

Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

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The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven for up to two students per academic year. Students may go in either the fall or winter term. 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 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 additional information, including how to apply.

Course Offerings and Requirements

Students who attend the Katholieke University Leuven will primarily take courses in the ERASMUS program. Classes are conducted in English. In addition, students will be required to write a 3-credit research paper under the supervision of a Michigan Law School faculty member. A listing of 2011-12 course offerings is available at: <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/education/Exchange/courses>

In addition to the course requirements at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad (available at the Center for International and Comparative Law).

A student's course selection at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student's departure for Leuven. 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 Katholieke Universiteit Leuven is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

Leuven will not consider students whose cumulative GPA is less than 3.0 (B)

Tuition

Katholieke University Leuven does not charge tuition to Michigan 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 the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

Dates of Term

Orientation days are September 21 - September 25, 2011 (<http://www.kuleuven.be/orientationdays/>) for the first semester (our fall term). Fall term classes begin September 27, 2011, and end December 23, 2011. The official exam period for the first semester is January 16 - February 4, 2012; however, Leuven has indicated that special arrangements can be made for Michigan students to complete all their exams (both oral and written) at Leuven during the last week of classes (December 19 - 23, 2011). Or, alternatively, Michigan students may take any oral exams during the last week of classes (December 19 -23, 2011) at Leuven, and take any written exams back at the University of Michigan Law School on the same date as scheduled in Leuven (official exam period: January 16 - February 4, 2012), and arrangements of these written exams will be made by Leuven and the student, in coordination with Ms. Debby Hartranft, University of Michigan Law School Student Services Exam and Grade Coordinator (dmhart@umich.edu; tel: 647-7589).

Orientation days are February 9-12, 2012 (<http://www.kuleuven.be/orientationdays/>) for the second semester (our winter term). Check back at this site for the orientation schedule. Winter term classes begin February 13, 2012, and end May 25, 2012. The official exam period for the second semester is June 11 - July 7, 2012; however, Leuven has indicated that special arrangements can be made for Michigan students to complete all their exams (both oral and written) at Leuven during the last week of classes (May 21 - May 25, 2012). Or, alternatively, Michigan students may take any oral exams during the last week of classes (May 21 -25, 2012) at Leuven, and take any written exams on the same date as scheduled in Leuven (official exam period: June 11 - July 7, 2012) at a location in the United States near the student's summer location, provided it is possible for the Law School to make arrangements for proctoring in that location. Leuven and the student must contact Ms. Debby Hartranft about the specifics of the proposed arrangement and wait to receive confirmation from Ms. Hartranft that it will be possible to arrange supervision of the written exams at the proposed location in the United States.

For the first semester (our fall 2011 term), students must inform Ms. Emmy Pollenus, Faculty of Law, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (e-mail: erasmus-incoming@law.kuleuven.be; tel: 32-16-32-52-09) by November 1, 2011, which exam timing option they choose. For the second semester (our winter 2012 term), students must inform Ms. Pollenus by March 1, 2012, which exam timing option they choose.

Housing

For information on Housing for Exchange Students, please refer to:
<http://www.kuleuven.be/accommodation/student/exchange.html>

Leuven Application

Students who receive approval from the Law School's Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at Leuven will then be required to promptly complete a Leuven application form.

In addition to the Leuven application form, the student's official academic transcripts (law school and undergraduate), statement of purpose (this may be the same as that submitted to the Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee), and a letter of recommendation from a law professor may be required.

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Leuven reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.

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Paul Schoukens is Professor of Social Security Law (Comparative, International, and European) at the K.U. Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven). He is general coordinator of the European Institute of Social Security.

Within the K.U. Leuven, he is working for the European section of the Institute of Social law, organised as the Research Unit on European Social Security (RUESS). He is also Academic Coordinator of the Erasmus Office (student exchange) of the Faculty of Law.

He is involved in the organization of the master in European Social Security and the Summer School on Social Security. He is the programme director of the latter specialised programme, a two-week course that gives a general introduction into social protection across Europe from a multidisciplinary perspective.

For further information about Leuven

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 Leuven.

Students may view the following Leuven web sites for more information (living in Leuven, traveling to Leuven, housing, academic information, academic calendar, etc.).

<http://www.kuleuven.be/admissions/exchange/index.html> - general information for all exchange students
<http://www.law.kuleuven.be/education/exchange> - information for Law exchange students in particular

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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.