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OFFICE OF GRADUATE AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

INFORMATION ON APPLYING FOR SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD

ELIGIBILITY

Students may apply to spend their fourth, fifth, or sixth semester of law school abroad. Students must have a minimum 3.00 GPA to apply. Students seeking to study abroad should make every effort to have completed as many core course and distribution requirements as possible prior to the semester abroad. The Category IV distribution is automatically fulfilled through the semester abroad, but the credits earned may not be used to satisfy other Cardozo graduation core requirements. Before students can be approved to study abroad, they must schedule an appointment with the Dean of Students to confirm they will meet all graduation requirements if they study abroad.

HOW TO APPLY

Students should submit their application for study abroad via e-mail to the Senior Director, Hui Yang, at hui.yang@yu.edu or drop it off in person at her office, room 1007.

Required documents include:

- Application form
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose-no more than 2 pages explaining interest in program and how study abroad will complement educational, professional, and personal goals.
- Letter of Recommendation from a Cardozo faculty member

Additional special documentation:

Students holding an editorial position on a journal must also request the editor-in-chief to send an email to the Senior Director on their behalf, authorizing them to complete their journal responsibilities from abroad. Staff members on journals should also notify their board of their intent to study abroad.

Students applying for an independent study abroad program must make a compelling case as to how their educational objectives will be met at the host institution and why this institution is being requested over one of Cardozo's existing partner institutions. The host institution must either be a Faculty of Law at a foreign university or through another ABA-approved semester abroad program offered by another ABA-approved law school. In these cases, students must provide information from the host institution about the school and its courses, as well as the contact information for relevant staff at that institution.

DEADLINES

October 1st for Spring Programs

March 1st for Fall Programs

Hui Yang, Senior Director, hui.yang@yu.edu, room 1007, 646-592-6597, https://cardozo.yu.edu/studyabroad

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TRANSFER CREDIT

To ensure receiving credit for the courses completed while studying abroad, students:

- Must submit a list of course titles, credit hours and description to the Senior Director in advance, prior to departure. Failure to obtain course approval in advance may jeopardize credit transfer.
- Must earn a letter grade of C (or equivalent) or better. No credit will be awarded for pass/fail grades.
- Must register for a full-time course load abroad in order to fulfill residency requirements.
- May not duplicate coursework taken at Cardozo.
- May not use credits from stud abroad to accelerate graduation.
- May not transfer more than 4 credits of coursework from outside a Faculty of Law towards their J.D. degree. All requests to transfer credit from outside a Faculty of Law must include the professor's biography.
- For those completing distribution requirements, the Category IV will be filled by going abroad; for those completing core course requirements, a semester of study abroad may be used in place pf the Comparative Law course requirement, provided law courses are taken that pertain to the country or region of study.

Students are responsible for meeting with the Dean of Students to ensure that they will complete all other JD requirements at Cardozo.

FINANCES

Tuition: All students who study abroad are required to register at and pay full tuition and fees to Cardozo. Students studying on Cardozo exchange programs may be responsible for some fees charged by the host institution. Students attending an independent study abroad program are generally responsible for fees required by the host institution and, if tuition exceeds Cardozo tuition, will be required to pay the tuition difference as well.

Financial Aid: Students may apply for financial aid to cover tuition charges as well as living expenses and travel costs for an approved semester abroad. For further information, students should contact the Office of Student Finance in Room 1024 or at **cardozostudentaid@yu.edu**

Living Expenses: Room, board, travel, insurance, visa, and books are the responsibility of the student and can vary considerably by destination. For a link to foreign exchange rates, see: https://www.xe.com/

REGISTRATION

Once approved for study abroad, students must register at Cardozo during their regularly scheduled registration time for 12 credits of "study abroad" through the Office of the Registrar. These credits serve as a placeholder for the courses students will take abroad and will keep students enrolled at Cardozo. Registration must be done in person or as a pdf attachment to cardozoregister@yu.edu. The pdf must include the student's name, ID #, a request to register for 12 credits of study abroad, the name of the host institution, and the student's signature.

Registration at the host institution varies by program. See program sheets for details.

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INSURANCE

Not all domestic insurance policies will cover students while abroad, so check with your provider. If you would like to contract insurance abroad, the companies below have been recommended by NAFSA: Association of International Educators for international coverage.

- Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) https://www.culturalinsurance.com/
- HTH Worldwide, https://www.hthtravelinsurance.com/
- Allianz Travel Insurance, https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/

In addition to health insurance, there is emergency travel insurance that YU requires students to enroll in with AXA/ Chubb. It offers students studying abroad 24/7 assistance, including: emergency medical coverage, remote mental health counseling services, security and emergency medical evacuation, lost or delayed luggage reimbursement. Students are charged $61/month for this coverage while abroad and are manually enrolled once they are accepted into a program.

STATE DEPARTMENT

Students should also visit https://step.state.gov/step/ to enroll in STEP, the Smart Traveler program through the U.S. State Department. Once you record your foreign visit, the U.S. embassy in your host country will be aware of your presence in case of an emergency situation.

DISABILITY SERVICES

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 has a disability for which he or she may need accommodation during the semester overseas, please bring that to the attention of the Senior Director of Graduate and International Programs as early as possible.

MEDICINES

Not all U.S. prescriptions are legal in other countries. Certain mental health medications, pain killers, and medications that require syringes may be problematic to bring through Customs in some countries. There are also some medications that are not available in your host country. It is important to research ahead of time and discuss with your doctors how you will have access to the prescriptions you need.

VISAS

The State Department maintains information sheets on foreign countries, including info on visa requirements. See: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

PASSPORT

Plan ahead and make sure you have a valid passport for the entire length of your study abroad program, see:

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html