

# Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad at University College London (UCL)

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The University of Michigan Law School has developed a fall semester study abroad opportunity with UCL for a limited number of students. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad, available in the Center for International & 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 additional important information, including how to apply.

## Course Offerings and Requirements

Students who attend UCL will take four (4) courses. All four courses must be LLM classes. Students may not take an LLB class unless it is demonstrated that the subject is of key importance to the student's study purposes and that the subject is not offered at the LLM level. In addition, a three-credit research paper under the supervision of a Michigan law school faculty member is required. A listing of LLM course offerings is available at the following UCL web site:

[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/prospective/llm/index.shtml?llm\\_subjects](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/prospective/llm/index.shtml?llm_subjects). Students may get a general idea of the content of the courses by looking at previous offerings. (Students should disregard any information given on this web site concerning examinations, dissertations, etc. – such information is intended for full-year LLM students.) Please see the following web site for information on: choosing and registering your classes, method of assessment, exams, dates, housing and facilities at UCL:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/prospective/international/sil/>

Full-time faculty biographies are available at: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/academics/>.

Full details of course offerings for 2012-13 will be sent to students approved by UCL to study at UCL by e-mail during June/July. At this time, students will be invited to give a preliminary class selection. Provisional class lists will be e-mailed to the student before the mandatory UCL induction/orientation program. The student will be advised of any changes in classes through the summer as they occur or at the induction/orientation program.

In addition to the course requirements at UCL, 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 UCL must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student's departure for London. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Virginia Gordan ([vgordan@umich.edu](mailto:vgordan@umich.edu); TEL: 734-764-5269). Acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken at UCL is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

## **Tuition**

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. UCL also charges tuition to Michigan students. UCL invoices the University of Michigan Law School for the amount of tuition due to UCL for each student. The University of Michigan Law School remits payment directly to UCL. The students do not pay tuition to UCL over and above the tuition they pay to the University of Michigan. UCL tuition for the fall 2011 term is 5,500 GBP which includes the fee for use of the library at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. UCL tuition for the 2012 fall term is generally expected to be announced by UCL in April 2012. Please note the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

## **Dates of Term**

Generally, the fall term runs from the end of September through the middle of December. For 2011, the program will begin on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, with a **mandatory** orientation session followed by a **mandatory** 3-day induction program. Classes will start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and end on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The exam period will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December **inclusive**.

## **Housing**

Although there is no absolute guarantee, Semester in London students at UCL are usually able to apply for low-cost college accommodations; married accommodations are less easy to obtain (priority is given to couples where both are UCL students, then when one is a full-year student, etc.). To obtain comprehensive information on the types of UCL housing available, please look at the following web site:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/accommodation/>

## **Application to UCL**

Students who receive approval from the Law School's Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at UCL 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 University College London: 1) Application for Admission as an Affiliate Student; 2) Application for Residence (if you wish to be in UCL housing). *UCL reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

## **Contacts**

### UCL Contacts

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Ian Fletcher is the Herbert Smith Professor of International Commercial Law and joined the Faculty in January 2001.

From 1991 he was Professor of Commercial Law and Head of the Insolvency Law Unit, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University. He had been the Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies at QMW since 1994 with responsibility for the academic and administrative direction of that department. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Texas at Austin and at Tulane University. He taught at the University of Aberystwyth from 1967-1991, was Head of Department from 1985-88, and became Professor of Law in 1986.

He was elected as a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 2003, and currently practises as a Barrister at 3-4 South Square, Gray's Inn. He has been a member of the American Law Institute since 1997; Overseas Member of the National Bankruptcy Conference from 1995 to 2001; Member of the Insolvency Lawyers' Association, European Insolvency Practitioners' Association and INSOL International. In 2002 he was elected an International Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is a member of the Task Force formed by the World Bank to develop principles and guidelines for effective insolvency systems.

His current teaching encompasses Corporate Insolvency, International Commercial Litigation, International Business Transactions and International and Comparative Insolvency Law.

Ian Fletcher's principal research activity lies in the field of Insolvency Law, including its domestic, international (cross-border) and comparative aspects. His interests extend across both personal and corporate insolvency law.

His most recently completed research and writing projects included a book on Insolvency in Private International Law, published by Oxford University Press in March 1999. The book deals, inter alia, with the latest developments in the form of conventions and other international agreements to regulate the problems of cross-border insolvency. A second edition of the book is currently in preparation.

In 2002 he produced a third edition of his treatise on the Law of Insolvency, and jointly-written commentary on the EC Regulation on Insolvency Proceedings.

For Professor Fletcher's complete faculty profile, please refer to:  
<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/academics/profiles/index.shtml?fletcher>

#### Administrative Contacts

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### **For Further Information about UCL**

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International and Comparative (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 UCL.

The following is the Semester in London web site: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/prospective/international/sil>.

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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.*