

Cardozo School of Law

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

PREDEPARTURE PLANNING

Housing

Sorbonne Law does not have on-site housing facilities. However, students may be assisted in their housing search. A former student recommends the following accommodation : <http://www.ciup.fr/en/> and the website <http://www.caf.fr/> which may offer a subsidy toward housing for international students who provide an original birth certificate with apostile from the state of your birth.

Visas

Students studying abroad in France must apply for a student visa prior to departure which is required to obtain a student residence permit once you have arrived. See <http://usa.campusfrance.org> for comprehensive instructions. As visas can take some time to secure, you should register your intent to study in France immediately upon confirming your intent to study in Paris at the link above. See also the Consulate General of France in New York for information about visas: <http://www.consulfrance-newyork.org/>

Insurance

Students should secure health insurance coverage for the duration of their overseas study. Not all domestic insurance policies will cover students while they are abroad, so check with your provider.

Cardozo has contracted with Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) to offer a competitive plan for Cardozo students studying abroad. If you are interested in enrolling in this program, please consult with the Office of Graduate and International Programs.

If you would like to contract for your own coverage for the time you are abroad, consult the following list of companies compiled by NAFSA: Association of International Educators. These companies specialize in health insurance for those going abroad for educational purposes.

STA Travel International ID Card Insurance (this very basic insurance is automatically included with international ID cards issued by STA Travel).

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) www.culturalinsurance.com/

HTH Worldwide (formerly Hinchcliff International), www.hthworldwide.com

For more listings, see: U.S. State Department -- Medical Information for Americans Traveling Abroad, travel.state.gov/travel/abroad_health.html

International SOS

Students studying abroad are required to register with International SOS, a 24-hour international medical, security and travel assistance program, which provides local expertise, advice on medical and security pre-travel issues, and emergency assistance during critical illness, accident, or civil unrest. It is also a one-stop repository for all of your important information, including passport number, emergency contacts, medical history, and so on.

Registration at

<http://www.internationalsos.com/MasterPortal/default.aspx?membnum=11BYSG000013>

is in two steps:

1. Activate your record: This is registration of your name, passport information, and emergency contacts. You should also include medical history and upload important documents (including a copy of your passport) here.
2. Register your trip: This is where you put details of your travel outside the United States.

Disabilities

Please be aware that disability accommodations may not be available in foreign countries. Mobility International USA (<http://www.miusa.org>) can assist students with information. If a student interested in studying abroad has a disability for which he or she may need accommodation during the semester overseas, please bring that to the attention of the Director of Graduate and International Programs as early as possible.

Passport

Plan ahead to be sure you have a valid passport for travel. U.S. Citizens should click here for comprehensive information on obtaining a passport:

http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

Other Country Information

The State Department maintains information sheets on foreign countries which include information on visa requirements, links to US Embassies, and safety, security and health information. Please be sure to refer to the appropriate information sheet well in advance of your departure and to continue to checking back for updates:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1765.ht