

Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad at European University Institute, Florence

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The University of Michigan Law School has developed a fall semester study abroad opportunity for our students at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence for up to two students. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, Room 300D Legal Research and 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.

The EUI opportunity is for Michigan law students with a record of strong academic performance to pursue a specific EU related research project at the premier research institution for European Union law in Europe. The EUI is a graduate institution that brings together a select group of distinguished faculty and outstanding students from all over Europe. The Institute does not generally offer introductory lectures, and, therefore, basic knowledge of European Union law is a prerequisite for Michigan law students wishing to pursue semester study abroad at EUI. Interested applicants must have completed a course on European Union law (such as European Legal Order) prior to their semester abroad at EUI. EUI offers seminars in which students are expected to contribute substantially to the discussion. Apart from attending seminars, all students pursue independent research projects.

The working languages of the Institute are French and English, and fluency in French is strongly recommended. Proficiency in French or other European language will be given consideration in selection. Although the Institute is willing to consider US candidates for semester study who do not have proficiency in another European language, students should be aware that some classes are taught partly in French, and might not be open to them.

EUI reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.

Course (Seminar) Offerings and Requirements

A listing of the fall 2009 seminars may be found at: <http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/Law/ResearchAndTeaching/Seminars/Index.aspx>. Fall 2010 seminar offerings should be available in the late June 2010. If you have additional questions, please consult Virginia Gordan (TEL: 764-5269; vgordan@umich.edu), Assistant Dean for International Affairs, or Professor Daniel Halberstam (TEL: 763-4408; dhalber@umich.edu).

In addition to the course requirements at EUI, 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 EUI must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student's departure for EUI. 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 at EUI is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

Tuition

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

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 this tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

Dates

The registration date for Fall 2010 will be 25 August 2010. Exchange students are required to arrive for registration and begin the program with the regular doctoral students. The month of September is devoted to intensive language courses and first contacts with the professors of the department. Research students are encouraged to take advantage of these language courses as much as possible before seminars start at the very beginning of October.

In addition to the intensive language courses, the month of September is devoted to general orientation. This includes introductory meetings of all four academic departments, the library and Computing Service. This program, along with a brief information package (not all the information in the information package will be pertinent to US exchange students (e.g. student flats), but there is still a lot of useful information), is posted on the Academic Service web site (<http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/About.aspx> - click on Info Pack 2009) during the summer, and copies are also handed out at registration.

Housing

Please consult the EUI web site at: <http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/Housing/Index.aspx> . There is also a housing database that students are welcome to use, although many find accommodation on their own, as most landlords prefer to rent for an entire academic year as opposed to short periods. With that said, it is always worth attempting.

Application to EUI

Students who receive approval from the Law School's Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at EUI pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad, will then be required to promptly complete a two-part application for EUI. The Center for International & Comparative Law will send the application form with supporting materials to EUI. *EUI reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

Contacts

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<http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/Law/People/Professors/CurrentProfessors/Schweitzer.aspx>

Fields covered

- Competition Law (European, German, US, international)
- Regulated Industries (telecommunications and media, energy, postal sector)
- Public enterprises and enterprises charged with services of general interest
- State aid law
- Public Procurement Law
- Corporate Law and Corporate Governance, capital market law (EU, German, English, US in comparative perspective)
- Contract law (EU, German, English, US in comparative perspective)
- Mergers & Acquisitions

Languages

German, English (fluent); Spanish, French (passive)

Current seminars at the EUI

- [Competition, Innovation & Intellectual Property Rights](#) (with W. Kerber)
- [Corporate Governance and \(In-\)Efficient Capital Markets. A Fresh Look in Times of Crisis](#)

Current research projects

- The interaction of law and economics in competition law
- The application of EU competition rules in the Member States - comparative European competition cases
- The setting of compatibility standards and EU competition law

- Cross-border mergers and acquisitions in Europe - the legal framework and policy responses to acquisitions in strategic industries (project together with Mark Thatcher, LSE)
- The private law of cross-border mergers and acquisitions
- The role of the market and the role of the state: spontaneous orders, framework rules and the public interest
- Competition and consumer protection in financial markets
- Competition and innovation: interfaces between competition and intellectual property law

For further information about European University Institute, Florence

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 EUI.

Please consult the EUI web site at <http://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/Law/Index.aspx>.

Click on "People" for information on professors and staff in the Law Department. Click on "Research and Teaching", then "Seminars" to find out the most recent information on fall term seminar offerings.

The Guide to the Law Department may be found here:

<http://www.eui.eu/Documents/DepartmentsCentres/Law/RulesAndForms/LawGuide2009-10.pdf>

For Practical Information, please refer to:

<http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/PracticalInformation/Index.aspx>. Here you will find information on health insurance, visas, housing, living in Florence, and other helpful information.

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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.