

2023 Summer Abroad Programs in London, Brussels, and Geneva

Summer Program in London and Brussels: International Business

2 weeks 3 credits

May 28 – June 10, 2023

London: Transnational Business Law Survey

May 28 - June 4, 2023

Professor David Snyder

This course surveys practice areas in international and EU business law. This weeklong 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 (time permitting) international tax strategies. Site visits are made to leading institutions, typically including transnational law firms, legal and economic entities such as the English bar and a multilateral development bank. The goal of the course is to provide an overview of international business practice with a European emphasis.

Brussels: EU Data Protection Regulation

June 4 - June 10, 2023

Professor Fernanda Nicola

This course is held in Brussels and emphasizes EU law and regulation with a focus on data privacy. Particular attention is paid to current issues and topics such as the GDPR and the regulation of digital markets. Site visits are made to leading institutions, typically including the Legal Services of the European Commission and European Parliament and private law firms. Each site visit includes expert instruction, sometimes by some of the most prominent regulators, academics and practitioners in Brussels and sometimes by younger 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 students to the evolving theory and practice of privacy law and regulation.

Geneva: International Trade and IP

2 weeks 3 credits

June 11 – June 24, 2023

International Rule Making and Dispute Settlement - WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System

June 11 - June 24, 2023

Professor Padideh Ala'i and Professor Christine Haight Farley

This two week course focused on the World Trade Organization and World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, and offers students an in-depth look at international issues in IP and trade. The unit on the WTO provides an overview of the substantive areas of international economic relations that are covered in the text of the WTO Agreements and look at the workings of the different WTO divisions. The unit on Intellectual Property in the Multilateral System includes comparative study of international treaties on intellectual property. The course will cover contemporary debates around the role of intellectual property in development.

Geneva: Human Rights, Labor, International Law Commission

3 weeks 4 credits

June 25 – July 15, 2023

Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law: Current Challenges

June 25 - July 15, 2023

Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon

This course will focus on current developments in international human rights law and international humanitarian law and will allow students to explore the practical underpinnings of these two aspects of law in Geneva. Students will have access to the main actors in the United Nations system and civil society who shape the legal and political debate surrounding the UN Human Rights Council and its special mandates, as well as the work of UN treaty bodies. The program will further explore the practical dimensions of international humanitarian law.

International Labor Organization: Decent Work Agenda

June 25 - July 15, 2023

Professor Claudia Martin

This course will focus on the International Labor Organization in Geneva and the multiple ways in which it promotes rights at work, employment and social protection. The course will touch on diverse issues related to the protection of workers such as global supply chains, corporate social responsibility, rights of workers with disabilities, labor migration, and the rights of indigenous peoples, among others.