

# Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad at Amsterdam Law School, the Netherlands

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The University of Michigan Law School has developed a semester study abroad opportunity with Amsterdam Law School, which is part of the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam, for up to four students per academic year in either the fall or winter term. The University of Amsterdam is one of Europe's excellent universities, located in the heart of one of the world's most dynamic and enjoyable cities and easily reachable by train and air from cities throughout Europe and the world. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 212 Hutchins Hall, or on the Law School web site at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx>. Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

## Course Offerings and Requirements

Students will be able to choose from a selection of classes offered at the LL.M. level. The classes are quite varied, with a focus on the fields of advanced European Union Law and Public International Law. The language of instruction is English.

Students may choose most of the courses offered in English from the following programs:

- European and International Labour Law
- European Private Law
- International and European Law
  - o Public International Law
  - o European Competition Law and Regulation
  - o European Union Law
  - o International Trade and Investment Law

Program content and course information may be found at:

<http://studiegids.uva.nl/xmlpages/page/2014-2015-en/search-course>

Timetables ([https://rooster.uva.nl/?startdate=2013-9-26&newLocale=en\\_GB](https://rooster.uva.nl/?startdate=2013-9-26&newLocale=en_GB)) - Click on: "add course timetable" and select "Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid (Amsterdam Law School)" to conduct your search.

The course list for the 2015-16 academic year will not be finalized until the summer of 2015.

Because Michigan students will enroll in LL.M. classes, if they wish to take European law classes, Amsterdam will expect either that they will have successfully completed EU law at Michigan, or, they will be required to take an introduction to EU law class (3013EUL4KY) concurrently with other classes at Amsterdam. If Michigan students wish to take advanced international law classes, they will be expected to have taken International Law at Michigan or to take concurrently the introduction to International Law

class (3504INT4AY) at Amsterdam. The introductory course on International Law is offered only in the fall term; EU law is also offered in the winter term. Amsterdam is willing to review the syllabus for the particular Transnational Law section of each Michigan student to see whether there is a sufficient public international law component to meet the prerequisite.

In addition to the course requirements at Amsterdam, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

A student's course selection at Amsterdam must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student's departure for Amsterdam. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Roopal Shah ([roopal@umich.edu](mailto:roopal@umich.edu); TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken in Amsterdam Law School is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.

### **Tuition and Fees**

Michigan students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

The tuition and fees charges at Amsterdam Law School are waived for students who participate in this exchange program.

Please note that the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

### **Dates of Term**

Students may go in either the fall or winter semester, although the fall is preferable because other students are starting new at Amsterdam, the curriculum contains more foundational courses, and the fall academic calendar is generally more compatible with our own.

The University of Amsterdam has indicated that the dates for the 2015-2016 academic year are as follows. The first semester dates are Block 1: September 1, 2015 – October 23, 2015). (Exams 19 - 23 October 2015). Block 2: October 26, 2015 – December 18, 2015. (Exams: 14 - 18 December 2015). All courses are examined before Christmas. Please *note that the retakes of Block 2 are scheduled in January 2016*. However, it is possible to conduct a written 10 EC exam at the University of Michigan Law School. This would be organized by Amsterdam in coordination with Ms. Jane Ozanich, Registrar and Director, Office of Student Records, University of Michigan Law School ([jozanich@umich.edu](mailto:jozanich@umich.edu); tel: 734-763-3419).

The preliminary second semester dates are Block 1: February 1, 2016 – March 25, 2016 (Exams: 21 – 25 March 2016). Block 2: March 28, 2016 – May 20, 2016 (Exams: 16 – 20 May 2016).

**Students should confirm exam periods and details** with Ms. Johanna Vogel, Coordinator, International Office and Admissions Office, Amsterdam Law School, Universiteit van Amsterdam, P.O. Box 1030, 1000 BA Amsterdam (phone +31-20-525-3478; ; email: [aexp-fdr@uva.nl](mailto:aexp-fdr@uva.nl)). Please know the aforementioned dates in the academic calendar are subject to change.

Students are also invited to attend the University of Amsterdam's International Student Network (ISN) Introduction Program, which is in the third week of August 2015. In addition, students are expected to attend the Introduction to the Faculty of Law, which is in the last week of August 2015.

## General Administrative Matters

The Amsterdam Law School International Office will assist students with services such as housing, banking, health insurance, and residence permit/visa application. Students who are approved to study abroad at Amsterdam Law School will also receive important information prior to their arrival in Amsterdam. For information about these administrative matters, please refer to the Amsterdam Law School web site at <http://www.uva.nl/en/education/other-programmes/practical-matters>.

## Housing

The University of Amsterdam does not have a campus, and housing for international students is accommodated by housing associations on the basis of an agreement with the University. Please note that accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

If you would like to apply for student accommodation via the University of Amsterdam (UvA), please read the information below and fill in the online application form.

You can only apply for housing, if you have been accepted by your faculty or school. If you have submitted your application and paid the UvA/HvA fee, but have not been accepted, the UvA/HvA fee will not be refunded.

### Link

You can apply for accommodation by going to the following link:

<https://apply.embark.com/grad/Amsterdam>

The link will direct you to the webpage of the online application system called EMBARK. EMBARK is the system used by the UvA that allows international students to apply for various student services. The above mentioned link is the link only to be used for the online *housing* application. Students who will start their study at the University of Amsterdam may have already created an EMBARK account for another service like the visa procedure. In this case you can use the same login to apply for accommodation.

### Rental Period

Please note that the rental periods for UvA students are always fixed periods. We strongly advise you not to choose one semester if your study has the duration of two semesters or more. If you choose only one semester we cannot guarantee you an extension. In case an extension is granted, you will have to pay the UvA fee once more. Therefore, please select the period corresponding with the duration of your study with a maximum of one year.

### Code

To fill in the application you will need the following faculty code: **RECHT-EX**

You will also have to fill in your student number. If you have not received a student number yet, please list the following number: 5555.

### UvA fee

Students renting accommodation through the UvA/HvA will be charged a fee. For one semester the UvA fee is **€315**, for two semesters or a full year the UvA fee is **€525**. This fee is non-refundable. This fee is required to cover the UvA's expenses related to providing the housing service to international students. Applications can therefore only be submitted after paying the UvA fee by credit card. During the online application, you will automatically be informed about the payment procedure.

### **Credit Card**

Applications can only be submitted paying by credit card. The payment cannot be executed with a debit card. If you currently do not have a credit card, it is necessary to acquire one in order to complete the payment (If you do not have a credit card, we hope you may use the credit card of a relative or friend).

All payments will be made in US dollars corresponding to the Euro amount. Due to currency fluctuations, the amount might be slightly lower or higher.

### **Submitting the application**

We advise you to submit your application as soon as possible. If you submit too late, it is possible we cannot provide you with a room. If the number of applications exceeds the number of rooms, your name and preference will be put on a waiting list

Filling in this form and paying the UvA/HvA fee does not guarantee placement. We will do our utmost to provide all applicants with a room. In previous years, we have been able to provide all applicants with housing. Nonetheless, if we are not able to send you a room offer, we will refund the UvA fee to you.

However, if you have received a room offer via the UvA/HvA and do not accept it, the UvA/HvA fee will not be refunded.

We kindly ask for your patience during the room reservation procedure. After submitting the online application, please do not email your housing questions until you have received the room offer from the housing corporation. This email from the housing corporation contains all the information about the room offer.

For additional information on student accommodation in Amsterdam, please visit our website: [www.uva.nl/housing](http://www.uva.nl/housing).

Should you choose not to apply for university housing, students need to find a room in the private market <http://www.uva.nl/en/education/master-s/practical-matters/housing/accommodation/accomodation.html> or get in touch with ASVA Student Union. (web site: <http://www.asva.nl/kamers>), or take a look at the student hotel: <http://www.thestudenthotel.com>

Please do not think lightly about the housing situation in Amsterdam. There is a massive shortage of housing. This means that every year, several students who decided not to apply for university housing have trouble finding a room once they're in Amsterdam. Applying for university housing is, therefore, highly recommended.

Students may try to exchange lodgings with their counterparts from the Amsterdam Law School. A request may be addressed to: Ms Johanna Vogel, International Officer, Amsterdam Law School, Universiteit van Amsterdam, P.O. Box 1030, 1000 BA Amsterdam (phone +31-20-525-3478; ; email: [aexp-fdr@uva.nl](mailto:aexp-fdr@uva.nl)).

**Please note that the deadlines for applying for accommodation are very strict.**

## Application to Amsterdam

Students who receive approval from the Law School's Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at Amsterdam pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to complete an on-line Amsterdam Law School Application Form for the Amsterdam Exchange Programme and include any required supporting application materials. You can apply for a Law course for one semester by completing and sending Amsterdam the application form plus the enclosures mentioned in the application form. Both exchange and independent (fee-paying) students need to complete this form and send it to Amsterdam in order to be admitted.

All applicants must have a valid e-mail address at all times. Without a valid e-mail address Amsterdam is not able to inform you about important matters, and you will not receive a housing offer.

Online application form: <https://pontifex.uva.nl/IntakeRTE/index.jsp?formid=ALS-AMEX&language=en>

The Center for International & Comparative Law will send supporting application materials to Amsterdam Law School on your behalf.

*Amsterdam reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

## Contacts

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Marjoleine Zieck studied Philosophy and Public International Law at the University of Amsterdam and obtained her Ph.D. degree (in Public International Law) in 1997 (*cum laude*) at the same University. She worked in the immigration section of the law firm Pels Rijcken & Droogleever Fortuijn (*Landsadvocaat*) before joining Amsterdam Law School. From 2002 until 2008 she was Director of the LL.M. programmes and Ph.D. training programme, and since 2008 she is the Director of the Graduate School of Law and College of Law of Amsterdam Law School. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Leyden-Amsterdam-Columbia summer programme and Executive Director of the Amsterdam sessions of the summer programme since 2005. In 2005, she was appointed Professor of Public International Law at the Pakistan College of Law (Lahore, Pakistan) and in 2009 she was awarded a chair in International Refugee Law at the Amsterdam Law School.

Most recent publications:

### Refereed:

- (2013). The Hungarian Refugee Emergency, an Early and Instructive Case of Resettlement. *Amsterdam Law Forum*, 5(2), 45-63.
- (2012). 'Quota refugees', the Dutch Contribution to Global Burden-Sharing by Means of

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  - (2010). UNHCR and Turkey, and beyond: of parallel tracks and symptomatic cracks. *International Journal of Refugee Law*, 22(4), 593-622.
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  - (2009). Doomed to fail from the outset? UNHCR's Convention Plus Initiative revisited. *International Journal of Refugee Law*, 21(3), 387-420.
  - (2008). Toepassing relativiteitsvereiste strandt op eisen Vluchtelingenverdrag. *Nederlands Juristenblad*, 83(21), 1283-1289.
  - (2008). The legal status of Afghan refugees in Pakistan, a story of eight agreements and two suppressed premises. *International Journal of Refugee Law*, 20(2), 253-272.

#### Academic:

- (2012). The Limitations of both Voluntary Repatriation and Resettlement of Refugees. In V. Chetail (Ed.), *Research handbook on international law and migration* (Research handbooks in international law series). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.
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- (2011). Article 36 of the 1951 Convention/Article III of the 1967 Protocol: information on national legislation = renseignements portant sur les lois et règlements nationaux. In A. Zimmermann (Ed.), *The 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol: a commentary* (Oxford commentaries on international law) (pp. 1511-1525). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

#### Professional:

- (2012). On: Europese Hof voor de Rechten van de Mens. (2012, February 23), *JV* 2012-171, (Hirsi Jamaa and Others v. Italy). p.900-905.
- (2011). Extraterritoriale werking voor UNHCR's mandaatverklaringen: UNHCR zou zich er sterk voor moeten maken: reactie. *Asiel & Migrantenrecht*, 2011(10), 477-480.
- (2010). UNHCR's toezicht op de toepassing van het vluchtelingenverdrag. *Asiel & Migrantenrecht*, 2010(2), 59-67.
- (2010). [\*UNHCR's parallel universe: marking the contours of a problem\*](#). . Delivered on the appointment to the chair of International Refugee Law at the Amsterdam Law School of the University of Amsterdam (2010, April 23). Amsterdam: Vossiuspers UvA. [\[go to publisher's site\]](#)
- (2010). On: EHRM. (2009, September 22), *NJCM-Bulletin* 2010-35-2, (Niet-Europese vluchtelingen in Turkije, het land van ooit: Abdolkhani en Karimnia t. Turkije: appl. no. 30471/08). p.184-204.
- (2009). On: [HR](#). (2007, April 13), *ILDC* 2009-09/01, 837, (Ministry of Justice v Anonymous, Final appeal judgment, No HR C06/081HR).

#### Popular Scientific:

- (2010, April 29). Het parallelle universum van UNHCR. *Friesch Dagblad*

### **For further information about Amsterdam**

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 212 Hutchins Hall). The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students' study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Amsterdam.

Please consult the Amsterdam Law School web site at: <http://als.uva.nl/programmes/exchange-programme/exchange-programme.html>

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*The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.*