



## **Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions**

### **APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM**

#### **When does the application selection begin?**

Enrollment is open. Please stop by the International Programs Office or visit the study abroad Web pages for information. **ALL** applications must be submitted on-line. Informational meetings on campus will be scheduled to provide program information and to answer questions. Your place in a program will only be reserved upon submission of an application and payment of a deposit.

#### **What are the criteria for selection?**

For maximum benefit for participant and the program, law students and lawyers must have an active interest in international law and/or interest in the host country.

#### **Is the application selection first-come, first-serve?**

Yes. Your position in a program will only be reserved upon submission of an application and payment of a deposit.

#### **Is this an "open enrollment" program?**

Yes. Law students, lawyers, business persons, and others interested in any program may enroll.

#### **Is a deposit required with submission of your application?**

Yes. A \$200 non-refundable deposit for tuition and a \$100 deposit for housing accommodations are due by April 1, preceding the program. Deposits should be paid on-line with a Visa or MasterCard.

#### **How many students will be selected to attend the summer abroad programs?**

There is a maximum limit of forty (40) students for each program.

## **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

### **Can Stetson students attend both the regular summer session and Stetson's summer abroad program?**

Yes, but only if the summer abroad program dates do not conflict with the on-campus summer sessions, including one's final exam.

### **What are the academic implications regarding the early graduation requirement to spend two (2) summers at Stetson?**

Law school traditionally encompasses six academic semesters. Two summer sessions equal one semester for purposes of accelerating graduation. Any combination of summer session courses on the campus and/or abroad that equates to at least five (5) credits during the summer will satisfy one (1) half semester for residency.

### **How will I obtain my course material?**

Most of the course material needed for class work will be scanned and provided to you on a CD-ROM in advance of the program. You are free to bring the CD-ROMS with you to use during class (on your personal laptop), or you can print all or selected portions of the material at your own expense. Finally, two printed copies of the complete materials will also be available for use from the On-Site Resident Director of the program. This material may be "signed out" under conditions determined by the Resident Director.

### **How will I receive my assignments to prepare for class?**

The assignments for the first class day of each week will either be included in the materials sent to you or be sent to you by e-mail prior to the first day of class of each week. All other assignments will be provided in class.

### **How will I be examined and graded?**

Each program contains four separate one-credit hour courses. The professor for each week of the program will prepare an examination intended to be completed within one hour. All four exams will be given together, the exam will be made available by email, and the examination will not be administered on-site. The examination will be administered as described in the following paragraph entitled "Exam Process." Each exam will be open book, open note. The examinations may be objective, essay, or both. The professor who wrote the exam will grade the exam.

A professor may, but is not required, to give "push points" for class participation. However, the "push points" will never allow a grade to exceed 4.0. **ALL** scores will be subject to Stetson University College of Law's grade normalization procedure and a final grade between 0 and 4.0 will be assigned to each student. Each student will receive a separate one (1) credit hour grade for each week of the program.

A Stetson transcript with these grades will be sent to the home schools of all non-Stetson students. The home schools policies will apply to transferring grades to the transcripts.

## **Exam Process**

The Registrar's Office will send an email to your Stetson email account by noon 12:00 p.m. (EST) on the last day of your program. You will have one week (until the following Friday) to take the exam. All exams must be done by 5:00 p.m. (EST) on that Friday, so you will need to plan to open the exam in a timely manner to ensure it is completed and returned by the deadline. To open the exam, you will need your username and password that was previously provided to you.

Once you open (download) the exam, your time will begin. The Registrar's Office will receive an automatic email indicating the time (EST) you opened (downloaded) the exam. The length you have for your exam will depend on how many weeks you completed in the program. For example, if you completed all 4 weeks, you will have 4 hours to complete the exam. If you completed 2 weeks, you will have 2 hours to complete the exam. Furthermore, you will have an additional 15 minutes for preparation, which includes printing out the exam, reading your instructions, and submitting your exam answers back to the Registrar's Office.

Process for submitting your exam answers to the Registrar's Office:

- Type your exam answers in a Word or WordPerfect document.
- Save each course (week) as a separate file.
- The file name should include the course name, professor name, and your exam number.
- Make sure in the body of your document that you have the course name, professor name, and your exam number on each page.
- When you are done with your exam or the time has expired, whichever comes first, send your files as an attachment to [registrar@law.stetson.edu](mailto:registrar@law.stetson.edu). Subject line should include the name of the course and your exam number.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

### **Is financial aid available for Stetson's summer abroad programs?**

Yes, both Federal Stafford Loans and Graduate PLUS loans are available.

### **How do I apply for financial aid?**

You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year at the same time that you complete your tax return.

### **When does my financial aid credit my account?**

- Loans come in 10 days before the first day of class for each program.
- The Business Office then takes 1-2 days to calculate the living expense check.

- After which the Business Office takes 2-3 days to process the funds prior to crediting the students Stetson account.

If there are any overages the student will be issued a check which will be available in the Business Office. If a student would rather have the living expense refund mailed, they need to provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the business office prior to their departure.

### **What does the financial aid cover?**

It covers the total budgets cost of the study abroad program, including tuition, room, board, air transportation, and miscellaneous items. Personal spending money is not included. Please refer to each program's budget for detailed information.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **Can my Stetson Scholarship be applied to the tuition?**

Yes. We will apply your scholarship to the tuition charges for the Stetson study abroad program.

### **Are there any scholarships available?**

Stetson provides a limited number of scholarships for its students; applications are available in the International Programs Office. Students at co-sponsor institutions must contact their program advisor for the availability of scholarships at their school.

### **Can I get an advance student loan for air fare?**

Yes, Stetson students are eligible for an advance student loan. Please contact the Stetson Financial Aid office to sign an advance payment promissory note.

## **TRANSPORTATION AND TRAVELING**

### **Do I need a passport?**

Yes, you must have a valid passport. Please visit the International Programs Office for more information, or visit <http://travel.state.gov/passport/index.html>.

### **Do I need a visa for travel?**

The only Stetson summer program that requires a visa is Tianjin, China. You must obtain a visa from the Chinese embassy or consulate in the United States to travel to China. A standard tourist visa to China is for thirty (30) days. If you plan on staying longer, you will need to make arrangements for a longer visa. More information regarding the application process is available in the International Programs Office and on the International Programs Web site. You are required to pay an estimated \$140 fee to enter Argentina. This fee can be paid upon arrival in Argentina.

**Are students responsible for their own transportation to and from the summer program location?**

Yes. Students are responsible for their own air and ground transportation (if required) to the program's location.

I understand I have to make my own travel arrangements in order to participate. Can you recommend any travel agencies?

Stetson does not endorse or recommend any particular travel agency or service. Students are encouraged to shop around for reputable companies offering the best deals. There are companies like STA Travel (<http://www.statravel.com/>) and Student Universe (<http://www.studentuniverse.com/>) and others which we understand specialize in arranging student travel. However, Stetson does not have any arrangement or affiliation with such outside entities and therefore cannot assume any responsibility for the actions of any student's selected travel agency.

**When should I arrive at the program site?**

Program housing is made available the night before the first day of classes. Additionally, there is a reception and a mandatory orientation for all participants the evening before classes start.

**When should I arrange to depart the program site?**

You will be required to check-out of the program housing the day following the last day of class. Stetson will attempt to arrange for late check-outs, or request space to store your luggage during the examination if late check-outs will not be possible.

**I am enrolled in the Hague/Lausanne program; the program in The Hague ends on Thursday and the program in Lausanne begins on the following Monday. What should I do in the interim?**

You are free to travel. Transportation from The Hague to Lausanne is not provided by the program, nor is housing provided during this time. Note: most students travel in groups by train or air. Please refer to The Hague and Lausanne information and suggestions pamphlets for more information.

**For students Interested in the Buenos Aires, Argentina program, *please note:***

Upon entrance to Ezeiza there is a reciprocal fee for a visa, of \$140, you can pay with cash or credit card. Please note that this fee is only paid if you fly into Argentina through this airport. No other airport charges this fee. Argentina has done this due to the \$140 that Argentines are charged to enter the U.S. For more info visit:

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1130.html#entry\\_requirements](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1130.html#entry_requirements)

## **HOUSING**

### **Does the fee for tuition include housing?**

No. Housing is arranged for by the school and billed separately from the tuition fee. Please see the estimated budget for the program(s) that interests you for a more complete accounting of the fees that each program entails.

### **Will the rooms in the student housing be air conditioned?**

**Granada, Spain:** Almost all of the student rooms in the Granada program are air conditioned. If air conditioning is important to you, you should make sure that the room you select is air conditioned when you reserve it.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina:** The housing is air conditioned. However, the program occurs during South America's mild winter, when air conditioning is typically not needed.

**Tianjin, China:** All of the rooms in the student housing are air conditioned.

**Lausanne, Switzerland** None of the rooms in the student hotels are air conditioned.

**The Hague, Netherlands:** None of the rooms in the student hotels are air conditioned.

### **Will I need to use public transportation to get from the student housing to the programs' classrooms?**

**Granada, Spain:** The classroom is located within 10-15 minutes walking distance of the student housing. You will be provided directions to the classroom from the hotel during the first day of class, and directions will also be posted on the website.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina:** The classroom is located within a 10-15 minute walk of the student housing. You will be provided directions to the classroom, and directions will also be posted on the website. Additionally, taxi cabs are reasonably priced and readily available. There are also 2 bus routes linking the housing and the university lines 61, and 62.

**Tianjin, China:** The classroom is located within a 20-30 minute walk of the student housing. It is quite warm in Tianjin during the summer, and you may desire to share a taxi to the entrance to Nankai University. This currently costs about \$2.00.

**Lausanne, Switzerland:** The classroom is located about 1.4miles from the student housing. A 15-20 minute walk. You will be provided directions to the classroom, and directions will also be posted on the website. You may walk, and public transportation is also available.

**The Hague, Netherlands:** The classroom is located across the street from the student housing.

## **EQUIPMENT**

### **Should I bring my laptop to the Summer Abroad program?**

Bringing your laptop is a matter of personal choice. A laptop can be very convenient for taking notes and staying in contact with family and friends; however, transporting a laptop can be cumbersome and result in damage or theft. Additionally, most of the countries where our program sites are located are served by electrical systems using 220-volts, rather than the 110-volt system found in the United States. While most recently manufactured computers will operate on either 110- or 220-voltage, you should ensure that your computer will operate on 220-voltage before plugging it into a 220-volt outlet otherwise you will need to buy an electrical converter. Our programs either provide limited computer access on site, or nearby the site; internet cafés are also usually conveniently located for use at one's personal expense. Your examination will be given by email. Thus, you will need to have access to a computer in order to take your examination when abroad.

### **Should I bring an electrical converter and adapter?**

Absolutely. Although many stores at our program sites advertise the availability of electrical converters and adapters, they are frequently sold out of these items during the summer months.

### **Is there a difference between an electrical converter and a shape adapter?**

Yes. An adapter is simply a connector that changes the plug to match a different outlet; it does not change the voltage or electrical output in any way. If your equipment (laptop, camera charger, hairdryer, razor, etc.) requires a specific voltage, you need a converter.

## **COMMUNICATION AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

### **Will I need to speak a foreign language in order to participate in the program?**

NO. All classes will be taught in English. However, fluency in, or some knowledge of the host country's language, will be helpful (though not required). Students in the program fluent in the language of the host country will be available to assist you should it be necessary. Many residents of the host countries also have some knowledge of English.

### **Will there be telephones in the housing facilities that I can use to call the United States?**

Most of the student housing options will provide pay telephones for student use. Students' from past years tell us that the most economical method of making international calls is through the use of long distance phone cards that can be purchased at airports, train stations and many newsstands. Some students purchase cell phones while abroad for their use while abroad. SIM cards can also be purchased at most airports that can be inserted into a US cell phone to permit their operation abroad. Finally, some students prefer to use a Skype (<http://www.skype.com>) account through their laptop.

### **Will I have Internet access at the site?**

**Granada, Spain:** Free wireless access is available in the lobby of the Costa Azul. The Anexo provides wifi access in each room; and Arte Vida suites offer wifi access as well. The University of Granada Law School will also makes its computer lab available without charge to our students during scheduled hours. However, you will have to be issues a personal password by the Granada Law School to use the computer lab. Internet cafes are also available nearby.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina:** Students will also have wireless access to the computer lab at the law school where classes are held without charge. There are also numerous internet cafés located near the University and the program's housing. Wireless access is provided without charge at both of the program's housing sites.

**Tianjin, China:** Internet access is available in the program housing, but not in the classroom.

**Lausanne, Switzerland:** There is internet access in the rooms. At peak hours, internet access is quite slow. Students will need to bring a 5 foot or longer internet cord to connect to the wall Ethernet jacks. In the classroom there is wireless. The wireless in the housing and classrooms are both provided without charge.

**The Hague, Netherlands:** Students attending The Hague Program will have access to the computer lab at the Institute for Social Studies (ISS) during scheduled hours. To use the computer lab you must first obtain an access code. Wireless access is also available without charge in the classroom and program housing.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Do any meals come with the costs of the program?**

**Granada, Spain:** No meals are provided as part of the program cost; however, you can arrange for meals at the Costa Azul at your own cost.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina:** No meals are provided.

**Tianjin, China:** Breakfast is included as part of the housing cost; no other meals are provided.

**Lausanne, Switzerland:** No meals are provided. However, you are eligible for a 10% discount at the university cafeteria provided you have a student ID to make available to the cashier.

**The Hague, Netherlands:** Breakfast and lunch are provided during weekdays at the cafeteria in the ISS; these meals are part of the program costs. Dinner is not included.

#### **How can I launder my clothes while in the summer program?**

**Granada, Spain:** The student hostel, the Costa Azul, makes available a laundry program for the cost of 115 Euros for the entire program. Your laundry will be delivered to your room after cleaning. This program is available for students staying in the Costa Azul and the Anexo.

Students staying in the Arte Vida suites have laundry machines. There are also Laundromats in Granada, but they are expensive and often very busy.

**Buenos Aires, Argentina:** Laundry services are provided at the student housing for an additional charge.

**Tianjin, China:** Laundry services are available through the program housing.

**Lausanne, Switzerland:** At the Rhodanie you need to place a 20 Swiss Franc deposit to get a laundry card. It costs 3 Swiss Francs for a load, and there is no charge for drying. The Laundromat is in the basement of the housing. Cards can only be purchased on Monday and Wednesday.

**The Hague, Netherlands:** A Laundromat is located at the ISS which can be used without charge.

### **Will the classrooms be air conditioned?**

None of the programs have air conditioned classrooms, which is typical of all classrooms in the host countries. However, classes are scheduled in the morning when most classrooms are cooler.

### **Are the field trips mandatory?**

Under all of the programs' attendance policies, participation in field trips which are identified as mandatory in the program's calendar of activities must be attended in order to receive academic credit in a course. Failure to attend a mandatory field trip will exclude a student from the final examination. The only exception to this policy will be for extraordinary circumstances that the student can demonstrate are beyond their control.

### **What are the "optional" field trips?**

Most of the programs provide an optional field trip. These trips are arranged for you by the program, but they are at your expense. You may only participate in these trips if you prepay the cost of the trip with your housing and tuition payments. Stetson reserves the right to cancel any of these trips in the event the registration in each trip is insufficient to justify the trip. If a trip is cancelled, all payments made by students will be refunded.