



SEMESTER ABROAD APPROVAL (SELF-INITIATED) FORM

Instructions: Students may earn up to fifteen semester credits towards the J.D. degree for law study while formally registered at a foreign institution. Students should carefully review Academic Rule 8.7, read and complete this form, attach appropriate supporting documentation, and submit it to the Director of International and Graduate Programs for review and approval.

Student Name: _____ ID Number: _____ Email: _____

Foreign Institution: _____ Location (City/Country): _____

Program dates: _____ Program website: _____

Pre-Approved Courses for Semester Transfer Credit

(List all courses for which pre-approval is sought. While more than fifteen credits of coursework may be pre-approved for transfer credit, no more than fifteen law credits will transfer from any given semester.)

Course Title	Course Description	# of Credits	Law or Language	Credits pre-approved

Important Notices to Student:

- Students may be eligible for financial aid to cover tuition, fees, and other costs. To seek financial aid, students must complete a **Financial Aid Consortium Agreement**, including a statement of costs from the host institution, and have the documents forwarded to Jim Parker at the University of Minnesota’s Office of Student Finance. Consortium Agreement documents are available through the Law School’s Dean of Students office. Contact Mr. Parker with financial aid questions at: j-park1@umn.edu.
- The University of Minnesota requires all students studying abroad to obtain **international health insurance**. For more about this mandatory program, see: <http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/healthSafety/healthInsurance.html>.
- For credit to transfer under Academic Rule 8.7, the pre-approved courses must be completed at “a satisfactory level.” A grade of 2.0 (“**C**” **equivalent or better**) is considered satisfactory for transfer purposes.
- Upon conclusion of the program, the student is responsible for ensuring that the host institution forwards to the Law School Registrar an official transcript reflecting the course(s) completed and grade(s) earned.

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Approval by Director of International and Graduate Programs/International Programs Committee

Upon review of the proposed Self-Initiated Semester Abroad program described herein, I approve the above-named student’s request to transfer up to _____ law credits [and up to _____ foreign language credits] towards his/her University of Minnesota Law School *juris doctor* degree. I authorize the Law School’s Registrar to apply the credits to the student’s Law School record upon receipt of an official transcript from the sponsoring ABA-accredited law school reflecting the student’s satisfactory completion of the pre-approved courses.

Pursuant to Academic Rule 4.2, the student is approved for _____ semester residence credit for the proposed program. [One semester of residence credit is available for satisfactory completion of at least 12 credits in one semester.]

Kara Galvin, Director of International and Graduate Programs

Date