For LLM (Traditional Track) / JSD / JSP Students

Berkeley Law Certificate of Specialization in International Law

Berkeley Law and Jurisprudence and Social Policy students may undertake a specialization in international law. The specialized curricular program ensures students develop a broad background in fundamental areas of law while receiving advanced training in international law. Graduating students who meet the requirements are awarded a Certificate of Specialization in International Law.

LL.M. (Traditional Track), JSD, and JSP students who wish to earn the certificate must complete the following three requirements:

1. **Take the basic four-unit course in International Law.**
   A. An International Law course completed at another law school will be considered for fulfilling this requirement, provided: (1) Faculty approves it at its discretion; and (2) the candidate takes an additional four units of international or comparative law courses at Berkeley Law, toward a total of thirteen course units. **All waiver requests must be received during the Fall semester.** LLM students who successfully obtain waivers typically document mastery of the basic IL material through (a) course(s) covering a range of public and private international topics and (b) strong performance in these courses.

2. **Take nine other course units in the "International and Comparative Law" category in the Berkeley Law Course Listings.**
   A. Candidates who do not take the basic course in International Law at Berkeley Law, per 1A above, must take a total of thirteen course units in the "International and Comparative Law" category.
   B. The International Human Rights Law Clinic and Seminar both count as course units for this requirement.

3. **Complete a substantial writing paper on an international or comparative topic.**
   A. The 20–30 page major research paper requirement may be met through an international or comparative law course with a paper option, an independent study (Law 299), or another seminar for which the student completes a major research paper on an international or comparative law topic, including work undertaken in the International Human Rights Law Clinic if approved for this purpose by Faculty.

The following count as one unit toward the coursework requirement (one-unit limit from this group):
   A. Service on the *Berkeley Journal of International Law* or the *Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law* for two semesters/full academic year.
   B. Participation in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.
   C. Participation in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.
   D. Participation in the LL.M. International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis during the Fall and Spring semesters. The final deadline for submitting the Application is April 1. Interested graduating candidates should obtain the application from the website for the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law, at <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/the-miller-institute-for-global-challenges-and-law/certificate-of-specialization-in-international-law>. Please email application materials and any questions to <InternationalLawCertificate@law.berkeley.edu>.

Students are encouraged to submit the application form as soon as you have completed all the requirements.

Decisions on completed applications will be made on a rolling basis.

Final Submission Deadline: April 01, 2018