



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL & GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Check-list for Self-Initiated Study Abroad

- _____ Find a program at a law school outside of the United States which matches your goals and needs.
- _____ Apply for and become accepted to the foreign law school program.
 - If needed, letters of good standing can be requested from the registrar (lawreg@umn.edu).
- _____ Determine which classes you would like to take while abroad:
 - You must register for at least 12 credits. To determine how many credits each class is worth, you will need to determine how often the course meets. One credit is granted for each 700 minutes of course instruction.
 - You may take more than 12 credits abroad if your program permits. You may transfer in a maximum of 15 credits for one semester.
 - The courses need to be evaluated by exam or paper. Classes relying on oral evaluations for a final grade will not be accepted.
 - You may not receive credit for a course you have already taken.
- _____ Complete the Semester Abroad Approval (Self-Initiated) Form (available at <http://www.law.umn.edu/current/forms.html>) and obtain the necessary signatures to approve the courses that you plan to take and the amount of credits that will be awarded for each class PRIOR to studying abroad.
- _____ If you would like financial aid, complete the three consortium agreement forms.
 - The three forms are available from Jim Parker (j-park1@umn.edu).
 - One of the forms needs to be completed by your host school, one needs to be completed by you, and one needs to be completed by the UofM Law School.
 - Return completed forms to address indicated on the front of the forms.
- _____ Notify the Dean of Students office (lawdos@umn.edu) and the registrar's office (lawreg@umn.edu) regarding the dates of your absence and your contact information while abroad.
- _____ Purchase CISI Health Insurance for the entire time you are abroad. The University of Minnesota requires that you purchase this international insurance coverage. You can find the application form and more information about CISI insurance at:
<http://umabroad.umn.edu/students/healthsafety/intlhealthinsurance.php>
- _____ Read, sign and return the University of Minnesota Release and Waiver to the Learning Abroad Center (230 Heller Hall) before you leave. The Release and Waiver is available at:
<http://www.umabroad.umn.edu/policies/releaseAndWaiver/rw246.shtml>.
- _____ You will need to complete your 2L or 3L writing requirement here on campus, so enroll in a qualifying seminar or Independent Study project during you the semester you are in Minnesota.



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- _____ Research the bar application process for the jurisdiction where you'll be seeking licensure before you leave. Be aware of all applicable deadlines and requirements and plan well in advance to ensure you don't miss anything.
- _____ Consult with the Career Center about your career search strategies while you are abroad.
- _____ You are responsible for ensuring that the Law School receives your transcript upon completion of the semester. Make arrangements so that an official copy of the transcript is sent to the law school registrar.