

Abroad Study Period

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This program brings together different legal cultures in the same classroom, thus broadening our horizons and way of thinking. This wonderful opportunity enriched us not only on an academic level but also on a personal one. Moreover, London is a mind-blowing city, the perfect place for a transnational experience.

Alexandra & Sarah, CTLS, London

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The Center for Transnational Legal Studies, London (CTLS)

<http://ctls.georgetown.edu/index.cfm>

Located in London, the *Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS)* was founded in 2008. It opened in the 2008/2009 academic year. It brings together faculty and students from over 25 of the world's premier law schools to study transnational legal issues in a multicultural and transnational setting.

CTLS goal is to educate students for practice in a global legal environment. Students at the CTLS will gain new perspectives and understandings through a concentrated program of international, transnational, and comparative law in a truly multicultural setting, with students and faculty from many other legal systems. In the increasingly globalised economy of the 21st Century, lawyers will need to understand law transnationally, across different legal systems and cultures. As the world shrinks, the importance of transnational and international law grows. Lawyers graduating today are likely to confront legal problems and opportunities that will take them beyond the borders of their home countries.

The stay is for **one semester**. The courses focus on transnational law, international law and comparative law. Teaching is provided by professors from the founding and partner universities. Teaching takes place **in English**. The objective of the CTLS is to train lawyers capable of dealing with cross-border issues and problems.

Founding Institutions: Georgetown Law, the Dickson Poon School of Law - King's College London, ESADE University Barcelona, University of Fribourg, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, University of Melbourne, National University of Singapore, University of Torino, University of Toronto,

Partner Institutions: Amsterdam Law School ; Bucerius Law School ; Católica Global School of Law Lisboa , Diego Portales University , Free University of Berlin , The Haim Striks School of Law , Colman , Moscow State University , Peking University School of Transnational Law , Pontificia Universidad Javeriana , Renmin University of China Law School , Tecnológico de Monterrey , Universidad de los Andes , University of Auckland , University of Liège , Yonsei University Law School. (à contrôler avec le site si correct)

Location and Ressources in London

The Center is located at North West Wing, Bush House, Aldwych, in the heart of London's legal quarter. A few minutes walk south on Chancery Lane, students and faculty will have privileges at the King's College Law Library.

Education:

"Many of the participating law schools send faculty to teach at the Center. Each class will have students from a diverse set of legal and national backgrounds. Several classes are co-taught by professors from different countries, to facilitate comparative analysis and discussion.

The program includes a core course focused on transnational legal theory, a weekly workshop featuring leading scholars and practitioners of international, transnational, and comparative law, and a participatory exercise to introduce students to each other and to the different perspectives that they bring to the Center." The curriculum of the CTLS is developed under the direction of an Academic Council comprised of leading faculty from all the founding schools.

Conditions:

Studying at the CTLS is only possible after successfully completing the Bachelor of Law. A very good command of English is required.

Application: The application takes place online, from MyUnifr: <https://www3.unifr.ch/you-are/fr/etudiants>

The application file, in English, consists of:

- printed summary of the online application
- CV with picture
- motivation letter
- intermediate attestation of grades (if possible in English otherwise in the original language)

- language certificate (if such a certificate is not available, the Selection Committee reserves the right to require a language test)

Once the online application is made, send or submit three copies of the printed application file to the Erasmus and International Relations Office of the Faculty of Law, Avenue de l'Europe 20, 1700 Fribourg..

Places Available: Seven places available per semester.

Selection:

Selection is made by the *Fribourg CTLS Selection Committee*, based on the application file and an interview with each candidate. The *Selection Committee* is composed of a professor and an assistant from Fribourg.

Deadline for application: each year the deadline will be fixed; it is normally the 31st of October.

Tuition Fees and Expenses: Fribourg students remain registered at the Fribourg University Faculty of Law while they are at the London Center. They will also apply for and, upon acceptance, enrol at the CTLS. The students pay their regular tuition fees to their home institution. They pay additional SFr. 1'500 as tuition fees for one semester at the CTLS. Students at the Center are responsible for the costs of housing, travel, food, books, insurances and any other living expenses.

A budget planner is proposed on the website of the British Council:

<https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/moving-uk/money-budgeting>

Recognition: The recognition principles determined by the Equivalence Committee of the Fribourg University Law School apply for the recognition of the exams passed during the study period at the CTLS. However, the grades of the CTLS courses recognised by the Committee will be converted into the Fribourg grading scale.

Additional Information:

<https://www3.unifr.ch/ius/fr/etudes/mobilite/reconnaissance.html>

<https://www3.unifr.ch/ius/de/studium/mob/anerkenn.html>

Pre-departure forms:

All accepted CTLS students have to submit some information by connecting to:

https://georgetownlaw.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=22581. When clicking on this link, students will be asked to “apply now” to create an account and enter their information. Please note that this is just an initial step to allow students to enter the system.

The application will be marked as accepted once the signed *Nomination/Student Information Form* has

been submitted. This form is sent to the selected students per e-mail after the decision of the *Selection Committee* was communicated.

Selection of Topics and Courses:

Commercial and Corporate Law, International Dispute Settlement, Public International Law and Issues in Public Law, International Health and Human Rights, International Trade Law, Comparative Law.

Topics remain largely similar each year. They change however slightly according to the specific professors and the composition of the group of teachers.

Each student may freely choose among the courses offered. Registration for the courses is compulsory and takes place online. You will not be able to change your registration requests once the form has been submitted. In addition, you will automatically be enrolled in the Core Course and the Transnational Law Colloquium.

Academics (courses): <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/academics.cfm>

Participation in the classes:

CTLS provides a rare opportunity to learn in a small-class environment, in which active exchange among students and faculty is expected. The purpose of this program is to provide a truly transnational experience. Active class participation by students from all the different universities and distinct legal traditions is part of the CTLS' design and reputation. At CTLS, class participation counts for a significant portion of the course grade. Therefore, Students have to come to class fully prepared, having made their assigned readings. They are expected to let their professors know if they have to miss a class. Under the attendance policy, failure to attend a significant portion of classes results in the student being withdrawn from the class, receiving no credit.

We expect active and full engagement from the students throughout the school term.

Academic Calendar:

- Fall semester: end of August through mid-December, with local “bank holidays” and a mid-semester break.
- Spring semester: beginning of January until early May, with local “bank holidays” and a mid-semester break.
- Each semester, classes are held for thirteen weeks, with an examination period in the final fourteenth week.
- Students are required to participate in the classes chosen from the first day of the semester until the very last day of the exams. **No late arrival will be admitted.** It means that the students must plan to arrive and settle down in London at the latest the week prior to start the semester. It also means that the semester dates of the CTLS may overlap with the exam

sessions in Fribourg. Students must organise their studies and particularly their participation at the exam sessions in order to avoid any overlapping. No exception will be accepted.

Fribourg has arranged that the students spending the spring semester at the CTLS are allowed to take some exams from Fribourg while being at the CTLS (subject to modification). It exclusively applies to **written exams and students are advised to take no more than two exams**. Students willing to make use of this opportunity must register for the exams in Fribourg as ordinary students and inform the person in charge of the office *for Erasmus and International Relations* of the Faculty of Law about the exams they will take. The exams will take place on the same day, at the same time, as in Fribourg, under the same conditions.

Certificate:

At the successful completion of a semester of study at the Center, students will receive a Certificate of Completion of Academic Study from the Center. The Center will not grant any degree.

Accommodation:

Students will be expected to find and pay for their own housing. It will be at London prices – that is: expensive (about 200 pounds per week) (subject to modification). The CTLS has identified a convenient student housing option in central London. Students are offered the opportunity to stay in studio apartments with en-suite bathroom, kitchenette, telephone and high speed internet access.

Detailed information: <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/ctls/student-life/student-housing/>

If a student does not apply for accommodation with *Liberty Living*, it will be assumed he or she will be finding his/her own housing in London. The underneath listed Internet addresses may help in the accommodation search:

<http://www.unite-group.co.uk/>

www.unite-students.com

www.nidolondon.com

www.britanniatravel.com/homestay.html

Health Insurance and Civil Liability Insurance:

All students participating in programs abroad have to make sure that their health insurance and civil liability insurance, including repatriation insurance, provides them with a sufficient coverage while studying abroad. Students from Fribourg have to ask their insurance company for the “European Health Card”.

Visa:

Students have to check with the local British Representation or the UK Border Agency whether they need a visa or not. This should be made well in advance, as the visa procedure may last several months.

Information : <http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/>