

# The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Geneva

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The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) in Geneva, for up to two students per academic year. Students may go in either semester. IHEID, 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. IHEID 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.

IHEID 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 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**

Michigan students will study primarily in the International Law Unit.

The languages of instruction are 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 IHEID, 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 2008-2009, please click on “Prospective Students” at the top of IHEID’s home page: <http://graduateinstitute.ch>, and then on “Course Catalogue”. Page 14 of the PDF file lists this year’s law courses. (The full list of all courses offered by the IHEID International Law Unit is also available on the International Law Unit web site:

<http://graduateinstitute.ch/law/courses/courses20082009.html> - click on “Courses”, then on “All Law Courses 2008-2009”, and then on “MIS Law Specialist Courses”) IHEID has informed us that for the MIS (Master in International Studies specializing in Law) program, the compulsory courses listed in the Course Catalogue are not appropriate for our students, so the relevant courses are those listed as elective courses. When you review the list, please remember that IHEID’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 Course Catalogue, you can also see the list of non-law course options available in other Units at IHEID (In particular, International Economics, International History and Politics, and Political Science). For a list of which courses offered by other Units are available to you to study, refer to the list for each Unit under the heading of “Complementary Courses To Be Chosen Outside The Discipline of Specialization”. The International Law Unit has indicated it will try to make it possible for Michigan students to take non-law classes in other Units. Such classes would be counted toward the 12 credits of non-law that Michigan students can count toward their JDs.

In addition to the course requirements at IHEID, 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 IHEID 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 IHEID is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

## **Tuition and Fees**

The tuition and fees charges at IHEID 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**

IHEID’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. IHEID’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 2008 are September 8-15. IHEID does not have an orientation program for their spring term (our winter term).

## Housing

IHEID has only a very small number of rooms, and they are always occupied well in advance. 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>. (This web site is in French.) 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://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/teaching/exchanges/incoming-students/practical-information\\_en.html](http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/teaching/exchanges/incoming-students/practical-information_en.html).

## Application to IHEID

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

## Contacts

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

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Professor Kohen has been a member of faculty at IHEID 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).

Professor Kohen's most notable publication is Adverse Possession and Territorial Sovereignty (Possession contestée et souveraineté territoriale, published in French), which was awarded the Paul Guggenheim

Prize in 1997. Other publications include: *Secession: International Law Perspectives* (ed) (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006); *State Practice Regarding State Immunities / La Pratique des Etats Concernant les Immunités des Etats* (co-edited with Gerhard Hafner and Susan Breau) (bilingual, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2006); *Promoting Justice, Human Rights and Conflict Resolution through International Law: Liber Amicorum Lucius Caflisch / La promotion de la justice, des droits de l'homme et du règlement des conflits par le droit international : Liber Amicorum Lucius Caflisch* (ed) (Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff, 2007).

For further information, see Professor Kohen's page on the International Law Unit web site: [http://graduateinstitute.ch/law/faculty/faculty\\_law/cache/bypass.html?personneId=071f80ceac7a64cc81f67e85d08ff2de](http://graduateinstitute.ch/law/faculty/faculty_law/cache/bypass.html?personneId=071f80ceac7a64cc81f67e85d08ff2de) or his personal home page: [http://hei.unige.ch/~kohen/home\\_e.htm](http://hei.unige.ch/~kohen/home_e.htm)

### **For further information about IHEID**

Please consult the IHEID web site at [http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/portaitetudiant\\_en.html](http://graduateinstitute.ch/corporate/portaitetudiant_en.html).

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports available at the Center for International & Comparative Law (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 IHEID.

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