The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with Amsterdam Law School which is part of the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam, for up to four students per academic year. The University of Amsterdam is one of Europe’s excellent universities, located in the heart of one of the world’s most dynamic and enjoyable cities and easily reachable by train and air from cities throughout Europe and the world. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 300D Legal Research, or on the Law School web site at: http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx. Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

Course Offerings and Requirements

Students will be able to choose from a selection of classes offered at the LL.M. level. The classes are quite various, with a focus in the fields of advanced European Union Law and Public International Law. Amsterdam advises that the course in European Contract Law and the course in Comparative Law are conducive to exposing students to how civil lawyers think. The language of instruction is in English.

Students may choose most of the courses offered in English from the following programs: International and European Law: Public International Law (Master's in); International and European Law: European Union Business Law (Master's in) International and European Law: European Union Law (Master's in); International and European Law: International Trade and Investment; Law (Master's in); European Private Law (Master's in). Program content and course information may be found at: http://studiegids.uva.nl/sgs/WebSite_en - click on Search Programme, Show Alphabetical Overview of All Programmes.

The course list for the 2010-11 academic year will not be finalized until the summer of 2010. The course list for the 2009-10 Faculty of Law University of Amsterdam is attached. For course details, please go to: http://studiegids.uva.nl/sgs/WebSite_en and click on Search Course. Timetables for the courses taught the first and second period of the first semester may be found here: http://www.student.uva.nl/lawstudents/timetables.cfm under Timetables courses, click on: Schedule Mastercourses 1st semester 2009-2010, Mastercourses 1st sem 2009-2010, Mastercourses/elective courses 1st semester 2009-2010. Timetables for courses taught the first and second period of the second semester are forthcoming.

Because Michigan students will enroll in LL.M. classes, if they wish to take European law classes, Amsterdam will expect either that they will have successfully completed EU law at Michigan or they will be required to take an introduction to EU class (M 1910) concurrently with other classes at Amsterdam. If Michigan students wish to take advanced international law classes, they will be expected to have taken public international law at Michigan or to take concurrently the introduction to public international law class (M 2510) at Amsterdam. These introductory classes are offered only in the fall term. Amsterdam is willing to review the syllabus for the particular Transnational Law section of each Michigan student to
see whether there is a sufficient public international law to meet the prerequisite.

In addition to the course requirements at Amsterdam, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Study Abroad.

A student’s course selection at Amsterdam must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student’s departure for Amsterdam. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Virginia Gordan (vgordan@umich.edu; TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken in Amsterdam Law School is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

Tuition and Fees

The tuition and fees charges at Amsterdam Law School are waived for students who participate in this exchange program.

Michigan students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

Please note that the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

Dates of Term

Students may go in either the fall or winter semester, although the fall is preferable because other students are starting new at Amsterdam, the curriculum contains more foundational courses, and the fall academic calendar is generally more compatible with our own.

The University of Amsterdam has indicated that the specific dates for the 2010-11 academic year are as follows. The first semester (our fall 2010 term) dates are Block 1: September 6, 2010 – October 22, 2010 (Exams: October 25-29, 2010). Block 2: November 1, 2010 – December 17, 2010 (Exams: December 20-24, 2010). All courses that are 5 EC units are examined before Christmas. The courses that are 10 EC units are examined in January and participation in the scheduled examination is required; however, it is possible to conduct a written 10 EC exam at the University of Michigan Law School. This would be organized by Amsterdam in coordination with Ms. Debby Hartranft, University of Michigan Law School Student Services Exam and Grade Coordinator (dmhart@umich.edu; tel: 647-7589). The exam must take place on the same day that it is scheduled in Amsterdam, but the time of day is flexible due to the time difference. (The January 2011 exam period beginning and ending dates are not yet known; however, the exam period dates for January 2010 are January 5, 2010, until January 29, 2010, and the dates will be similar for January 2011.) In the case of where 10 EC unit courses are examined by a paper, those courses can be taken by any student anywhere.

The second semester (our 2011 winter term) dates are Block 1: January 31, 2011 – March 18, 2011 (Exams: March 21-25, 2011). Block 2: March 28, 2011 – May 20, 2011 (Exams: May 23-June 3, 2011). The details for the exam period for courses that are scheduled during Block 1 and Block 2 are not yet known, but they will start after June 3 and may run until the end of the month of June.

Students should confirm exam periods and details with Mrs. Martha Oosterom, International Officer, Amsterdam Law School, Universiteit van Amsterdam, P.O. Box 1030, 1000 BA Amsterdam (phone +31-20-525-3421; fax: +31-20-525-3495; email: M.M.oosterom@uva.nl). Please know the aforementioned dates in the academic calendar are subject to change.

Students are also invited to attend the University of Amsterdam’s International Student Network (ISN) Introduction Program, which for the fall 2010 term runs from August 30- September 3, 2010. In addition,
students are expected to attend the Introduction to the Faculty of Law, which is scheduled for September 2, 2010. Dates for the ISN Introduction Program and Introduction to the Faculty of Law for the winter 2011 term, are to be determined, and will be a shorter version than that conducted for the fall 2010 term.

General Administrative Matters

The Amsterdam Law School International Office will assist students with services such as housing, banking and residence permit/visa application. Students who are approved to study abroad at Amsterdam Law School will also receive an information package with important information prior to his/her arrival at Amsterdam. For information about these administrative matters, please refer to the Amsterdam Law School web site at http://www.studeren.uva.nl/certificate_law.

Housing

The University of Amsterdam does not have a campus, and housing for international students is accommodated by housing association De Key (http://www.shortstay.dekey.nl/) on the basis of an agreement with the University. (Students should not contact De Key until they have first received information from De Key.) Please note that accommodation cannot be guaranteed. The administrative procedure for housing is as follows. A student must first complete the Amsterdam Law School Application form for the Amsterdam Exchange Programme, which includes the question: “Do you want us to apply for housing for you?” Assuming the answer is affirmative, then Student Services of the University of Amsterdam sends a confirmation form by e-mail to prospective exchange students at the end of June, respectively, or, at the beginning of January, dependent on the semester chosen for exchange. This form indicates whether or not a room has been assigned. In case no room has been assigned, students need to find a room in the private market.


Students may try to exchange lodgings with their counterparts from the Amsterdam Law School. A request may be addressed to Mrs. Martha Oosterom, International Officer, Amsterdam Law School, Universiteit van Amsterdam, P.O. Box 1030, 1000 BA Amsterdam (phone +31-20-525-3421; fax: +31-20-525-3495; email: M.M.oosterom@uva.nl).

Please note that the deadlines for applying for accommodation are very strict. For the first semester: June 1, and for the second semester November 1.

ASVA Room Mediation

ASVA room mediation is probably the oldest ASVA service around. They have been mediating between landlords and students since 1945. They do not work with a waiting list, instead, they organize a ‘lottery’ for every available room. Every ASVA member can participate in these lotteries. Lottery: Students looking for a room in Amsterdam can check the ASVA list of rooms. If there is a room a student likes, the student can sign up for the lottery through e-mail or by phone. After the lottery, four applicants will receive the full name and address of the landlord in order to make an appointment to check out the room. The landlord will then decide to whom the room will be let. If a student is chosen as one of the applicants to check out the room, the student can collect the address at the ASVA student desk. On the reverse side of the form, the student will find a short questionnaire through which he/she can provide feedback. For the form with the address, a 5 Euro deposit is required. This amount will be given back to the student if he/she fills out the questionnaire and returns the form.

For practical reasons it is not possible to participate in the lottery from abroad. There are too many obstacles like the impossibility to view the room and paying difficulties. On positive note, this system
allows students to possibly find a room quickly so in the mean time, students could stay at a hostel or other temporary address. Check ‘Other housing possibilities’ for short stay addresses.

**ASVA STUDENT DESK**
UvA Service- & Information Centre, counter 7
Binnengasthuisstraat 9
1012 ZA Amsterdam
**Telephone:** +31 (0)20 525 29 26
**E-mail:** studentenbalie@ASVA.nl
**Opening hours:** On working days from 12:30 pm till 4:00 pm

**Application to Amsterdam**

Students who receive approval from the Law School’s Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at Amsterdam pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to promptly complete the Amsterdam Law School Application Form for the Amsterdam Exchange Programme and include any required supporting application materials. The Center for International & Comparative Law will send the application form with supporting materials to Amsterdam Law School. *Amsterdam reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

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Marjoleine Zieck studied Philosophy and Public International Law at the University of Amsterdam and obtained her Ph.D. degree (in Public International Law) in 1997 (*cum laude*) at the same University. She worked in the immigration section of the law firm Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn (*Landsadvocaat*) before joining the Amsterdam Law School. From 2002 until 2008 she was Director of the LL.M. programmes and Ph.D. training programme, and since 2008 she is the Director of the Graduate School of Law and College of Law of the Amsterdam Law School. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Leyden-Amsterdam-Columbia summer programme and Executive Director of the Amsterdam sessions of the summer programme since 2005. In 2005 she was appointed Professor of Public International Law at the Pakistan College of Law (Lahore, Pakistan) and in 2009 she was awarded a chair in International Refugee Law at the Amsterdam Law School.
Key publications:

- *UNHCR’s Worldwide Presence in the Field; A Legal Analysis of UNHCR’s Cooperation Agreements*, (April) 2006, Wolf Legal Publishers, Nijmegen;

For further information about Amsterdam

Please consult the Amsterdam Law School web site at: [http://www.studeren.uva.nl/law-programmes](http://www.studeren.uva.nl/law-programmes)

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 300D Legal Research). The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students’ study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Amsterdam.

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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.