Cornell Law School offers an opportunity to Cornell J.D. students to earn both a J.D. degree and an LL.M. degree in three years, including one session at the Cornell Law School-Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Summer Institute of International and Comparative Law in Paris. The program leads to the joint degree of “J.D. -LL.M.” This document is designed to give you a statement of the requirements and mechanics of the program.

Application process:

Cornell J.D. students may apply to be admitted to the joint degree program upon initial application to the Law School or after matriculation, provided application is made before completion of their first year. Students may apply for the program after matriculation by sending a statement of interest to the International Committee, c/o the Assistant Dean for International Programs (elizabeth.brundige@cornell.edu or L53 Hughes Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853). Please explain your interest in the program, identifying any prior experience or future goals that make you especially suited to the degree, and describe why you believe that you can fulfill the degree requirements. Applicants should also provide a copy of their CV and transcript.

Degree Requirements:

The J.D./LL.M program requires 20 upper-class credits in international and comparative law (in this document, the “20 required credits”), in addition to the credits required for the J.D. degree. This means that students must complete 104 total credits, rather than the 84 required for the J.D.

The 20 required credits must include:

- Two specifically designated “Group 1” courses: Public International Law and Conflict of Laws (Students who took International Litigation in 2016-17 may use that course to meet their Conflict of Laws requirement.)
- One specifically designated comparative law course that is general in scope and includes instruction in civil law systems. The course may have a regional focus. Students may satisfy this requirement by taking Comparative Law: Civil Legal Traditions or one of the other “Group 2” courses listed below.
- Participation in the Paris Summer Institute (students must receive at least four credits)

With the approval of the Assistant Dean for International Programs, a course in the Law School’s Semester Abroad Program may be taken as a substitute for one of the required Group 1 or Group 2 courses. The course must be at least two credits. In the case of a proposed substitute for Public International Law or Conflict of Laws, the course must be substantially similar to the course that would have been taken at Cornell. In the case of a Comparative Law course, it must meet the criteria for such courses set out above.

The 20 required credits may include:

- A thesis option, which requires satisfactory completion of a five credit thesis
- Up to four of the twelve language class credits available to all J.D. students
- Courses that are taken—be it in accordance with the law school’s rules and regulations and if related to international, comparative, or foreign law—in other divisions of Cornell University, including its area studies programs (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Institute for African Development, Latin American Studies and the Institute for European Studies) (with approval of the Assistant Dean for International Programs)
- Supervised writing courses in International or Comparative Law (with approval of the Assistant Dean for International Programs)
Approved courses that are taken by participants in the law school’s Semester Abroad Program, in which J.D./LL.M. students may earn up to sixteen credits for study at an approved foreign law school or faculty

Additional Program Requirements:

- Students who are members of the Classes of 2018, 2019, and 2020 must maintain an overall grade point average of at least 2.8 to be awarded the LL.M. degree at graduation. Beginning with the Class of 2021, students must maintain an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 to be awarded the LL.M. degree at graduation.
- In no event may a J.D./LL.M. student receive a total of more than 12 credits toward the required 20 credits from summer/winter intersession courses, including credits earned from the Paris Summer Program.
- Students in the program must comply with the credit hour and degree requirements for the Cornell J.D. degree in addition to completing an additional 20 credit hours for the LL.M. degree as set out above.
- JD/LLM students will be allowed to take a maximum of 21 credits per semester during the second and third years. No exceptions can be made to the 21-credit maximum.

Courses:

Students interested in the J.D.-LL.M. degree will have the following courses to choose from during the 2017-18 academic year. The Assistant Dean for International Programs, in consultation with the Chair of the International Committee and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will update the courses included in Groups 2 and 3 annually, in advance of the fall pre-registration period. Students are urged to speak with Elizabeth Brundige, Assistant Dean for International Programs, to discuss course selection before doing their pre-registration.

The courses in Group 1 are required for all students in the program and must be taken before graduation. Students in the program must take at least one of the courses in Group 2 before graduation. Additional courses in Group 2 may be taken for elective credit towards the 20-credit requirement of the J.D.-LL.M. degree. The courses in Group 3 are elective courses that meet the requirements for J.D.-LL.M. degree.

Group 1 (required)

6191 Conflict of Laws-Riles(3)*
6791 Public International Law-Szabla(3)
* Taking 7362 International Litigation-Clopton(3) in 2016-17 satisfied the Conflict of Laws requirement.

Group 2 (students are required to take one of the following courses)

6154 Comparative Law: East Asian Legal Systems-Riles(3)
6161 Comparative Law: Civil Law Traditions-Lasser(3)*
7440 Law and Social Change: Comparative Law in Africa-Ndulo(4)

* The Comparative Law requirement also may be satisfied by taking 6177 at the Paris Summer Institute, together with a supervised writing on a comparative law topic during the following Fall semester.

Group 3 (elective)

UPPERCLASS COURSES

6153 Comparative Antitrust Law-Kallaugher(3)
6465 Global M&A Practice-Kihira(1)
6514 International and Foreign Legal Research-Mills(2)
6521 International Business Transactions-Gardner(3)
6531 International Commercial Arbitration-Barcelo(3)
6561 International Human Rights-Ndulo(3)
6564 International Taxation-Green(3)
6661 Constitutional Law of the European Union-Lasser(3)
6952 Women, Law, Technology, and the Economy-Azzarelli(1)

**COLLOQUIA, SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES**

7123 Chinese Law: Tradition and Modernization-Yu(3)
7146 Comparative Legal Philosophy-Yu(3)
7258 Faculty at Home Seminar: Business and Human Rights-Cornell(1)

7295 Global Labor and Employment Law-Sander(3)
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)
7785 War Crimes Trials-Rosensaft(3)

**CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS**

7801 Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic- McKee, Yale-Loehr(4)
7804 Advanced Immigration Clinic(2)
7832 Externship - Full Time-Mooney(12)*
7834 Externship - Part Time, Other Local-Mooney(4)*
7846 International Human Rights Clinic: Policy Advocacy II-Kalantry(4)
7847 International Human Rights Clinic: Policy Advocacy II-Kalantry(4)
7848 International Human Rights Clinic: Prisoners’ Rights, Self-Determination, and Implementation of International Law in U.S. Courts I-Babcock, Wasilczuk(4)
7849 International Human Rights Clinic: Prisoners’ Rights, Self-Determination, and Implementation of International Law in U.S. Courts II-Babcock, Wasilczuk(4)
7914 Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(4)
7915 Advanced Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(4)

* If externship is outside the U.S. or for international organizations in the U.S. or for domestic organizations in the U.S. practicing international law.

Students may also meet the elective requirements of the J.D.-LL.M. Program by enrolling in the courses discussed on page 1 above (with permission of the Assistant Dean for International Programs where applicable).