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## OVERVIEW

For more than 25 years, the University of Iowa College of Law has operated an intellectually stimulating and culturally rewarding international and comparative law study abroad program in Arcachon, France. Arcachon is a scenic seaside town that is ideal for study and exposure to French culture. We are located less than one hour from the major city of Bordeaux, an area well known for its rich history and touristic appeal. In 2012, for the first time, the program will open in Paris for a few days and then move to Arcachon. Professor Adrien K. Wing, Bessie Dutton Murray Professor of Law, has been the program director for more than a decade. She is one of the core faculty members in Iowa's major specialty in international and comparative law. Each summer, three courses are offered, and our instructors include a Paris lawyer/professor.

For more information on this program, visit our website, download this brochure, see our photo gallery, and view the program's [Facebook page](#). Additionally, students can feel free to contact Professor Wing, individual instructors listed below, or the program assistant Kelley Winebold.

## PROGRAM DATES

The 2012 Program will run from May 12-June 16, 2012.

## APPLICATION AND FEES

The program fee is \$6800, including a nonrefundable application fee of \$100. The program fee includes tuition for two or three courses and housing, as well as co-curricular and some nonacademic activities. Applications and deposits will be accepted beginning December 1, 2011. The application must be filled out on line. **Applications should be submitted before March 1, 2012.** Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the program director. Applications must be accompanied by the deposit fee of \$100, which will be applied toward the academic program fee. The remainder of the program fee, \$6700, is payable on or before April 22, 2012. Options for payment are indicated on the application.

The program is open to law students who have finished the first year and are attending ABA schools. Last year, 29 students, 25 from The University of Iowa, attended. (In the recent past, a small number of Russian and Belarusian lawyers have also attended classes.) Students are encouraged to apply early as the program may fill up well before the deadline.

Once accepted into the program, the University of Iowa requires participants to sign a document releasing the sponsoring institution from liability as well as the General Conditions for the Iowa Program. Information about participating in Iowa College of Law study abroad programs can be found on the program website.

If a student will be accompanied for all or part of the program by a non-participant, a separate fee will apply for housing and program activities. Contact the program director for more information.

## **PROGRAM OF STUDY**

### *Courses*

American and French instructors will teach the courses. English is the language of instruction. None of the courses offered have prerequisites. After an initial couple of days in Paris, the courses will take place at the Villa Regina Hotel, where students will also live. The wifi-equipped solarium is where classes take place and where breakfast is served. The program director and faculty utilize the program office in the hotel as well. Additionally, two research assistants complete the staff.

The schedule of classes can be found at the back of this brochure.

The following courses are offered for summer 2012.

### ***Introduction to the Law of France and the European Union***

(with an Emphasis on Labor Law) (2 s.h. credit)

After an introduction to the laws of France, the course will be devoted to the development of the law of the European Union, its characteristic features, and the role of its main institutions. This will be followed by an analysis of the European Union laws concerning the free movement of workers, equality between women and men, the status of trade unions, workers' representation at plant level, collective bargaining, layoffs, and procedures for informing and consulting employees in transnational undertakings. For a complete description, please see:

[Course Description \[pdf\]](#)

Taught by **Michael Amado**, LL.M., MBA (University of Paris I Sorbonne) Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Paris; Avocat à la Cour, Amado-Cabinet D'Avocats, Paris.

### ***Law in the Muslim World***

(2 s.h. credit)

This course will survey a selection of the various types of laws existing in the nearly 60 countries of the Muslim world. The subjects will include: Islamic law; unwritten customary law; civil law including constitutional, commercial, and criminal law; international human rights law, particularly women's rights, and a case study on the right to self-determination; and public international law relating to terrorism.

Taught by Program Director **Adrien Wing**, AB (Princeton), MA (UCLA), JD (Stanford), University of Iowa College of Law Bessie Dutton Murray Distinguished Professor of Law.

### Course Description

#### ***Comparative Criminal Procedure***

(France and the United States) (2 s.h. credit)

Starting with the initial investigation of a crime through the appeal, this course will examine criminal procedure in the United States and France. Students will analyze the similarities and differences between the two systems through hands-on exercises and discussion.

Course Description [pdf]

Taught by **Emily Hughes**, AB (Michigan), MA (Yale), JD (Michigan), University of Iowa College of Law Professor and Bauma Fellow in Law.

#### ***Credits***

Each of the courses counts for 2 semester hours of credit (for law schools using the quarter system, each course is equivalent to 3 quarter hours of credit). Students are required to enroll in a minimum of two courses. There is no difference in the program fee, however, regardless of the number of courses chose. There is no academic credit for participating in the French clerkship program described below.

Grading policies in the program will be the same as regular courses of study at the University of Iowa College of Law. Regular class attendance and class participation are required. Grades will be determined primarily by performance on the final exam, but the instructor may choose to incorporate class participation and other factors as elements of grading.

Non-Iowa law students should consult with their own schools about transfer of credits earned in the program; transfer credit and grades are subject to acceptance by the student's school. It is unlikely that participation in this, or any, summer session at another law school may be used to accelerate graduation. Students should consult with their home school concerning this matter.

#### ***Knowledge of French***

Participants are not required to speak French. All academic work (instruction and examinations) will be in English. However, a minimal knowledge of French will greatly enhance the experience of living in France. Participants lacking knowledge of French should consider taking introductory French lessons prior to departure. Limited French lessons will be offered in Arcachon through the program. In addition to the program director, fluent French-speaking research assistants will also be available to help students.

### *Co-Curricular Activities*

Co-curricular events may include trips to: a Paris trial court or parliament; Bordeaux trial court; Bordeaux Court of Appeals; and the National Judge School (ENM). Guest speakers may provide their personal perspectives on topics related to the courses. Guest speakers in the recent past have included French, British, and Russian lawyers, members of a Bordeaux community action group, an expert on international cultural property, and an international law expert on the death penalty.

### *Nonacademic Activities*

Non-academic activities will include: a tour of Paris; a tour of Arcachon city; a visit to Europe's tallest sand dune at Pyla; Arcachon Bay boat cruise; faculty-student small group meal; opening dinner; and closing dinner. Students usually organize a group trip to the Bordeaux wine country. In addition, students will have a multi-day break for extended travel. In the past, students have visited Greece, Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, London, and Spain during the extended break. On the weekends, it is possible to explore (traveling by train or car) Paris, Nice, the Normandy region, Monaco, or destinations in northern Spain.

## **PREPARATION MANUAL**

The Student Preparation manual can be downloaded from this brochure or from the website. It has very specific information to assist you with all the details of getting ready for the trip.

[Preparation Manual](#)

## **FINANCING YOUR TRIP**

Students may apply for financial aid to cover the program fee, transportation, and the cost of living expenses. Students must make arrangements for financial assistance through their school's financial aid office. The students' school may also have other financial assistance available.

The University of Iowa College of Law also participates in consortium loan agreements. Students attending law schools other than the University of Iowa should send their consortium forms to:

Mr. Bob Upmeyer  
University of Iowa Financial Aid Office  
208 [Calvin Hall](#)  
Iowa City, Iowa 52242  
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[robert-upmeyer@uiowa.edu](mailto:robert-upmeyer@uiowa.edu)

## INSURANCE

In accordance with university policy, university students going abroad through a University of Iowa sponsored program must register and show proof of insurance coverage. Please visit The University of Iowa Study Abroad Office at

<http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/default.asp>.

## PASSPORT AND STUDENT ID CARD

Participants who do not have a valid passport should apply for one promptly. Please note that visas are not required of U.S. citizens for entry into France in connection with stays of less than 90 days. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you should contact the French Consulate at once to determine what steps you may need to take in order to obtain a visa to enter France. Do not delay.

Also, students are required to apply for an International Student (ISIC) card. For more information about the International Student card, visit the Office of International Programs at <http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/students/outbound/travel-registry/research.asp> . Instructions are provided for mailing the application to The University of Iowa for processing, which requires additional time. These cards can be obtained at the University of Iowa's Study Abroad office located in the Capitol Mall.

For those students who are **not** from the University of Iowa, ISIC cards may also be obtained from your respective universities; you are encouraged to check with your Registrar or university study abroad office.

## HOUSING

In 2012, the program will begin in Paris and we will stay in a hotel from the opening evening of Saturday May 12 until Tuesday May 15. Further information will be available in the spring as to the precise hotel. The group will travel by train to Arcachon. Participants will then all live in studio or one bedroom apartments at the Villa Regina Hotel, 11 Allée Corrigan. This is a beautiful facility in the winter village section of Arcachon. There will be two people per apartment. Each apartment studio has a bedroom or bedroom area, bathroom, toilet, equipped kitchenette, refrigerator, microwave, phone, and television. Housing costs are included in the program fee unless a student requests a studio apartment with no roommate, which costs an additional amount. Please contact the program director to determine the cost. The housing price includes weekly cleaning service, linen change, and continental breakfast. The hotel has a beautiful solarium for study and leisure activities as well as an outdoor swimming pool. It is located a short distance from the scenic Mauresque Park, downtown Arcachon, and the beachfront. Laundry services are available. The hotel has a wheelchair accessible entrance, hallways, elevator, and specific accessible bedrooms as well. There is free wifi in the public areas. The hotel is nonsmoking. More information about the hotel is [available here](#).

## FOOD

All apartments include equipped kitchen facilities. Groceries may be somewhat expensive in Arcachon compared to the United States. There are several nearby grocery stores. Students should allocate at least \$100 per week for food (\$600 for the entire program); more if one eats out with any frequency.

There are also many sandwich shops and bakeries where small meals or snacks can be had for \$5-10. The average price of a modest lunch or dinner at Arcachon restaurants is about \$15 to \$20. In addition, those interested in sampling the renowned French gourmet cuisine will have several restaurants to choose from, but at a somewhat higher cost.

Participants should remember that out-of-pocket expenses in France may fluctuate depending upon the current exchange rate between Dollars and Euros.

## TRANSPORTATION

Participants must arrange and pay for their own transportation. This cost will be part of the financial aid budget. Since the program will begin in Paris, participants should fly into one of the Paris airports, and arrive no later than Saturday May 12. The group will go by train together to Arcachon. If you plan to go directly back to the states after the program, then make a flight for June 17, the day after the close of the program. You may wish to return to Paris by train or may wish to fly one way from Bordeaux. If you decide to go back to Paris by train, you can make arrangements a few days before leaving Arcachon. The Bordeaux-Arcachon train schedule varies, but typically trains depart hourly and travel time is 35-55 minutes. The train trip from Bordeaux to Paris takes three hours via the high-speed T.G.V. If flying into Paris, plan carefully as you will need at least 3-4 hours between your arrival at the airport and your trip to the states.

During the month of February, some airlines often offer discount fares for their summer flights. Absent discounted fares, ticket consolidators usually have relatively inexpensive tickets for flights from Chicago to Paris via Air France or other carriers. These fares often provide greater flexibility in arranging return flights (e.g., from a European city other than Paris, or without trip-length limitations that often apply to traditional airline tickets). Many students also use websites like Student Universe to find cheaper rates for flights; however, these are often inflexible and it will be difficult if you want to change your return ticket.

Eurail passes are often useful, especially if the student expects to travel before or after the academic program. Students must purchase these passes in the United States before departure for Europe. Also, it is usually possible to purchase reduced-fare group and youth (25 and under) passes in France. These fares often include date and time restrictions.

Travel agencies are a good source of information regarding flight availability, Eurail passes, and ticket prices. In addition, reduced fares may be available when purchased directly from the airlines online, or from online ticket consolidators.

The Council Travel web site may be helpful when participants are making travel arrangements, as it caters to students traveling internationally. It sells and provides information on airline tickets, Eurail passes, hotel and hostel reservations, and international student IDs (many museums and attractions provide discounts upon presentation of the ID).

[Council Travel/Star Travel Agency](#)

## ACCESSIBILITY

France, like many European countries, has many older buildings that do not meet newer accessibility standards. Some parts of Arcachon are fully accessible. The Villa Regina hotel where everyone will stay and where classes are held is fully accessible. Students requiring assistance with flights should make requests directly through the airline. French trains, buses, taxis and many tourist attractions are not usually accessible. Any student needing accommodation should contact [Professor Wing](#) **prior** to submitting the application.

## INTERNET ACCESS

Free wireless internet access is provided in the public rooms of the Villa Regina. Internet is also available at several other locations throughout the city. Many students love to study at Cafe de la Plage on the beach front, which has free wifi.

## MORE INFORMATION

Interested in learning more about Arcachon? Information is available about the city and surrounding areas here:

[Arcachon Tourism](#)

## CANCELLATION

The \$100 deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the program fee is not refundable after April 22, except in case of certifiable personal medical emergency.

Although the program has never been canceled, the University of Iowa College of Law reserves the right to cancel the program should circumstances warrant such, including lack of sufficient registrations, or acts of war. In the event of cancellation, all fees and deposits paid will be refunded within twenty days of the cancellation. The program director will assist the students in finding another suitable program, if the students so desire.

## **SECURITY**

Terrorism remains a worldwide potential problem, and there is currently a U.S. State Department global worldwide caution for all Americans. For up-to-date information about travel and security conditions in France:

**U.S. State Department Consular Information Sheet for France.** If the State Department issues an alert or warning applicable to France before or during the program, we will notify all participants. If a student withdraws prior to the commencement of the program due to an alert or warning, the student will receive a full refund of all monies advanced within twenty days of their withdrawal. If a student withdraws during the course of the program due to an alert or warning, or if the program is terminated, students will be refunded fees paid, except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination or withdrawal.

## **CLERKSHIP IN PARIS**

A clerkship can be arranged with a law firm located in Paris for a student who is fluent in French.

### ***Eligibility***

The clerkship program is available only to those students who successfully complete the academic portion of the program. The clerkship program is supplemental to the academic program. Students who have completed one year of law school are eligible for the clerkship program. Each applicant for the clerkship program will be required to demonstrate proficiency in French, usually through a phone interview with an attorney from the French firm.

Students interested in applying for the clerkship program should include their application with the academic-program application. Since we expect to receive more clerkship applications than available positions, entrance into the clerkship program will be competitive.

### ***Clerk Duties***

The clerkships will take place following the academic program. The exact dates will be arranged on an individual basis, but will normally last one month. The clerkships are unpaid, without stipend, and without academic credit. Duties assigned are likely to be questions of American law, translation, observing court hearings and client meetings, etc. Clerkships ordinarily will be awarded in January.

### ***Room and Board***

The student will be responsible for arranging meals and housing during the clerkship program.

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