

Cardozo School of Law

J.D./LL.M. INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Courses, Credits and Grading System

Cardozo students will be expected to complete 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) courses, in keeping with the LL.M. program requirements of the Sorbonne Law School. This should consist of eight (8) courses and will earn 24 Cardozo credits. Students who successfully complete nine (9) courses during the year at the Sorbonne may earn 26 Cardozo credits. Alternatively, students needing more than 24 credits for the third year may complete a two-credit independent research project under the supervision of a Cardozo faculty member during the year abroad.

Former students have taken most or all of their courses through the LL.M. in French and European Community Law, a degree program taught in French which attracts international students from around Europe and elsewhere. Course information for this LL.M. Program is available here: <http://www.univ-paris1.fr/diplomes/llm/programme-des-enseignements/>. Classes may also be chosen among a large range of classes from the Licence 3, Master 1, and Master 2 if schedule and timing permits. The 2015-16 course list is available here. Students must complete a total of 60 credits total (each class counts either 4 or 8 credits at Sorbonne law). A learning agreement must indicate the chosen classes and must be signed by both programs directors. The first week of September (week of integration) comprises 10 hours of intensive French classes but also 10 hours of legal methods and introduction to the French legal system (4 credits). All classes and examinations will end before April. An internship is not mandatory but is a possibility between March and May. This internship will not carry credit.

Language Instruction

Participants should be proficient in written and spoken French. However, the University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne offers an intensive legal French course throughout the year. No Cardozo credit will be awarded for this course.

Registration

At Cardozo

Once approved, students must register during their regularly scheduled registration time for 12 credits of generic study abroad through the Office of the Registrar. Registration must be done in person, via fax to 212.790.0241 or as a pdf attachment to brookdaleregistrar@yu.edu. The fax or pdf must include the student's name, Student ID number, a request to register for 12 credits of study abroad with the name of the host institution, and the student's signature.

At Sorbonne Law School

Students will be directly advised by Sorbonne Law on the large range of available courses. Students register upon arrival at the Sorbonne in September.

Evaluation and Grading System

In Paris, students will be required to take both oral and written exams. Depending upon the course, students may also be required to write papers or provide oral presentations.

Grades are distributed on a 20-point scale, with 20 being the highest. The minimum grade for transfer to Cardozo is a 10. French honors or mention are given as follows:

Assez bien for a final grade of between 13-14.9 (good)

Bien for a grade between 15-16.9 (very good)

Trés bien for a grade of 17 or higher (excellent)

Cardozo transcripts do not list French grades and reflect only credits for work conducted at the University of Paris.