INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

A WIDE RANGE OF COURSE OFFERINGS and Virginia’s faculty — prominent in areas such as immigration law, international human rights, environmental policy, comparative constitutional law and international business — make Virginia’s international and national security law program one of the strongest in the nation. Foreign professors are regularly invited to the Law School to teach seminars on topics such as European Union law and comparative law, and students may take select courses at the neighboring Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School. Virginia’s international law program attracts speakers from around the world, including leaders of international institutions and public interest organizations, officials from the U.S. State Department and other government agencies, international law scholars and practicing international lawyers.

SPECIAL CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY LAW Established in 1981, the Center for National Security Law is a nonpartisan institution dedicated to the promotion of interdisciplinary advanced research, scholarship and education about legal issues affecting U.S. national security. The center brings scholars from around the globe to the Law School for conferences, symposia and lectures, and sponsors a yearly National Security Institute for government officials and scholars in international law and international relations.

CENTER FOR OCEANS LAW AND POLICY The Center for Oceans Law and Policy promotes rational management of the world’s oceans and coastal and polar areas through teaching, research and discussion on public policy issues relating to ocean resources. Its annual conference, held abroad in locations such as Russia and Iceland, brings together oceans experts and scholars to explore a different contemporary issue of international concern each year.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Admiralty
Advanced Topics in the Law of Armed Conflict (JAG)
Advanced Topics in the Law of War (JAG)
An American Half-Century Antiterrorism, Law and the Role of Intelligence
Antitrust in the Global Economy
Building the Rule of Law
Citizenship and Group Identity
Climate Change: Science, Markets and Policy
Commercial Sales Transactions: Domestic and International
Comparative Constitutional Design
Current Topics in International Law and Operational Law (JAG)
Developing Countries in International Economic Law
Dispute Settlement in International Trade and Investment
Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice
European Legal Systems

Each year UVA Law hosts top experts to discuss bleeding-edge issues in international law. HASSANE CISSÉ [above], deputy general counsel of knowledge and research at the World Bank, spoke about international development at a spring 2014 symposium hosted by the VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW and the J.B. MOORE SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. At a fall 2014 panel, EarthRights International legal director MARCO SIMONS explained his experiences suing corporations in U.S. courts for human rights or other international law violations abroad.
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VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Now in its fifth decade, the Virginia Journal of International Law is the oldest continuously published, student-edited law review in the United States devoted exclusively to the fields of public and private international law. It is the most frequently cited student-edited journal of any kind.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
Second- and third-year students have access to eight international exchange programs:

- Bucerius Law School (Hamburg, Germany)
- Instituto de Empresa (Madrid)
- Melbourne Law School (Australia)
- Seoul National University (South Korea)
- Tel Aviv University Law School (Israel)
- University of Auckland (New Zealand)
- University of Sydney (Australia)
- Waseda University (Tokyo)

Third-year students may also obtain a dual degree from Sciences Po/Paris. Students completing the program will receive a J.D. from the Law School and a French law degree, entitling them to sit for the French bar exam. Students also may initiate their own study-abroad program at a foreign university law school or law department for one semester.

JANUARY TERM ABROAD
The Law School offers courses in Paris and Tel Aviv, Israel, during the January term over winter break.

SEMESTER ABROAD
Students may spend a semester abroad in a supervised setting combining academic legal research and work experience. Past projects have examined judicial reform in Argentina and the strategy of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS
Virginia offers external collaborative programs in public international law with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

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Professor PAUL STEPHAN is the coordinating reporter of the American Law Institute’s Fourth Restatement of the Foreign Relations Law of the United States.

All restatements serve as private but influential interpretations of important bodies of law. The Third Restatement, published more than 25 years ago, has been cited 21 times by the Supreme Court and serves as an authoritative summary of the role of international law in U.S. law.

“International law is changing and the foreign relations law of the United States is changing,” he said. “The idea of this project, in essence, is not so much to revise the old restatement as to produce something new that reflects the contemporary world.”

In addition to having overall responsibility for the project, Stephan is a reporter for the part of the restatement dealing with jurisdiction.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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International Financial Crimes
International Financial Regulation
International Human Rights Law
International Ifs in the Long 19th Century
International Ifs in the Mid-20th Century
International Investment Law
International Law
International Law and Global Economy Colloquium
International Law and International Relations
International Law and the Use of Force
International Patent Law and Policy
International Taxation
International Tax Policy
International Trade Law and Policy
International Trade Regulation
Irregular Warfare
Israeli Health Law and Bioethics
Issues in International and Digital Media
Law and Ethics of Human Subject Research
Law of Sea, Air and Space Operations (JAG)
Law of War
Laws of War: Contemporary Debates
Legal and Policy Issues of the Indochina War
National Security Law
Oceans Law and Policy
Presidential Powers
Refugee Law and Policy
Rights and Revolution in North Africa and the Arab Middle East
Rule of Law/Security Cooperation (JAG)
Sovereign Debt Crises
State-Level Individual Income Taxation: U.S. and EU
War and Peace
War Crimes (JAG)

CLINICS
Immigration Law Clinic
International Human Rights Law Clinic

These courses represent the 2011-14 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.