The program leads to the degree of “J.D. with Specialization in International Legal Affairs”. This document is designed to give you a statement of the requirements and mechanics of the program. (Note that an international specialization student may also obtain a concentration in one of the four concentration areas.)

Admission to the Program:

You may apply for the program by addressing a note (which may be handwritten or emailed) to the Graduate and International Committee, c/o the Associate Dean for International Affairs (eb456@cornell.edu) or G55 Myron Taylor Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853). You need only state that you wish to be admitted to the program. Provided you are able to satisfy the requirements, admission is automatic for members of the Class of 2016 and 2017 who have attained a grade point average of 2.5. The Committee will find it helpful, however, if you will also state your language qualifications (if any) and briefly mention any foreign travel, work, military, or study experiences you have had, and any courses of study you have taken that were “international” in nature.

Program Requirements:

Students in the program must complete 89 credit hours (rather than the traditional 84 required of J.D. students). Since each student has had 32 hours in the first year, this means taking a total of 57 hours in the last two years of law school. ¹

The 89 required credit hours must include:

- Public International Law; Comparative Law and Conflict of Laws
- At least three additional international or comparative law electives totaling a minimum of 7 credit hours, from the list provided under “Group 2” below.

Please note that in deciding whether you can complete the program requirements, JD/ILA program students will be allowed to take a maximum of 17 credits per semester during the second and third years. No exceptions can be made to the 17 credit maximum.

With the approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs, a student may receive 2 credit hours towards the 89 credits by making a substantial contribution (as defined below) to the Cornell International Law Journal.

Also with the approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs, a student may receive 1 credit hour toward the required 89 credits by participating as a member of the Cornell team in one of the international moot court competitions. Such a student must make a substantial contribution to the team brief and to oral argument in the competition.

Courses:

Students interested in the J.D. with Specialization in International Legal Affairs will have the following courses to choose from during the 2014-15 academic year. Students are urged to speak with Laura Spitz, Associate Dean of International Affairs, to discuss course selection before doing their pre-registration.

¹ JD/ILA students enrolled in the joint law and management program need take only 86 hours (rather than 89), but may not count management courses for the program total-hours or course requirements.
Again, the courses in Group 1 are required for all students in the program and must be taken before graduation. In addition, the student must elect at least three courses totaling at least 7 credit hours from Group 2.

**Group 1 (required)**

6161 Comparative Law: The Civil Law Tradition-Lasser(3)
6191 Conflict of Laws-Riles(3)
6791 Public International Law-Ndulo(3)
* The Comparative Law requirement may be satisfied by taking 6177 at the Paris Summer Institute, together with a supervised writing during the Fall semester.

**Group 2 (elective)**

**UPPERCLASS COURSES**

6190 International Conflict and Conflict Resolution-Ndulo(1)
6333 Comparative Labor and Employment Law-Colvin(4)
6451 Federal Indian Law-Torres(3)
6465 Global M&A Practice-Kihira(1)
6514 International and Foreign Legal Research-Mills(2)
6525 International Cartel Enforcement-Calvani(2)
6531 International Commercial Arbitration-Barcelo(3)
6561 International Human Rights Law and Institutions-Ndulo(3)
6564 International Taxation-Green(3)
6570 Introduction to Chinese Law-Yu(3)
6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment-Ndulo(3)
6952 Women, Law and the Economy-Azzarelli(1)
6981 WTO and International Trade Law-Thomas(3)

**COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES**

7123 Chinese Law: Tradition and Modernization-Yu(3)
7143 Comparative Law and Bioethic-Lavi(1)
7146 Comparative Legal Philosophy-Yu(3)
7147 Comparative Corporate Governance: A Functional Approach-Gramitto Ricci(3)
7170 East Asian Law Seminar-Riles(3)
7314 Int’l Law/Int’l Relations Colloq.-Lienau, Kreps(1)(must take both semesters for a total of one credit)
7321 International Criminal Law-Ndulo(3)
7358 International Environmental Law-Porter(3)
7360 International Financial Regulation-Emmeneger, Zulauf(2)
7362 International Litigation-Clopton(3)
7371 Islamic Law and History-Powers(3)
7375 Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights-Ngcobo(3)
7394 Labor Migration and Trafficking-Thomas(3)
7440 Law and Social Change: Comparative Law in Africa-Ndulo(4)
7675 Issues in Financial Regulation-Omarova(3)

**CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS**

7801 Immigration Appellate Law and Advocacy Clinic- Kalantry, Yale-Loehr(4)
7804 Advanced Immigration Clinic- Kalantry, McKee, Yale-Loehr(2)
7832 Externship - Full Time-Galbreath(12)*
7834 Externship - Part Time, Other Local-Galbreath(4)*
7855 International Human Rights Clinic I-Babcock(4)
7856 International Human Rights Clinic II-Babcock(4)
7914 Global Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(4)
7915 Advanced Global Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(2)

* If externship is outside the US or for international org in the US or for domestic org in the US practicing international law.
With the approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs, a student may satisfy an elective requirement by:

a. taking a similar course in other divisions of the University;
b. completing a supervised writing project in international or comparative Law (provided the student is able to make arrangements with a supervising professor for such a project);
c. taking Professor Lasser’s Research Colloquium (provided the student is admitted to the class); or
d. making a substantial contribution to the Cornell International Law Journal. Work on the Journal can alternatively be applied to the program total hours requirement, as explained above, but these are alternative options – if a student elects to have Journal work counted towards his or her credits hours, he or she cannot use the work in substitution for an elective from Group 2. Similarly, if a student elects to use Journal participation as one of his or her Group 2 electives, he or she must complete an additional 89 credit hours. In either case, for Journal work to be used as credit hours or a Group 2 elective, the student must make a substantial contribution to the work of the Journal, under the following ground rules (worked out between Journal editors and the faculty of the International Committee). Generally, a student will be deemed to have done sufficient work if he or she does a fair share of prelims, cite checking, proof-reading and the like, and, in addition, (1) serves a year’s term as one of the principal officers of the Journal, or (2) completes the Journal’s writing requirements, or (3) performs the substantial equivalent of such work over the student’s second and third years in law school.

Note: Third-year students in the program receive priority in admission to international offerings of problem courses and seminars. We expect to be able to continue the practice that membership in the program entitles a student to take any course in the program group.

Other Program activities:

The Berger International Legal Studies Program sponsors a series of lectures, luncheon talks and colloquia by prominent practitioners, government officials, scholars and foreign visitors in the international field, to which members of the program are invited. Other activities are carried on through the Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture, the Clarke Fund of the Middle East, the Briggs International Law Society, and other law student organizations.