The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with the Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI) in Geneva, for up to two students per academic year. Students may go in either semester. HEI, an independent graduate school associated with the University of Geneva, is thought by many to be the best international law and relations institute on the continent. HEI offers an opportunity for our students to study at a distinguished institution which is located in a very international city and draws students from all over the world.

HEI is located in the City of Geneva, which is a lovely, livable and centrally located city. Modest in size (185,000 in the city; 440,000 in the canton), cosmopolitan (45% foreign population, with English spoken almost as readily as French), Geneva has terrific culture, food, parks, and shopping. It is easy to bicycle around the city. The French and Swiss Alps are close by. Paris, Milan, and the Mediterranean are reachable in less than four hours by high-speed train. The close-in airport has numerous non-stop flights to cities in Europe and worldwide. No other foreign city has as strong a presence of international organization as Geneva. In addition, dozens of international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) are based in and around Geneva. Geneva is truly an international city, bringing together policy makers, diplomats, advocates, and many other types of professionals whose work focuses on the most challenging global issues of the day. It is a city which draws people from around the world with an interest in international affairs.

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 website at: [http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx](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**

Michigan students will study primarily in the International Law Section.

The language of instruction is English and French. It is possible to take only courses offered in English, but the curricular offerings are more extensive if the Michigan student is sufficiently proficient in French to take courses offered in French. All courses at HEI, especially those taught primarily in French, require a passive knowledge of French; however, it is still possible to take the exams or write the papers in English even if the course is taught in French.
For information concerning courses which are offered in 2007-08, please click on “Student Guide 2007/8” on the left side of HEI’s home page: http://hei.unige.ch/. Page 36 of the PDF file lists this year’s law courses. (The full list of all courses offered by the HEI Law Section is also available on the Law Section web site: http://hei.unige.ch/sections/dr/courses/fullcourselist.php - click on “Optional Graduate Courses”.) HEI has informed us that the compulsory courses listed in the Student Guide are not appropriate for our students, so the relevant courses are those listed as elective courses for the MIS (Master in International Studies specializing in Law) program. When you review the list, please remember that HEI’s autumn term is Michigan’s fall term, and their spring term is similar to our winter term. Each law course carries two US credit hours and meets once a week. In the Student Guide, you can also see the list of non-law course options available in each of the other 3 sections at HEI (International Economics, International History and Politics, and Political Science). For a list of which courses offered by other sections are available to you to study, refer to the list for each section under the heading of “Courses Intended for Students Taking International Economics/International History and Politics/Political Science as a Complementary Discipline”. The International Law Section has indicated it will try to make it possible for Michigan students to take non-law classes in other departments. Such classes would be counted toward the 9 credits of non-law that Michigan students can count toward their JDs.

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

A student’s course selection at HEI must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student’s departure for Geneva. 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 HEI is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

**Tuition and Fees**

The tuition and fees charges at HEI 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**

HEI’s autumn term is Michigan’s fall term, and their spring term is similar to our winter term. Students may go in either the fall or winter semester. HEI’s 2008 autumn term (our fall term) runs from September 15 to December 19, 2008, and its 2009 spring term (similar to our winter term) runs from February 16 to May 29, 2009.

Exam dates are fixed by the professor teaching the course. There is no exam period as such. Normally, exams should be finished by the last day of the semester, i.e. December 19, 2008, for the autumn semester (our fall term), and May 29, 2009, for the spring semester (similar to our winter term). The student will be informed at the beginning of the course when the exams will take place. For many courses, a paper is required (in lieu of an exam), and this paper is normally due before the last day of class. Again, the due dates for papers will be discussed at the commencement of each course.

There is an orientation program for newly arriving students at the commencement of the autumn term (our fall term) only. The dates for 2007 are September 24-28. HEI does not have an orientation program for
their spring term (our winter term).

**Housing**

HEI cannot offer on-campus housing. Students are expected to do their own research by using the Housing Services of the University of Geneva [http://www.unige.ch/dase/bulog/accueil.html](http://www.unige.ch/dase/bulog/accueil.html). (This web site is in French.) Unfortunately, HEI has only a very small number of rooms, and they are always occupied well in advance. The Housing Services of the University of Geneva will help students; however, they cannot guarantee accommodation.

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See also the “Housing and Temporary Housing in Geneva” list by going to the following web site [http://hei.unige.ch/ens/echanges/infopratiques.html](http://hei.unige.ch/ens/echanges/infopratiques.html).

**Application to HEI**

Students who receive approval from the Law School’s Global Affairs Committee to study abroad at HEI pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to promptly complete HEI’s Application to the Exchange Programmes (Incoming). The Center for International & Comparative Law will send the application form with supporting materials to HEI. *HEI reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

**Contacts**

For practical matters such as housing, visas, arriving at HEI, dates, etc, please contact:

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On issues related to curriculum, you should first contact Ms. Guillemette Carlucci, administrative assistant, International Law Section, carlucc5@hei.unige.ch, tel: 41-22-908-5876. The Head of the International Law Section is Professor Marcelo Kohen, kohen@hei.unige.ch; tel: 41-22-908-5840.

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Professor Kohen has been a member of faculty at HEI since 1995. He was a Visiting Professor at the University of Trento (1996), at the Institute of International Studies (IHEI) of the University Pantheon-Assas Paris II (2000), at the Ortega y Gasset University Institute in Madrid (since 2001), at the Complutense University of Madrid (2004), at the University of Lecce (2004), at the University of Aix-en-Provence (2005), and at the University of Palerme (2006). Professor Kohen held the 2003 Henri Rolin Chair (Belgian universities).

For further information, see Professor Kohen’s page on the International Law Section web site: http://hei.unige.ch/sections/dr/faculty/kohen.php or his personal home page: http://hei.unige.ch/~kohen/home_e.htm

For further information about HEI

Please consult the HEI web site at http://hei.unige.ch/.

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports available at http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx. 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 HEI.

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