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.

Degree Requirements:

The J.D./LL.M program requires 20 upperclass 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:

- Three specifically-designated courses—Public International Law; Comparative Legal Studies and Conflict of Laws
- Participation in the Paris Summer Institute (students must receive at least four credits)

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—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)
- 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 must maintain an overall grade-point average of at least 2.8 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 proscribed above.
- JD/LLM students will be allowed to take a maximum of 20 credits per semester during the second and third years. No exceptions can be made to the 20 credit maximum.
Courses:
Students interested in the JD-LLM degree 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.

The courses in Group 1 are required for all students in the program and must be taken before graduation. The courses in Group 2 are elective courses that meet the requirements for JD-LLM degree.

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
6061 Comparative Free Speech and Religion-Shiffrin(1)(Paris)
6095 Litigation in a Global Context: Selected Issues-Holden-Smith(1)(Paris)
6173 Comparative Corporate Law-Hanks(1)(Paris)
6181 International Commerical Arbitration-Barcelo(2)(Paris)
6183 International Human Rights-Ndulo(1)(Paris)
6188 Trial by Jury: A Global Perspective-Hans(1)(Paris)
6189 Topics in Intellectual Property Law-Liivak(1)(Paris)
6514 International and Foreign Legal Research-Mills(2)
6531 International Commercial Arbitration-Barcelo(3)
6564 International Taxation-Green(3)
6570 Introduction to Chinese Law-Zhang(3)
6661 Constitutional Law of the European Union-Lasser(3)
6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment-Ndulo(3)
6737 National Security Law-Rana(3)
6952 Women, Law and the Economy-Azzarelli(1)
6981 WTO and International Trade Law-Barcelo, Zhang(3)

COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES
7146 Comparative Legal Philosophy-Yu(3)
7170 East Asian Law Seminar-Riles(3)
7196 Europe and the US: Fiscal & Political Choices & Econ. Consequences-Minella(3)
7291 Global and Regional Economic Integration-Barcelo(3)
7293 European and U.S. Responses to the Global Financial Crisis-Dahan(3)
7311 Immigration and Refugee Law-Yale-Loehr(3)
7314 Int’l Law/Int’l Relations Colloq.-Lienau, Kreps(1)
7321 International Criminal Law-Ndulo(3)
7358 International Environmental Law-Porter(3)
7360 International Financial Regulation-Zulauf(2)
7371 Islamic Law and History-Powers(3)
7392 Jurisprudence of War-Ohlin(3)
7440 Law and Social Change: Comparative Law in Africa-Bowman, Ndulo(4)
7578 Markets, Democracy, and the Rule of Law-Lienau(3)
7592 The Military and the Law-Rawald(3)
7785 War Crimes Trials-Rosensaft(3)
CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS
7801 Immigration Appellate Law and Advocacy Clinic- Kalantry, Yale-Loehr(4)
7832 Externship - Full Time-Galbreath(12)(if international location)
7838 Human Rights Advocacy at Home and Abroad-Babcock(4)
7914 Global Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(4)
7915 Advanced Global Gender Justice Clinic-Brundige(2)

Students may enroll in similar courses in other divisions of the University (with approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs). In addition, supervised writing projects in International or Comparative Law may also count towards the specialization (again, with the approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs).

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 policy that membership in the program entitles a student to take any course in the program group, regardless of other problem courses taken.