INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW

A WIDE RANGE OF COURSE OFFERINGS and Virginia’s faculty — prominent in areas such as international business, international human rights, environmental policy, comparative constitutional law and immigration law — make UVA’s international and national security law program one of the strongest in the nation.

Foreign professors regularly come 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.

SPECIAL CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW CENTER Courses and mentoring opportunities through the center allow students to study the most pressing issues in national security law and to explore the wide range of career opportunities available in the field. In addition to a curriculum featuring both foundational constitutional and statutory law courses and those that address contemporary challenges flowing from new technologies, terrorism and geopolitical changes, the center is the hub for national security law scholarship and activities at the Law School.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW With a faculty adept at quantitative research methods and experienced in government and other public service roles in international and comparative law, the school educates students on a range of perspectives under the auspices of the center. A wide range of courses cover topics in international trade and finance, human rights and immigration, the law governing war and use of force, environmental law, international litigation and arbitration, and comparative constitutional law.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Contemporary Practice of the U.S. Relating to International Law
Corporate Social Responsibility
Critical Analysis of the Military Justice System (JAG)
Cryptocurrency Regulation
Current Issues in the Laws of War
Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice
Foreign Relations Law
French Public and Private Law
Global Business and International Competition
Globalization and Private Dispute Resolution
Governing the World Seminar
Government Secrecy
History and Evolution of Victims’ Rights (JAG)
Human Rights Study Project
International Law
International Law and the Use of Force
International Law of Migration and Refugees
International Tax Practicum
International Taxation
International Trade and Investment
International Trade Law and Policy
Introduction to Legal Aspects of Cyberspace Operations (JAG)
Israeli Business Law and International Debt

Debt Crisis
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Law
International Law and the Use of Force
International Law of Migration and Refugees
International Tax Practicum
International Taxation
International Trade and Investment
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Israel Business Law and International Debt

Innovation
Law and International Politics Seminar
Law of Armored Conflict
Law of Sea, Air and Space Operations (JAG)
Law, Psychology and Military Justice (JAG)
National Security Law
National Security Law and Practice
Negotiating a Joint Venture in China
Presidential Powers
Research in Public Law Seminar
Rights of the Accused (JAG)
Sanctions and Boycotts
Sovereignty, the Rule of Law and Emergency Rule
Survey of Military Justice (JAG)
Tax Treaties and Other International Tax Topics
Veteran Benefits and Retirement Planning (JAG)
War Crimes and Atrocity Law (JAG)
World War I
Wounded Warrior and Veterans Law (JAG)

CLINICS

Advanced International Human Rights Clinic
Immigration Law Clinic
International Human Rights Law Clinic

These courses represent the 2019-22 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.

The U.N. Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recently published the first general comment on the relationship between science and economic, social and cultural rights, and incorporated virtually all recommendations from International Human Rights Clinic students KUNCHOK DOLMA ’21 and RACHEL DAVIDSON RAYCRAFT ’20.

“Many experienced international lawyers I know would dream of seeing their contributions and ideas turn into international guidance,” CLINIC DIRECTOR CAMILO SÁNCHEZ said.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

JOHN BASSETT MOORE SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
The J.B. Moore Society is a driving force in international law activities at the Law School. Each year, the society organizes a symposium and a lunch lecture series, and sponsors the

Jessup International Law Moot Court team and pro bono human rights projects.

LAW, INNOVATION, SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY
LIST focuses on the novel legal, policy and business problems caused by the recent proliferation of emerging technologies.

NATIONAL SECURITY LAW FORUM
The forum connects students with national security law and broader government issues by hosting speakers, educating students about career opportunities and facilitating student work on national security problems.

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
Founded in 1960, the Virginia Journal of International Law is the oldest continuously published, student-edited law review in the United States. It is devoted exclusively to the fields of public and private international law.

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY
VJoLT provides a forum for students, professors and practitioners to discuss emerging issues at the intersection of law and technology.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
Second- and third-year students have access to 10 international exchange programs:

- BOCCONI LAW SCHOOL Italy
- Bucerius Law School Germany
- Hebrew University Israel
- Instituto de Empresa Spain
- 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 Japan

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.

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY PROJECT
Each year, project members travel abroad to study and report on human rights issues in a country of their choosing. Past teams have traveled to Colombia, Myanmar, Egypt, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Madagascar and China.

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.

The J.B. Moore Society sponsors the lunch lecture series, a symposium and a the society organizes activities at the Law School. Each year, students have access to 10 international exchange programs: international, foreign relations, international security, and the constitutional allocation of powers between the president and Congress in foreign relations.