

Iceland International Law Exchange Program

Three students per year from the College of Law may attend a semester at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik.

Course of Study

24 ECTS (9.4 U.S.) credits of International Law Courses in the LLM Program of the University of Iceland. To maintain full-time status (12 credits) a three-credit Ohio Northern independent study course–Iceland International Law Thesis – under the supervision of an ONU faculty member will also be taken. The LLM course offerings vary each year. The course offerings for the 2008-2009 academic year will be found in these materials.

Eligibility

Any second or third year ONU law student in good standing.

Selection Process

Application and resume must be submitted to the Associate Dean by January 30 for the subsequent fall semester; by May 1 for the subsequent spring semester. The students will be selected based on a manifested interest in International Law, evidenced by prior coursework (undergraduate or law), prior international work experience or study, membership in the International Law Society, Participation in Jessup Moot Court, serving as an advisor to LLM students or other similar background. Selection will be made by the Associate Dean and the Director of the LLM program in consultation with the applicants' faculty advisors.

Registration

Registration will occur in the spring semester for the following fall. The selected students will register for OVRC 239 – University of Iceland and for LAW 1800 Iceland International Law Thesis. When grades from the University of Iceland are received, the specific courses will be recorded on the student's transcript.

Advisor

The Associate Dean will be the advisor to the ONU exchange students.

Grading

The student must receive a C or better (conversion will be determined by the Associate Deans of each institution) for the course work to transfer. The credits will transfer, but the grades will not.

Tuition and Fees

The Ohio Northern students will pay tuition to Ohio Northern for the semester. Icelandic students will pay tuition to University of Iceland. Ohio Northern students will pay an Administration fee to the University of Iceland, as do other tuition remission students.

Housing/Travel

All student travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses will be paid for by the traveling student.

If you are interested in the Fall, 2008 program, and have taken our Law -1360- International Law, you cannot take the University of Iceland course: Public International Law.

University of Iceland LLM Program

Courses 2008-2009

FALL 2008

Public International Law

2.4 credits

General overview of the basic principles of public international law, the law of state responsibility and the settlement of disputes in international law, international law as a decision-making process, developing in a historical and political context. (ONU Equivalent: Law -1360- International Law).

International Environmental Law I

2.4 credits

Fundamental principles of international law relating to the environment, the principal multinational treaties, other legal instruments and recent case law; a comprehensive overview of existing international environmental law, and the interaction between international environmental law and the general part of international law; major global commitments, and the fundamental rights and duties of states regarding the conservation (utilization, management and preservation) of the environment.

EC Environmental Law

2.4 credits

Fundamentals of EC environmental policy and principles, EC environmental legislation and several selected problems.

International Law of Sustainable Development

2.4 credits

The concept of sustainable development and selected problems relating to its implementation and operation in law, with emphasis on international law. After the course students are expected to have a good overview over the concept and its legal implications and how sustainable development is being implemented in international law. During the course six lectures on themes relating to sustainable development and its ties to international law will be given. Each lecture will be followed by workshops where 2-3 students work on particular questions and legal problems as well as presenting their views and conclusion via short oral presentations and a written report. (20 % of grade) In order for students to be able to participate, a basic knowledge of public international law and/or international environmental law is necessary. At the end of the course each student submits a paper (30% of grade); an oral examination takes place in December(50% of grade).

International Human Rights Law

2.4 credits

An overview of international cooperation for the protection of human rights, international human rights instruments, their implementation and enforcement, as well as recent trends in the evolution of international action on human rights; the system for the protection of human rights within the United Nations and some of the major human rights treaties, particularly the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Human Rights Committee and the international Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The main features of regional human rights cooperation in the world will be introduced, and particular attention will be paid to the European Convention and the Court of Human Rights. Some principles in the field of humanitarian law will also be covered, as well as the role of non- governmental organizations in the international protection of human rights.

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Natural Resources Law I (Basic Course)

3.2 credits

Basic natural resource law. Various important aspects of Icelandic natural resource law in the light of international development. The concept of natural resources, its legal sources, the territorial jurisdiction, environmental issues and other basic matters. Problems relating to ownership of natural resources will be discussed as well as its management. Natural resources on land and in the sea will be discussed as well as rules governing their exploitation. Finally, marketing issues will be analyzed, in particular concerning energy. EU/EEA law and other rules of international law will be examined as is appropriate.

Natural Resources Law II (Law of the Sea)

3.2 credits

The UNC on the Law of the Sea, providing the legal framework for all activities in the oceans, and the most important specialized agreements based on the Convention, such as the UN Fish Stocks Agreement. Emphasis will be put on the legal status of different maritime zones and rules governing the exploitation of marine resources. Iceland will be used as a case study, as appropriate.

Natural Resources Law III (Fisheries Policy)

3.2 credits

Icelandic and European fisheries issues; the most important aspects of Icelandic and European fishing rules.

EEA and EFTA Law

2.4 credits

The rules and principles of the EEA Agreement and EFTA, the European Free Trade Association. The course requires basic knowledge of the European Union law. The idea is to focus on the special rules and principles applying to the EEA Agreement. Therefore the course does not involve any repetition of EU law. Attention is also given to the EFTA rules and activities. At the end of this course students should be able to solve complicated subjects in this field and work on further researches.