

Foreign Exchange Program: Quick Information for Tulane Law Students

WHO: Any qualified J.D. student who will be in his or her second or third year may apply.

WHAT: An academic exchange program with law schools outside the United States. Tulane students live and study abroad for one semester and earn credit (up to 14 credits on a pass/fail basis) towards the Tulane J.D. The programs relate to the socio-legal environment of the hosting country and/or have an international or comparative law focus.

WHERE: Tulane has exchange programs in numerous countries and languages:

Programs in English: Amsterdam, Holland (University of Amsterdam)
Copenhagen, Denmark (University of Copenhagen)
Hamburg, Germany (Bucerius University) (*fall*)
Hong Kong (University of Hong Kong)
Sydney, Australia (University of New South Wales)

Programs in Language of Country:

French: Strasbourg, France (Université Robert Schuman)
Lyon, France (Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III)) (*spring*)

German: Heidelberg, Germany (University of Heidelberg) (*spring*)

Italian: Bologna, Italy (Univ. Di Bologna – Facoltà Di Giurisprudenza) (*fall*)
Siena, Italy (Univ. Di Siena – Facoltà Di Giurisprudenza)

Spanish: Barcelona, Spain (ESADE Law School in Barcelona)
Buenos Aires, Argentina (University of Buenos Aires)

Chinese: Shanghai, China (Fudan University)

WHY: Well-qualified students interested in international or comparative law can gain firsthand experience with foreign procedures, laws, practice, education, and culture.

WHEN: Exchange programs run in the fall and spring semesters. Separate application deadlines apply for each.

HOW: For the Spring '10 Program, the Application Deadline is **October 19, 2009**.
For the Fall '10 Program, the Application Deadline is **February 26, 2010**.

Applications must be submitted to Professor Herbert Larson (Suite 259) on or before the deadline and must include two copies of: (1) your resume; (2) your current law school transcript; and (3) a one page proposal describing which program you want to participate in, why, and any particular qualifications you have for that program. For more information about specific programs and procedures, see the Foreign Exchange Packet and/or Herbert Larson.

Petition

Students wishing to participate in the **Spring 2010** Exchange Program must apply to Tulane Law School by October 19, 2009. Students wishing to participate in the **Fall 2010** Exchange Program must apply to Tulane Law School by Friday, February 26, 2010. **TWO** copies of the petition should be submitted to Executive Director Herbert Larson (Suite 259) and must consist of the following information:

1. A statement (no longer than one page) that includes:
 - a. Name of the program or programs to which the student is applying;
 - b. Semester(s) in which the student proposes to study abroad (Remember that in many cases, the academic calendar of the foreign university does not coincide with Tulane's calendar);
 - c. A description of (i) the reasons you wish to participate in the program, (ii) your specific educational objectives, and (iii) any special factors (e.g., language proficiency, time spent living abroad, career plans, etc.) that you believe qualify you to study abroad.
2. A current resume.
3. A current law school transcript.



Law School

International Exchange
Semester Abroad Programs

2009 – 2010

Introduction

Tulane Law School has a wealth of agreements with law schools around the world, each allowing a student to study abroad for an entire semester at a university of international stature while receiving credits towards the law degree. Taking advantage of these programs can provide a student with an unforgettable experience that may well lead to unique opportunities in the future.

Semester abroad programs are open to students in the second or third year of law school. Students must apply before the appropriate deadline for the semester in which study abroad is desired. The Tulane deadline is separate and often different from that of the foreign institution, **so be sure to check both dates**. Students are selected on the basis of a combination of factors, including their reasons for studying abroad and their qualifications (including GPA and knowledge of the relevant language). Each of the programs can accept a maximum of two students each school year. Competition is typically stronger for the English-speaking programs: Australia, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Homberg, and Copenhagen.

Generally, an independent spirit is a necessary attribute for success on a semester abroad program. **While Tulane Law School will support your application and facilitate receipt of credit, most of the legwork is the student's responsibility.** Host universities vary with respect to the social resources they provide incoming foreign students. Therefore, independence and resourcefulness are critical in most instances.

Overview

Tulane Law School has exchange agreements with the following institutions:

University of Amsterdam
ESADE Law School in Barcelona
Università Di Bologna – Facoltà Di Giurisprudenza
Università Di Siena – Facoltà Di Giurisprudenza
Bucerius University
Fudan University (Shanghai)
University of Buenos Aires
University of Copenhagen
University of Heidelberg
University of Hong Kong
Université Jean Moulin (Lyon III)
University of New South Wales
Université Pantheon-ASSAS (Paris II)
Université Robert Schuman in Strasbourg

Eligibility and Language Requirements

Students in good academic standing are eligible to participate in exchange programs in their second and third years of law school, but study abroad during a student's final semester of law school is disfavored. As provided in the Student Handbook, Section VII E., "[a] limited number of well-qualified students may be given permission by the Vice-Dean, upon the recommendation of the appropriate faculty committee, to spend up to one semester in the law (or related) department of a foreign university."

Foreign language fluency is required for Buenos Aires, Lyon, Strasbourg, Bologna, Siena, Heidelberg and Shanghai. Fluency in Spanish is advisable for the Barcelona program. However, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, New South Wales, Bucerius, and Hong Kong are all English-speaking programs.

Credits Awarded

Students participating in these programs, and who do satisfactory work, may earn up to 14 non-graded credit hours toward the Tulane law degree, as set forth in the Student Handbook, Section VII. E. To maintain full-time student status, a student must take a minimum equivalent of 10 credit-hours (700 minutes of class time equals one credit hour). You should note, however, that foreign institutions do not operate on the same credit system as US institutions. The amount of credit that will be granted for coursework completed abroad will be based on a calculation of time spent in class at the exchange institution (the formula is 700 minutes of class time = 1 credit hour) so please be sure to calculate this prior to enrolling. Students take, on average, anywhere from 3 to 6 classes abroad depending upon which institution they are attending and the length of that institution's academic period. Also, the grading system at any host institution may not parallel our own. Regardless, students are responsible for meeting Tulane's credit requirements. If you have any additional questions regarding credit transferring or degree requirements, please stop by Academic Services and they will be happy to go over this information with you.

Grades at the Foreign Institution & Transfer of exchange program grades

Grades awarded by the host institution will appear on the transcript provided by that institution. Those grades will be the basis for awarding credit, but will not be counted towards a student's Tulane Law School grade point average.

Dates of Law School Exchange Program Semesters

Most foreign law faculties' academic calendars differ from U.S. law schools' calendars, and each exchange program has fixed dates. Students are required to attend Bucerius and Bologna in the fall semester. **Students can attend the other programs in either semester, however, this information may vary from year to year, and you must check the website of the particular school you would like to attend.** Students interested in attending a spring semester program are encouraged to apply in the first semester of their second year. Students who wish to attend fall-semester programs in their third year are given preference.

Petition

Students wishing to participate in a spring exchange program must apply to Tulane Law School by October 19th of that academic year. To participate in a fall exchange program, students must apply by February 26th of the preceding academic year. **TWO** copies of the petition should be submitted to Herbert Larson, Director of the Tulane International Exchange Program (TIE), Suite 259D, and must consist of the following information:

4. A statement (no longer than one page) that includes:
 - a. Name of the program or programs to which the student is applying;
 - b. Semester(s) in which the student proposes to study abroad (Remember that in many cases, the academic calendar of the foreign university does not coincide with Tulane's calendar);
 - c. A description of (i) the reasons you wish to participate in the program, (ii) your specific educational objectives, and (iii) any special factors (e.g., language proficiency, time spent living abroad, career plans, etc.) that you believe qualify you to study abroad.
5. A current resume;
6. A current law school transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable).

Criteria for Selection

Only well-qualified students will be given permission to study abroad. In evaluating an individual for participation in a foreign exchange program, the appropriate faculty director will take into consideration the following factors:

- 1) The extent to which the student is qualified to undertake the proposed program, as indicated by such factors as his or her academic performance, past and prospective course choices at Tulane, language proficiency, and
- 2) The number of applications to study abroad at the particular institution, and
- 3) The reasons the student desires to study abroad and the relationship to the student's overall educational goals.

Approval to Participate in Semester Exchange

Approval is contingent on a student's securing approval from both schools involved and completing the appropriate paperwork.

It is the student's responsibility to work with the appropriate faculty director to secure these additional assurances and approvals, as well as to map out in advance the specific courses in which he or she will enroll at the foreign institution.

Required Forms

Each student must complete, sign, and submit a Waiver of Liability Form, an Emergency Contact Form, and a Travel Advisory Form. These forms, with the exception of the travel advisory form (see below), can be obtained from the TIE program office once the student's petition has been granted.

Tulane Waiver of Liability

Tulane University requires the student to sign a liability waiver prior to participating in an exchange program.

Emergency Contact Form

Tulane University also requires the student to complete an Emergency Contact form prior to study abroad.

Travel Advisory

Because of post-9/11 concerns, students seeking study abroad must also demonstrate that they have read and understood U.S. State Department travel advisories (pertaining to the potential hazards and difficulties of traveling) issued for the country in which they will be studying. The student demonstrates this awareness and understanding by downloading the relevant advisory from www.travel.state.gov, and submitting it with a simple statement indicating that he or she has read and understands the information contained. If, during the course of the student's studies, the U.S. Government issues a travel warning for the particular country in question, the student will be told to return home, as required by the ABA.

Student Responsibilities While Abroad and Upon Return From a Law School Exchange Program

While abroad, you must (1) contact your faculty director and Professor Larson to confirm your course registration and the number of minutes of class time spent, (2) maintain contact with the faculty director, and, (3) in order to receive credit for your work, secure an official transcript from the foreign institution demonstrating your successful completion of the approved coursework mailed directly to the Tulane Law School Department of Academic Services (attn: Colleen Timmons).

Within one month of your return, you must submit a written evaluation of the program to Professor Larson. Furthermore, students who are in residence during the semesters after their return from their law school exchange are encouraged to participate in future Information Sessions to be held for students considering application for an exchange program. They should also be available for consultation with individual students who are planning to participate in the program.

Tuition and Expenses

Students participating in the law school exchange pay tuition to Tulane Law School for the semester during which they will study abroad. Participation in a study abroad program should have no effect on a Tulane law student's eligibility for financial aid grants or loans, though specific questions should be directed to Financial Services. Students are responsible for their own expenses abroad, including travel, room, board, medical insurance and any other medical expenses not covered by insurance, textbooks, clothing and personal expenses, passport and visa costs, all other debts incurred during the course of the student's stay, and incidental fees. (Note: Even if the foreign institution waives tuition, there may still be incidental fees.)

Student Visas and Passports

A study visa is required for most Tulane Law School exchange programs. Students attending one of these exchange programs are responsible for determining whether they need a visa, and if so, for applying for a visa at the appropriate foreign consulate. Check the foreign consulate or embassy website for further information. Students should allow at least two months for processing.

All students in the exchange program must have a valid passport.

Faculty Directors

For further information about any of the exchange programs, contact Herbert Larson.

Safety Considerations

As always, students should always exercise caution when studying abroad. Students should be aware of any travel warnings or advisories published by the U.S. State department. Such information can be found on a country-by-country basis on the following website:

http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

You may also call the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225.

Overview of Law School Foreign Study Programs

| E x c h a n g e | Host Semester Schedule [approx] | Language of Instruction | Number of students per year |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amsterdam | Spring or Fall | English | 2 |
| Barcelona | Spring or Fall | Spanish | 2 |
| Bologna | Fall | Italian | 2 |
| Bucerius | Fall | English | 2 |
| Buenos Aires | Spring or Fall | Spanish | 2 |
| Copenhagen | Spring or Fall | English | 2 |
| Heidelberg | Spring | German | 2 |
| Hong Kong | January, Spring, Fall | English | 2 |
| Lyon III | Spring (Jan – May) | French | 2 |
| New South Wales | Spring or Fall | English | 2 |
| Fudan (Shanghai) | Spring or Fall | Chinese | 2 |
| Siena | Spring or Fall | Italian | 2 |
| Strasbourg | Spring or Fall | French | 2 |

Recent and current student participants you may wish to contact:

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Abroad Fall 2007:

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 Peter T. Luce '08 Paris
 Amanda J. Muehlhausen '08 Hong Kong
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 Brandy Blue '09 Paris

Abroad Fall 2008:

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 Jason Coe '09 Bucerius
 Nikhil Ramnaney '09 New South Wales
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Abroad Fall 2009:

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Individual Program Information

AMSTERDAM

WEBSITE: http://www.studeren.uva.nl/exchange_law

The University of Amsterdam is a comprehensive, internationally orientated university with nearly 25,000 students which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programmes in over sixty disciplines. The UvA is located in both historic and modern buildings spread throughout the city, because of which the university forms an integral part of the city of Amsterdam. Furthermore, the UvA has an excellent national and international reputation, ranking 69th in The Times top 100 world universities list. The UvA is part of LERU, a network of renowned research universities.

The Amsterdam EXchange programme (AEXp) of the Amsterdam Law School offers a selection of ABA approved advanced European Union law and public international law courses at master's (LLM) level. These courses are taught in English by the Law faculty's most distinguished lecturers. Classes consist of both international and Dutch students. Students can choose to enroll for a semester or for a year. Successful completion of a one-year programme (60 EC) leads to a certificate (not a degree) in European law or international law.

An organization run by Dutch students for international students studying in Amsterdam, the International Student Network (ISN), offers an introduction period at the beginning of every semester and organizes activities for students, provide housing and work information, run a coach system, mentor system and even publish The Insiders, a bimonthly magazine with all the ins and outs of (student) life in Amsterdam.

According to the website, no visa is required for students who are United States citizens, but this should, of course, be verified with the Dutch Embassy. Furthermore, all foreign students must register with the Dutch Foreign Police within three days of their arrival to obtain a temporary residency permit. Housing is at a premium, but the University will provide limited assistance to students in this search.

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BARCELONA

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Barcelona is the capital of Catalonia and the second largest city in Spain. The Catalans are very proud of their language (Catalan), their culture and their history. A beautiful city, Barcelona is known for the imaginative and hauntingly beautiful early twentieth-century architecture of Antoni Gaudi.

The faculty of law of ESADE, part of the Universitat Ramon Llull, has perhaps the highest reputation of any private law school in Spain. It is located in one of the most attractive residential areas of Barcelona, very near Avenida Diagonal and one of the city's university areas, the Monastery of Pedralbes, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection and the park belonging to the Royal Palace of Pedralbes.

Founded in 1954, ESADE is a private, non-profit Spanish university that combines an international outlook with an abiding respect for its Catalan heritage. "Its mission is to foster a scientific and human approach to research and education in the fields of business administration and law and to prepare men and women who are committed to using their professions to work for the good of society." The law school curriculum emphasizes international and business law.

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BOLOGNA

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Bologna is also well-known for the beauty of its historic centre, characterised by long arcades, towers and brick-red buildings. The city is striking for the vast presence of medieval buildings, but equally fascinating is its Etruscan and Roman heritage. Bologna's identity is inextricably tied to its University and its free-thinking tradition, so much so that it has always been nicknamed "la dotta" ("the learned"). The city is also known for its culinary excellence (hence, its other nickname of "la grassa" - "the fat") and the brick-red colour of its buildings in the historic centre (hence, "la rossa", or "the red"). Lying at the foothills of the Apennine mountains and just an hour away from the seaside, the city's surroundings also offer excellent opportunities for day trips and outdoor activities.

The University of Bologna is an active participant in the Socrates Program. Large numbers of European Union exchange students study at Bologna. Unfortunately, dormitory space is at a premium, and is generally unavailable. Classes are large, but in the past, Tulane students have also had small "tutorials". Italian fluency is required.

The International Relations department organizes a series of "Cultural Visits" for foreign exchange students at the University of Bologna. These visits are a great opportunity to discover certain aspects of the local and regional history and culture at a more in-depth level as well as for personal enjoyment. Participation in the cultural activities is generally free of charge and always includes a guide.

Each academic year, the University of Bologna holds courses of Italian language for international students. Courses are free and are repeated twice a year, on September (for the first semester) and on February (second semester). Each course has a duration of 5 weeks (50 hours); each student can only participate into one course. Also you must apply for a residence permit within 8 days from your arrival. It is issued by the Questura of the chief town of the province where you are living.

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BUENOS AIRES

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"This complex, energetic, and seductive port city, which stretches south-to-north along the Rio de la Plata, has been the gateway to Argentina for centuries. Portenos, as the multinational people of Buenos Aires are known, possess an elaborate and rich cultural identity. They value their European heritage highly--Italian and German names outnumber Spanish, and the lifestyle and architecture are markedly more European than any other in South America."

The University of Buenos Aires (UBA) was inaugurated 12 August, 1821 by the initiative of Bernardino Rivadavia - at the time Ministry of Government of Buenos Aires. Since then, the institution has followed the course that the country and city's history have taken. The institution has also gone along paths that contributed to its growth as a cultural and scientific academic centre and a place for the training of professionals, circulation and production of knowledge.

In 1885, the "Avellaneda Law" was passed aiming at the organization of the two existing National Universities at that moment: Buenos Aires University and Córdoba University. This law provided a legal framework that contemplated the university autonomy and established the method to be applied to the naming and appointment of authorities. When the National unification was completed, Argentina entered a process of integration to the worldwide market. The State's requirement of knowledge and professionals placed the University in a central position.

Throughout history, the University has shown the capacity of adapting in order to cater for the State's, the Markets', the production areas' and the Society's needs. The UBA underwent a process of democratization and experienced a progression in the modernization of knowledge early in its history. The 1905 Reform established the values that represent the Argentine university tradition nowadays: those of autonomy and democracy; teaching, scientific research and university extension. The most significant achievement of the Reform was the constitution of a threefold government with the representation of teachers' senate, students and graduates.

It is worth highlighting the contributions that foreign thinkers and scientists - such as Ortega, Augusto Pi Suñer, Einstein, Le Corbousier and Gasset- made to this process of modernization.

Among the social and political turmoil of 1930's, the UBA experienced, nonetheless, a process of scientific update which included the institutionalization of research teams, the upgrade of libraries and the creation of new courses of studies (sociology, psychology, economy, etc.). The spread of scientific information acquired a relevant place with the creation of the University Publishing House (EUDEBA). The creation of such institutions and other similar non-university institutions reinforced the concept of modernization propelled by a developmental ideology.

The University of Buenos Aires went through an institutional reconstruction during the first years of democracy. It regained autonomy and the threefold governmental structure. In the 20 years of democracy in the university, basic functions were restored: teaching, research and University extension. In this period, plans were updated and new courses of studies created. One of the first innovations was the creation of the CBC which provided an answer to the gap in the articulation between high schools and university studies.

The long tradition of university extension was taken up again and the Secretary of Extension was created. One of its most important developments was the foundation of the Cultural Centre "Ricardo Rojas". As a result of all of its history and tradition, the large University of Buenos Aires Law School, requires you to be self-motivated and able to navigate and problem-solve on your own.

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COPENHAGEN

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Canals, narrow streets, old houses and a huge network of pedestrian streets which stretch across the city center are probably Copenhagen's most eye-catching features. And it's worth remembering that such world-renowned Danes as the fairy-tale author, Hans Christian Andersen, the philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, the astronomer, Tycho Brahe, the physicist, Niels Bohr and the writer, Karen Blixen, all lived and worked in this bustling city.

Copenhagen is served by an excellent transport system, and most Danes have a good command of English and are eager to be of help. One of the best ways to see Copenhagen, though, is by bicycle. An extensive network of cycle paths covers virtually every area of the city, and it is relatively inexpensive to hire a bike for the day. Copenhagen is also an ideal city to tour on foot.

The University of Copenhagen was founded in 1479, and was Denmark's first university. It was originally a center of Roman Catholic theology, but also had faculties of law, medicine, and philosophy. Today, with almost 35,000 students and more than 7,000 employees, the University of Copenhagen is the largest institution of research and education in Denmark. The purpose of the University – to quote the University Statute – is to "conduct research and provide further education to the highest academic level".

The Faculty of Law has almost 4,000 students, and one of its main objectives is to intensify foreign contact by various means, including encouraging exchange programs. Although most courses on Danish law are conducted in Danish, the law school also has a wide range of courses taught in English. To help you get a good start, the University of Copenhagen has a well-organized mentor network. During the semester, the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and local mentor groups at the University organize social events for international students. The events give you an opportunity to socialize with both Danish and other international students.

Official application deadlines:

1 October 2009 for students applying for the spring semester 2010 – flexible through November 15th
1 May 2010 for students applying for the fall semester 2010 – flexible through June 1st

As for assistance from The International Office with finding housing the absolute deadline is 15 November 2009 and 1 June 2010, respectively. They urge students to familiarize themselves with the housing procedure and types of housing on their website: <http://studies.ku.dk/housing> so misunderstandings and false expectations can be avoided.

The spring semester: 1 February – 30 April 2010

Exams in English are held in May 2010 and exams in Danish are held in June 2010

The autumn semester: 1 September – 30 November 2009

Exams in English are held in December 2009 and exams in Danish are held in January 2010

Inquiries about accommodations, visa, insurance, Danish language and culture courses, etc., are dealt with at The International Office, Fiolstraede 24, PO Box 1143, DK-1010 Copenhagen K, Denmark; email inter@adm.ku.dk. Also you must apply for a residence permit upon your arrival.

Information on the application procedure can be found on <http://www.ku.dk>.

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HAMBURG

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Bucerius Law School, the first privately operated law school in Germany, was founded in 2000 with the goal of offering prospective law students an alternative to the usual legal education provided at German state universities. The main objective was to create an academically accomplished, practice-oriented, and bi-lingual legal education with a focus on international business law. The Program in International and Comparative Business Law is designed primarily for law students wishing to broaden and extend their understanding of the forces shaping international business law. In addition they will gain insights into the day-to-day practice of international commercial law from experienced professionals working in the field. The program offers a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of German, European and international law.

Foreign guest students and Bucerius Law School students alike take part in a specially designed Program in International and Comparative Business Law in English. Activities both on and off campus offer students the opportunity for regular social activity and the chance to become acquainted with each other.

Courses will be held in English and students are also welcome to sit in on regular classes taught to Bucerius students, if their knowledge of German allows. Such courses cover all main fields of German law and include the History of European Law, European Contract Law, as well as other courses taught from an international or comparative perspective. For those interested, we will also offer two German language courses.

The application deadline for our International Exchange Program in International and Business Law 2010 is March 31, 2010. You will receive notification of acceptance into the program by April 15, 2010.

The program is divided into two sessions, from September 6 to December 17, 2010. The orientation program will take place on September 2 and 3, 2010 and is mandatory for all exchange students.

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HEIDELBERG

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Heidelberg is located in the Rhein-Neckar region, about 100 km south of Frankfurt/Main, and therefore approximately one hour by train from the Frankfurt International airport. The city offers a rich variety of academic, cultural, and social learning experiences, and the University has kindly provided us with a current English-language handbook giving information for Exchange Students.

The University of Heidelberg was founded in 1386, and is the oldest university in Germany. Today, it remains an important center of modern research and scholarship. The student body is approximately 26,000 strong, including 4,200 international students from 130 countries, studying in the university's 15 academic departments. Heidelberg University has an International Relations Office (Akademisches Auslandsamt) which provides a variety of services for all international students.

The Spring Semester is from April 1st to mid-July. Beginning April 1 there are intensive preparatory German language courses before classes begin, as well as continuing language instruction during the Semester. Applications are due by January 15th. There is also an Orientation Week to introduce newly-arrived international students to Heidelberg and the German university system. The Orientation Week consists of events and presentations covering a range of academic and social subjects and takes place in the week before classes start.

The law institutes are in the city center. Student residences are quite limited (only 15% of German students can live in them); however, the International Relations Office secures some rooms in them for international exchange students. The Office also provides information about private rooms and apartments in the area.

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HONG KONG

WEBSITE: www.hku.hk/law/law.html

The University of Hong Kong is in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of the People's Republic of China. The SAR covers territory on Hong Kong Island and also in Kowloon and the New Territories, which are on the mainland of China. The University is on Hong Kong Island. Although the SAR is part of China, it has a very different system of law and government from the rest of China, showing strong evidence of the British heritage of Hong Kong. (Hong Kong was a British colony from 1841 to 1997.) The official Chinese policy in relation to Hong Kong is called "one country, two systems": China's socialist economic system will not be practiced in Hong Kong for at least the next 50 years.

Hong Kong is a very large, very wealthy, very active city, with strong Western influence. Over seven million people live in the SAR, most of them in Hong Kong Island and Kowloon, which together occupy an area about the size of metropolitan New Orleans.

The Faculty of Law has two departments and runs three different law programs, the LLB, the PCLL and the postgraduate degrees program. All instruction is in English. It is not necessary to speak either of the main Chinese languages (Cantonese and Mandarin) to survive in Hong Kong. The inhabitants usually speak Cantonese. Cantonese and English are the official languages of the SAR, although Mandarin is the official language of much of the rest of China. Almost all people in Hong Kong speak English well, and certainly all of those at the University would do so.

The Department of Law runs the three-year LLB degree, which is the basic law degree, taught at undergraduate level. The Department of Professional Legal Education runs a one-year program leading to a Postgraduate Certificate of Laws (PCLL). The PCLL performs much the same function as passing a US bar exam: it is designed to qualify law graduates for admission to practice law in Hong Kong. However, it is a year-long course of study. This separation of the professional admission requirements from the basic law degree means that practice-oriented subjects like Procedure, Advocacy, Conveyancing, Tax, Professional Practice are not taught in the LLB curriculum – they are covered in the PCLL.

The main postgraduate degree is the LLM, which has specialist streams in Chinese law, Corporate and Financial Law, Human Rights Law and Information Technology Law. UHK also offers a Master of Commercial Laws degree (MCL), which is designed for postgraduate law students from civil law countries. There are four postgraduate diplomas, in Commercial Law, Public Law and the Law of the PRC, and one in Common Law for students from civil law systems.

Unlike Tulane, where the LLM students take the same courses as the JD students, the UHK postgraduate students take different courses, pitched at a more advanced level.

Under the terms of the exchange agreement, Tulane exchange students may apply to "any academic program" at UHK "at a level, undergraduate or graduate, determined by the host institution". That means that Tulane students can take courses from the LLB, PCLL or postgraduate programs, provided that UHK agrees.

The University of Hong Kong is committed to developing a global perspective and cross-cultural understanding among its students. The Office of International Student Exchange (OISE) gives advice and services to both incoming exchange students on academic matters, and administers a buddy system which aims at fostering a better understanding and friendship between local and international students. Together with the Office of Student Affairs, OISE organizes information sessions, cultural adjustment and orientation programs, excursions and social activities for exchange students.

This year the first semester runs from September to November. Applications for the September term must be submitted by March 1. The second semester runs from January to May. Applications for the January term must be submitted by September 1. There is a special "January semester" for postgraduates only, which fits between the regular semesters, approximately January 3-26. A small number of postgraduate courses are taught intensively for the month of January. The website should be checked for exact dates before proceeding.

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LYON

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An exceptional and beautiful city, filled with history, good food, and top-notch universities, Lyon is also within driving distance of the Riviera.

At the Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3, each foreign exchange student receives individual attention, even before arriving in Lyon : help in finding accommodation, advice in the choice of studies, and tutoring throughout the year. Special efforts are made to help the student in administrative matters, whether they concern accommodation, visas, or academic activity. A detailed brochure, entitled Vade-mecum, provides students with all the necessary information, contact persons and useful addresses for further enquiries, before their arrival. This leaflet of 68 pages is sent if required.

Two weeks of orientation classes at the beginning of the year help foreign exchange students to be integrated into the Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 and the French University system. Professors are there to advise, and tutors supervise the final course selection.

The Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 has set up a tutor system for foreign exchange students. The tutor helps the student with academic and practical issues throughout the year, especially at the beginning of the academic year to sort out any practical or administrative problems, to choose classes and work out a final timetable. Meetings take place in small groups, usually once a week. The tutor provides information and assistance in case of trouble.

Students need to have a level of French that is sufficient to be able to follow classes. North American and Australian students must take the French language test called TEFEE (Test de Français pour Etudiant Etranger). A minimum score is required. All foreign students take a two-hour French as a Foreign Language course (FLE) per week. The FLE course is a complementary service provided by the Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 to help improve the student's oral and written skills. Also the Diplôme d'Etudes Universitaires Françaises (DEUF) was created for foreign exchange students. Enrolment is automatic and free of charge. In order to be eligible for this Diploma, students must stay a full academic year, attend tutor groups and take FLE courses (or any replacement classes if their level of proficiency in French is judged to be excellent).

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NEW SOUTH WALES

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The University of New South Wales is in Sydney, Australia. Sydney is a large, cosmopolitan city of over four million people – almost one quarter of the entire population of Australia.

UNSW is a relatively young university, founded in 1949, which makes it much younger than its main cross-town rival, The University of Sydney, which is Australia's oldest university. Although relatively new, it is big: it has over 40,000 students – more the size of LSU than Tulane. Nearly 6,000 of those 30,000 come from outside Australia, mainly from Asian countries. The University's main campus (where the Law School is) is in the Sydney suburb of Kensington, between Sydney Harbor and Botany Bay. (And yes, it is near the beach. And yes, Sydney's beaches are gorgeous.)

The structure and duration of Australian law degrees are rather different from their US equivalents. Because it is possible to enter law school directly from high school, the basic law degree is regarded as an undergraduate degree, although some law students do already have degrees. Most undergraduate law students take the basic law degree (the LLB) as part of a combined degree course, which typically lasts five years in total. At the beginning of that course, students take a relatively small number of law subjects and a larger number of subjects towards their other degree (BA, BSc, BComm, whatever it might be). By the end of the five-year combined degree program, most students take only law subjects: indeed, many will have graduated with their other, non-law, degree by the end of their third year. What this means is that students in the early-year compulsory core subjects – Contract, Torts, Criminal Law, etc – will usually be younger and less experienced than our students, but those in the upper-year electives will be at much the same level as those of our students who have gone straight from undergraduate degrees to law school. Also, not all UNSW students enter directly from high school. There is a graduate admission stream, which means that a sizeable minority of UNSW students already have degrees in other disciplines, and are taking only an LLB degree. Many of those have work experience before coming to law school. As well as the LLB program, UNSW has a separate postgraduate LLM program for students who already have law degrees. Unlike Tulane, where the LLM students take the same courses as the JD students, the UNSW postgraduate students take different courses, pitched at a more advanced level. As in the LLB program, there is a very wide selection of courses available in the LLM program. Among several other strengths, UNSW is very strong on tax law; it hosts the Australian Taxation Studies Program (ATAX), which is Australia's premier tax law program. UNSW also offers a degree called the MLM (Master of Law and Management), which, as its name suggests, combines legal instruction with management studies. MLM students take their law subjects from the LLM list of postgraduate electives, but also take a minimum of four core management courses from the Australian Graduate School of Management (AGSM), which is one of Australia's principal business schools. Because the UNSW law school is very large – it has about 2000 students, or about twice as many as Tulane – it has a large faculty. This translates into a very wide range of available courses, particularly at the upper-year LLB elective level.

Tulane exchange students can take courses from either the LLB or the LLM program. Although the UNSW regulations provide that the LLM program is for "law graduates", LLM courses are available to graduates without a law degree who are enrolled in the MLM. This should mean that Tulane students are eligible, too, although that is obviously a matter for negotiation with UNSW. I doubt whether a Tulane exchange student could enroll for the management courses offered to MLM students by the AGSM. The exchange agreement is with the Faculty of Law, and AGSM has no obligation to take Tulane students, so far as I can see. Also, I doubt whether Tulane would be prepared to give cross-credit for AGSM courses.

Because Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, the seasons and, thus, the academic year, run to a schedule that is six months different from Tulane's. The summer vacation runs from November to February. Semester One normally commences in late February and finishes in June. Semester two starts in mid July and finishes in November. Students should plan accordingly to include the orientation week and examination weeks when arranging their exchange session at UNSW.

The exchange agreement provides that "UNSW will use its best efforts to secure clerkships with law offices in Sydney or elsewhere in Australia for Tulane Law School students participating in the exchange program". This is intended to provide an additional way of making the long trip to Australia worth the effort: a student attending UNSW for a semester could move on to a law firm clerkship before returning to Tulane.

The application deadline for Semester two for 2010 (Fall 2010) is April 1, 2010 and Semester one for 2010(Spring 2010) by October 15, 2009. Classes in the LLB program will run for the whole of these semesters, so any Tulane student planning to take LLB courses will have to be in Sydney for the appropriate period. Session 1 Orientation will be held 16-18 February 2010. Session 2 Orientation will be held 13-15 July 2010.

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SHANGHAI

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Located on the west coast of the Pacific, Fudan University lies in Shanghai, the most dynamic metropolis in China, which recently succeeded in the bidding to hold the 2010 World Expo. We are anticipating with people in Beijing, the host city of 2008 Olympic Games, and in other parts of China for the two coming events to introduce a better China to the world and our aspiration for innovation and civilization.

Fudan consists of 29 schools and departments, with seventy undergraduate disciplines. The University confers bachelor's degrees in seventy academic disciplines, and master's degrees in two hundred and twenty five disciplines (with fifty of them established by the University itself), and doctoral degrees in twenty-four Level I and one hundred and fifty-three Level II academic disciplines (with twenty-nine of them established by the University itself). There are also twenty-five research stations that offer postdoctoral fellowships.

Fudan boasts a qualified faculty of over 2,481 full-time teachers and researchers, including 1,400 full professors and associate professors, 35 academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, 831 doctoral advisors, 50 chair professors and 25 lecture professors of the Cheungkong Scholars Program, 11 chief scientists of Project 973 and thirty-three "Young and Middle-Aged Experts Nationally Acknowledged for Their Outstanding Achievements". In the recent years, the University has been proactive in recruiting youthful strengths and optimizing the echelon of its faculty. Fudan has ten teaching hospitals, such as Zhong-shan (Dr. Sun Yat-san) Hospital and Hua-shan (Mount Lotus) Hospital, which offer quality medical service to the general public, conduct clinical education to student doctors and perform advanced scientific researches.

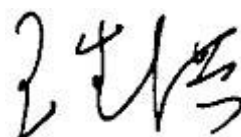
Fudan now has an enrollment of 26,792 full-time degree candidates. Another 20,670 are studying at the schools of Continuing Education and Online Education. Besides, the University's population of foreign students is 2,812 today.

As one of the top universities in China, Fudan always adheres to its motto "Rich in knowledge and tenacious of purpose; inquiring with earnestness and reflecting with self-practice" with our efforts of education and innovation. In the academic, research and international activities, we try to realize three "I"s, namely, "Information, Internationalization, and Inter-discipline".

At the threshold of a new century, Fudan has set its goal of building a first-class university in the world. We hope to boost the development of the university by accumulating valuable experiences and advices through the exchanges with universities at home and abroad.

Facing the future, we are confident. I believe, with the spirit of "Patriotism, Devotion, Down-to-earthness, and Creativity", we will have a more brilliant prospect!

President of Fudan,



Wang Shenghong

Fudan University Law School was founded in the early 1929, and refounded in 1994 (Including Department of Law, Department of International Politics, Department of Social Science and Research Institute of Population), which were combined into the unique legal college in November, 2000. There are five master's degree programs on Legal History, International Law, Constitution Law, Administration Law and Theory of Civil and Commercial Law, and the authorized conferment of LL.M by the State Council's Academic Degree Committee. The Law School constructed a relatively comprehensive legal education and research system by the establishments of the Research Center of Comparative Law, Research Center of Civil and Commercial Law, Research Center of Chinese Legal Culture.

In recent years, Fudan Law School accomplished many fruitful research results in many legal fields, in which, many academic works be awarded in the social philosophical area, with some were designated as the legal textbooks. More than the academic research, the Law School extends their applied research, to make important contribution to the policy formulation and legislation for the national and local government.

The Law School has a positive international academic cooperation with the Harvard Law School and Yale Law School, by sending exchanging scholars, and hosting legal conferences timely.

Most alumni work in the legal agencies, administration agencies and consultation agencies, with other continue to pursue a Master degree of go abroad.

The curriculum accommodates Jurisprudence, Civil Law, International Law, Criminal Law, Constitution Law, Criminal Litigation Law, Civil Litigation Law, Economic Law, Commercial Law, and Chinese Legal History, etc.

The senior study for undergraduate students varies in three directions, as Civil and Commercial Law, Economic Law and International Law. The major curriculum contains Real Estate Law Monetary Law, Maritime Law, Company Law, Labor Law, Tax Law, Arbitration Law, Trust Law, Bank Law, Security Law, International Investment Law, International Trade Law, International Financial Law, and International Economical Contract Law, etc.

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Dear Students,

Together with our University community, I am delighted to welcome you to the University of Siena.

Every year many students choose Siena to spend a study or research period and your presence prompts us to do our best to provide quality programmes and innovative services to meet your particular needs.

Our University is enriched by its eight centuries of history and traditions, which intertwine with those of a unique city, where I hope you will spend a tranquil study period, full of opportunities for your personal education. I am sure that you will be able to study successfully in Siena, meet many new people and learn about our history and way of life, as well as acquiring the methods and tools you need to keep up-to-date in your profession of choice.

This opportunity will allow you to experience different cultures and histories and even try new study and research methods: I hope that your new encounters and experiences will enrich both you as guests in our city and the city itself that welcomes you.

This will help lay the foundations for an increasingly open society and set up effective international cooperation and a European knowledge space that can bring about a real qualitative improvement.

Wishing you all the best for your future, I send you a warm welcome and ask you to read this guide in which you will find useful information about our city and University.

The Rector

Silvano Focardi

The University of Siena has a rich history and a great knowledge-related tradition, as well a strong commitment to both research and innovation.

In the eight centuries since its foundation, the University of Siena has generated knowledge in all fields of study, and today it continues to achieve some of the best results of all Italian universities for its research, teaching and services.

The history of the University of Siena has evolved alongside Tuscany's cultural tradition since the Middle Ages. The oldest document testifying to the university's existence is a decree of the city's Podestà (chief magistrate) dated 26 December 1240, which reveals the unusual fact that the University was funded directly by the city council. In fact, citizens who rented rooms to students were required to pay a tax, which the council used to pay the teaching staff, who were among the best in their field. A notarial deed dating back to the mid thirteenth century informs us that alongside the Law School, there was also a Grammar School and a Medical School.

On 16 August 1357, thanks to the lengthy and assiduous diplomatic efforts of the Sienese Concistoro [Council], the Sienese Studium was finally included among the Universities of the Holy Roman Empire in a diploma granted by the Emperor Charles IV in Prague. This recognition allowed all academic degrees to be awarded in all the faculties, except for Theology, and granted both teachers and students many privileges and immunities.

In 1808 Tuscany was occupied by the French, who closed down the Sienese Studium, keeping only the School of Medicine open. The university was only reopened under the Restoration, when it moved from the Casa della Sapienza to the site of a former Vallombrosan monastery, where the university's head offices are still located today.

The University of Siena's fortunes improved after 1859, also thanks to the help of local bodies and a series of legislative acknowledgements, which meant the university was officially recognized as among the most important in Italy. The city's university continued to grow constantly during the twentieth century, passing from four hundred students enrolled between the two World Wars to over twenty thousand students in recent years. At the same time the number of faculties increased from the original Medicine and Surgery and Law to include Pharmacy (1933), Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences (1962), Economics (1966), Arts and Humanities in Arezzo (established in 1969 as the faculty of Education), Arts and Humanities in Siena (1970), Engineering (1992) and Political Science (1997).

Now, through its International Relations Office, the University of Siena maintains and cultivates relations with universities worldwide, via activities focused on educational and scientific collaboration.

For many years now, the University's commitment to these fields has taken the tangible form of bilateral cooperation agreements with foreign universities, which aim to foster teaching staff and student mobility at all academic levels and, above all, promote the international dimension of university courses through joint and integrated study programmes for both undergraduates and graduates.

On arrival at the University of Siena, foreign students and visiting professors will find an efficient reception and orientation service at the International Relations Office, whose purpose is to provide a positive start to a successful stay in Siena.

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STRASBOURG

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Strasbourg was founded 2000 years ago on a site which was originally a Celtic settlement, then a Roman camp. Situated at a crucial crossroads on the banks of the Rhine, in contact with many cultures, the city has assumed a primarily European identity since the end of the Second World War. Situated in Alsace and called "the Silver City" by the Romans, Strasbourg's geographic location and its dynamism have made it a highly desirable and cosmopolitan city. The Ill River winds its way around the city, encircling the center of town ("Centre Ville"), a large part of which is for pedestrians only.

The Université Robert Schuman (U.R.S.), (U.R.S. or Strasbourg III), predominantly law-oriented, specializes in International and European Law. The faculty of law at Robert Schuman University is one of the best in France.

More than 45000 students, 6250 of whom are foreign, study at Strasbourg's three universities, which are grouped into one Pôle Universitaire Européen (European University Center). Along with their counterparts in Karlsruhe, Freiburg, Basel and Mulhouse, Strasbourg's three universities form a consortium called "la Confédération Européenne des Universités du Rhin Supérieur" (the European Confederation of Universities of the Upper Rhine). A student at any one of these 7 schools can take courses and use services at any of the other 6. The University Louis Pasteur has an International Relations Office that helps exchange students apply, register, and acclimatize. They state on their website that you must apply a full year in advance.

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