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

12. *See id.*

13. *Course Descriptions*, U. OF BALT., <http://www.ubalt.edu/course-descriptions/index.cfm?content=law> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

14. *See* UNIV. OF BALT., UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE GRADUATE CATALOG 2017–18 59 (2017), [http://www.ubalt.edu/academics/uploads/catalogs/17-18\\_grad\\_catalog/17-18\\_grad\\_catalog\\_final.pdf](http://www.ubalt.edu/academics/uploads/catalogs/17-18_grad_catalog/17-18_grad_catalog_final.pdf).

15. *Curriculum: Fundamentals of Law Practice 2: Advocacy*, BROOK. L. SCH., [https://www.brooklaw.edu/academics/curriculum/coursedescriptions/course?id=R\\_203](https://www.brooklaw.edu/academics/curriculum/coursedescriptions/course?id=R_203) (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

16. *See id.*

17. UC IRVINE SCH. OF LAW, UC IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW COURSE CATALOG—SPRING 2018 1 (2018), <http://www.law.uci.edu/academics/registrar/course-catalog/course-catalog-Spring-2018.pdf>.

18. *See id.*

19. THE UNIV. OF CHI.: THE LAW SCH., ANNOUNCEMENTS: FALL 2017 93 (2017), <https://www.law.uchicago.edu/files/Announcements%202017-18%20-%20v2.pdf>.

20. *See id.*

21. *Graduate Catalog 2016 – 2017*, U. OF DETROIT MERCY, <http://www.udmercy.edu/catalog/graduate2016-2017/courses/link.php?sub=LAW> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

22. *Dual JD*, U. OF DETROIT MERCY SCH. OF L., <http://www.law.udmercy.edu/academics/degrees-offered/dual-jd.php> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

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Detroit Mercy	All 1L courses in Detroit Mercy/Windsor dual degree program include comparative U.S./Canadian law components <sup>23</sup>	Required first-year course for students enrolled in joint program with University of Windsor <sup>24</sup>
Drexel (Thomas R. Kline School of Law)	International Law (offered occasionally) <sup>25</sup>	Spring elective <sup>26</sup>
Drexel (Thomas R. Kline School of Law)	International Human Rights Law (offered occasionally) <sup>27</sup>	Spring elective <sup>28</sup>
Florida International University	Introduction to International and Comparative Law <sup>29</sup>	Required—spring <sup>30</sup>
Harvard	<i>Various international or comparative law courses</i> <sup>31</sup> Spring 2018 options: Comparative Constitutional Law Comparative Law: Why Law? Lessons from China Human Rights and International Law Law and the International Economy Public International Law The Legal Architecture of Globalization: Money, Debt, and Development	Required – students must choose one course from a number of internationally-focused courses.

23. See *id.*

24. *Id.*

25. See *Courses and JD Requirements*, DREXEL U. THOMAS R. KLINE SCH. OF L., <http://drexel.edu/law/academics/jd-programs/course-requirements/> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

26. See *Spring 2016 – 17 Course Offerings*, DREXEL U. THOMAS R. KLINE SCH. OF L., <http://drexel.edu/law/academics/jd-programs/course-requirements/OfferingsBySemester/2016-17-spring-courses/> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

27. See DREXEL UNIVERSITY THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW, *supra* note 26.

28. See *Spring 2013 – 14 Course Offerings*, DREXEL U. THOMAS R. KLINE SCH. OF L., <http://drexel.edu/law/academics/jd-programs/course-requirements/OfferingsBySemester/Archive/2013-spring-courses/> (last visited Feb. 4, 2018).

29. FLA. INT'L UNIV. COLL. OF LAW, GRADUATE CATALOG 2017-2018 454 (2017), [https://catalog.fiu.edu/2017\\_2018/graduate/College\\_of\\_Law/Graduate\\_College\\_of\\_Law.pdf](https://catalog.fiu.edu/2017_2018/graduate/College_of_Law/Graduate_College_of_Law.pdf).

30. *Curriculum*, FLA. INT'L U. C. OF L., <https://law.fiu.edu/academics/curriculum/> (last visited Feb. 5, 2018).

31. *Course Catalog*, HARV. L. SCH., <https://hls.harvard.edu/academics/curriculum/catalog/index.html> (last visited April 25, 2018).

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Louisiana State University	Western Legal Traditions: Louisiana Impact <sup>32</sup>	Required—fall <sup>33</sup>
Louisiana State University	Civil Law Obligations <sup>34</sup>	Required—spring <sup>35</sup>
Louisiana State University	Civil Law Property <sup>36</sup>	Required—spring <sup>37</sup>
Louisville, University of	Lawyering Skills <sup>38</sup>	Includes some British law in lawyering skills classes
Loyola University—Los Angeles	<i>Introduction to International Law</i> <sup>39</sup>	Spring elective <sup>40</sup>
Miami, University of	Immigration Law <sup>41</sup>	Spring elective <sup>42</sup>
Miami, University of	International Economic Law <sup>43</sup>	Spring elective <sup>44</sup>
Miami, University of	International Human Rights <sup>45</sup>	Spring elective <sup>46</sup>
Minnesota, University of	<i>International Law</i> <sup>47</sup>	Spring elective <sup>48</sup>

32. LSU PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CTR., LSU LAW: 2017 – 18 CATALOG 24, 31 (2017), <https://www.law.lsu.edu/academics/files/2017/12/2017-2018-LSU-Law-Catalog-Final.pdf>.

33. *Id.*

34. *Id.*

35. *Id.*

36. *Id.*

37. *Id.*

38. UNIV. OF LOUISVILLE BRANDEIS SCH. OF LAW, COURSE CATALOG 2017: COURSES OFFERED FALL 2014 – SPRING 2017 17 (2017), <https://louisville.edu/law/academics/academics/course-catalog-pdf>.

39. *Courses: Introduction to International Law*, LOY. L. SCH., <https://webdb.lls.edu/courses/index.php?c=LAWG-1010&yt=2018+SP&sf=t&s=introduction%20to%20international%20law&a=1> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

40. *See id.*

41. *LAW335 R Immigration Law*, U. OF MIAMI SCH. OF L., [https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof\\_id=2581](https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof_id=2581) (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

42. *See id.*

43. *LAW333 R International Economic Law*, U. OF MIAMI SCH. OF L., [https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof\\_id=2966](https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof_id=2966) (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

44. *See id.*

45. *LAW 311 R International Human Rights*, U. OF MIAMI SCH. OF L., [https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof\\_id=2582](https://lawapps2.law.miami.edu/clink/course.aspx?cof_id=2582) (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

46. *See id.*

47. *International Law—1L—6011*, U. OF MINN., <https://www.law.umn.edu/course/6011/international-law-1l> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

48. *See id.*; *Curriculum & Requirements*, U. OF MINN., <https://www.law.umn.edu/academics/degree-programs/jd/curriculum-requirements> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

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Nebraska College of Law	<i>International Perspectives in the U.S. Legal System: Practicing Law in a Global Legal Environment</i> <sup>49</sup>	Required—spring <sup>50</sup>
New York University	<i>International Law</i> <sup>51</sup>	Spring elective <sup>52</sup>
Pacific, University of (McGeorge)	<i>Global Lawyering Skills</i> <sup>53</sup>	Year-long research, writing, & skills; spring term course includes unit on international/comparative law <sup>54</sup>
Penn State University—Dickinson Law	<i>Practicing Law in a Global World: Contexts and Competencies</i> <sup>55</sup>	Required—spring <sup>56</sup>
Pennsylvania, University of	<i>Public International Law</i> (frequently offered) <sup>57</sup>	Spring elective <sup>58</sup>
Pennsylvania, University of	<i>Law and Society in Japan</i> (frequently offered) <sup>59</sup>	Spring elective <sup>60</sup>
Southern University	<i>Civil Law Property</i> <sup>61</sup>	Required <sup>62</sup>
Southern University	<i>Civil Law Obligations</i> <sup>63</sup>	Required <sup>64</sup>
Southwestern University	<i>Public International Law</i> <sup>65</sup>	Spring elective <sup>66</sup>

49. *Academic Requirements*, NEB. C. OF L., <https://law.unl.edu/academic-requirements/> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

50. *Id.*

51. *International Law (for 1Ls)*, N.Y.U. SCH. OF L., <http://its.law.nyu.edu/courses/description.cfm?id=20066> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

52. *See id.*

53. *J.D.*, U. OF THE PAC., <http://catalog.pacific.edu/law/thejdcurriculum/jd/> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

54. *See id.*

55. *Required Courses: Spring 1L Required Courses*, PA. ST. U. DICKINSON L., <https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/academics/curriculum/jd-program/required-courses> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

56. *Id.*

57. *See Degree Programs—J.D., LL.M., LL.M., S.J.D., M.L.*, U. OF PA. L. SCH., <https://www.law.upenn.edu/academics/degrees.php> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

58. *Course Finder: Browse Courses*, U. OF PA. L. SCH., <https://goat.law.upenn.edu/cf/coursefinder/browse/> (last visited Feb. 9, 2018).

59. *See Degree Programs—J.D., LL.M., LL.M., S.J.D., M.L.*, U. OF PA. L. SCH., *supra* note 58.

60. *See Course Finder: Browse Courses*, U. OF PA. L. SCH., *supra* note 59.

61. S. UNIV. LAW CTR., SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER: 2016 – 17 CATALOG 36 (2016) <http://www.sulc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Full-Catalog-2016-17-revision1.pdf>.

62. *Id.*

63. *Id.*

64. *Id.*

65. *Public International Law*, SW. L. SCH., <https://www.swlaw.edu/curriculum/courses/public-international-law> (last visited Feb. 10, 2018).

66. *Full-Time Day J.D.*, SW. L. SCH., <https://www.swlaw.edu/jd-llm-programs/full-time-day-jd> (last visited Feb. 10, 2018).

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Stanford University	Federal Litigation in a Global Context <sup>67</sup>	Required—winter and spring quarters <sup>68</sup>
Stetson University	Legal Research and Writing II <sup>69</sup> —International Law in Domestic Courts	Required <sup>70</sup> —spring
University of Massachusetts—Dartmouth	Legal Skills II <sup>71</sup>	Required <sup>72</sup> —occasional use of international law assignments
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law	<i>International Advocacy</i> <sup>73</sup>	Legal Writing II option—spring <sup>74</sup>
Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law	<i>Public International Law</i> <sup>75</sup>	Spring elective <sup>76</sup>
Washington and Lee	<i>Transnational Law</i> <sup>77</sup>	Required—spring <sup>78</sup>
Washington, University of	<i>Transnational Law</i> <sup>79</sup>	Required—spring <sup>80</sup>
Wisconsin, University of	<i>International Law</i> <sup>81</sup>	Spring elective <sup>82</sup>

67. *Federal Litigation in a Global Context: Methods and Practice*, STAN. L. SCH., <https://law.stanford.edu/courses/federal-litigation-methods/> (last visited Feb. 10, 2018).

68. *See id.*

69. *Required J.D. Curriculum*, STETSON U. C. OF L., <http://www.stetson.edu/law/academics/home/required-jd-curriculum.php> (last visited Feb. 10, 2018).

70. *Id.*

71. *2017 – 2018 Law Curriculum and Courses*, U. OF MASS. SCH. OF L., <http://catalog.umassd.edu/index.php?catoid=49> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

72. *Id.*

73. *Legal Writing, Analysis, & Communication Courses*, VILL. U. CHARLES WIDGER SCH. OF L., <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/law/academics/legalcomm/legalwriting.html> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

74. *Id.*

75. *The Juris Doctor Degree Program*, VILL. U. CHARLES WIDGER SCH. OF L., <http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/law/academics/degreeprograms/jd.html> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

76. *Id.*

77. *Curriculum—First Year*, WASH. & LEE U., <http://catalog.wlu.edu/content.php?catoid=19&navoid=1578> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

78. *Id.*

79. *School of Law Course Catalog 2017 – 2018*, U. OF WASH. SCH. OF L., <https://www.law.washington.edu/coursecatalog/courselist.aspx?YR=2017&Tp=LEVEL&Cd=FIRSTYEAR> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

80. *Id.*

81. *Course Information: The Curriculum*, U. OF WIS. L. SCH., <https://law.wisc.edu/current/rtf/02.0.html> (last visited Feb. 11, 2018).

82. *Id.*

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Those interested in participating in a syllabus bank for these first-year courses should email a copy of their syllabus(es) in Word and PDF to Diane Edelman at [edelman@law.villanova.edu](mailto:edelman@law.villanova.edu). The Committee is considering surveying required upper-level international and comparative law courses in the coming year.<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>83</sup>. If you would like a copy of this chart that includes all links provided by contributors of this information, please email [edelman@law.villanova.edu](mailto:edelman@law.villanova.edu).

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