



## SUMMER IN EUROPE PROGRAM

### Geneva: International Trade and IP Law

2 weeks | 3 credits

June 1 – June 14, 2025

### **International Rule Making and Dispute Settlement: WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System**

[Professor Padideh Ala'i](#)  
[Professor Christine Haight Farley](#)

This two-week course focuses on the World Trade Organization (WTO) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), offering students an in-depth look at international issues in IP and trade. During the course, students will have the unique opportunity to have class each day on site at the WTO and WIPO headquarters, engage with WTO and WIPO lawyers through discussions on core issues in international Trade/IP law, and network with Geneva-based international trade and IP experts.

The unit on international IP includes comparative study of international treaties on intellectual property (with a particular emphasis on treaties administered by WIPO), examines the international development and harmonization of substantive and procedural standards that impact inventors and creators, and engages students in contemporary debates around the role of intellectual property in development.

The unit on international trade provides an overview of the substantive areas of international economic relations governed by the WTO Agreements and examines the workings of different WTO divisions. Students will gain deeper insight into the role of the WTO in international rule making, the broad range of topics the WTO addresses, and the WTO's transparency and dispute settlement mechanisms.

Students who complete the International Trade/IP course will be able to:

1. Gain familiarity with WIPO treaties and WTO agreements
2. Understand the role of WIPO and the WTO in developing and maintaining international minimum standards, including in disputes between member states
3. Recognize the intersections between international IP and international trade
4. Engage in discussion of contemporary issues facing WIPO and the WTO
5. Appreciate the role of lawyers and job opportunities in and outside of these organizations;
6. Critically evaluate the impact and success of the agreements administered by WIPO and the WTO

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## SUMMER IN EUROPE PROGRAM

### London and Brussels: Transnational Business Law and EU Regulation

2 weeks | 3 credits

June 15 – June 28, 2025

#### **London: Transnational Business Law Survey**

June 15 - June 21, 2025

[Professor David Snyder](#)

This course surveys practice areas in international business law. The week-long course takes place in London and introduces the different components of international business practice, such as international corporate law; international commercial transactions and commercial finance; international commercial and investment arbitration; and responsible business conduct in an international setting (e.g., environmental, social, and governance (ESG) values in business, including international supply chains). Site visits to leading institutions throughout London typically feature transnational law firms and legal/economic entities, such as the English bar and a multilateral development bank. The goal of the course is to provide an overview of an international business practice with a European emphasis. The precise coverage varies based on current issues and the availability of leading institutions and speakers. *Must be taken in conjunction with Brussels: EU Law and Regulation.*

#### **Brussels: EU Law and Regulation**

June 22 - June 28, 2025

[Professor Fernanda Nicola](#)

This course, held in Brussels, emphasizes EU law and regulation with a focus on AI and data privacy. Particular attention is paid to current EU issues and topics, such as the implementation of the GDPR and the regulation of digital markets. Site visits are made to leading institutions throughout Brussels, typically including the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council, and law firms. Each site visit includes expert instruction, often by prominent EU regulators, academics and practitioners, including lawyers who are currently doing the work that our students will be doing within a few years of graduation. The goal of the course is to introduce future lawyers to the evolving theory and practice of EU law and regulation. *Must be taken in conjunction with London: Transnational Business Law Survey.*



## SUMMER IN EUROPE PROGRAM

### Geneva: International Human Rights Law

2 weeks | 3 credits

June 29 – July 12, 2025

#### **Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law: Current Challenges**

[Professor Claudia Martin](#)

[Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon](#)

This two-week course focuses on current United Nations international human rights law and its implementation and enforcement in the Geneva-based United Nations mechanisms. Students will examine some of the main tools developed by the UN Human Rights Council, such as Special Procedures and the Universal Periodic Review, as well as the treaty bodies under selected UN human rights treaties and UN specialized agencies. The course will also explore the crucial role that civil society, non-governmental organizations and states play in the implementation and enforcement of contemporary human rights law in Geneva. In addition, students will study international humanitarian law as an autonomous branch of international law that recognizes specific protections to human beings. Through this, students will be exposed to the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The second component of the course will focus on the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the multiple ways in which it negotiates, promotes and supervises international labor standards, including rights at work, employment and social protection. Much of labor legislation around the world is based on the principles and instruments that governments, employers and workers have agreed to in the ILO since 1919. In addition to employment, social protection, rights at work and social dialogue (tripartite cooperation), a special look will be taken at the ways the ILO makes its unique standards supervisory system work. This course component will also highlight corporate social responsibility and the way in which ILO technical cooperation operates throughout the world, paying special attention to standards for the protection of the most vulnerable groups in the societies and the global economy.

The course includes invited speakers and site visits to various Geneva-based institutions, as well as visits to the sessions of human rights institutions such as the UN Human Rights Committee (supervisory organ of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the UN Human Rights Council. The ILO component will take place in the premises of the ILO, in cooperation with several units of this international organization.