The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with the Katholieke University Leuven for up to two students in the 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, 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 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 2008-09 course offerings is available at: [http://www.law.kuleuven.be/erasmus/eng/courses.html](http://www.law.kuleuven.be/erasmus/eng/courses.html)

In addition to the course requirements at the Katholieke University 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 University 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 February 3-8, 2009. [http://www.kuleuven.be/vesta/orientationdayssept/index.htm](http://www.kuleuven.be/vesta/orientationdayssept/index.htm) - check back for the Winter term orientation schedule. Winter term classes begin February 9, 2009, and end May 23, 2009. The study period runs from May 24 through June 7, 2009, and the exam period runs from June 8 – July 4, 2009. However, Michigan students may make special arrangements with the professors to take their exams immediately after classes in order to complete exams by the beginning of June. To make these arrangements, you must contact, upon your arrival at Leuven, Ms. Emmy Pollenus, Erasmus Office Faculty of Law, at [erasmus-incoming@law.kuleuven.be](mailto:erasmus-incoming@law.kuleuven.be) (TEL: 32-16-32-52-09 or 32-16-32-51-71) and the professors. Please let them know the date you plan to depart Leuven. Then, you will have enough time to make the necessary arrangements. The Erasmus office will help you, but it is up to you to arrange date, hour, and place of the exam with the professor.

**Housing**


**Leuven Application**

Students who receive approval from the Law School’s Global Affairs Committee to study abroad at Leuven will then be required to promptly complete a Leuven application form. Instructions on how to download the Leuven application form will be provided to the student by the Center for International & Comparative Law. Once the application form is complete, the student must send it by e-mail to Leuven.

In addition to 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 Global Affairs 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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He is involved in the organisation 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-weeks course that gives a general introduction into social protection across Europe from a multidisciplinary perspective.

For Further Information

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 site for practical information (living in Leuven, traveling to Leuven, housing, academic calendar, etc.) for exchange students: http://www.kuleuven.be/admissions/exchange/index.html

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