

Application Form

Area of Concentration: International Law

California Western School of Law offers an Area of Concentration in International Law. This Area of Concentration is designed to provide students with a thorough and rigorous overview of international and comparative law. Students considering a career that may involve international or comparative law should consider this Area of Concentration.

Candidates are encouraged to discuss this application with a member of the International Law Area of Concentration core advisor group (Professors James Cooper or William Aceves) early in the second year of their J.D. studies. In order for a student to be eligible for the International Law Area of Concentration, the attached "Proposal to Satisfy Requirements" must be approved by a member of the core advisor group and filed with either Professor Cooper or Aceves *before* registration for the fifth trimester.

Candidates must also satisfy the scholarly writing, practicum, and student/professional organization requirements set forth below. Each candidate must meet with a member of the core advisor group at least once each trimester. Upon completion of all requirements, a candidate must notify a member of the core advisor group.

Candidates who complete the Area of Concentration will receive a designation on their official transcript. Candidates who achieve a *combined average* in Area of Concentration courses of B+ or higher will receive an Honors Designation on their official transcript.

All decisions with respect to satisfaction of the requirements for the Area of Concentration shall be made by either Professor Cooper or Aceves.

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**APPLICATION FOR
AREA OF CONCENTRATION:
INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-Mail:

Number of Trimesters Remaining Before Graduation:

Date of Application:

Reason for Pursuing Area of Concentration:

**REQUIREMENTS FOR
AREA OF CONCENTRATION:**

INTERNATIONAL LAW

1. Required Courses:

A total of four courses are required. A candidate must take both courses from Group A and two courses from Group B. (Two or more international or comparative law courses in ABA-approved study abroad programs may only count as one of the three elective courses. However, courses taken abroad may not substitute for the two core courses in Group A.) Candidates must earn a minimum grade of B or higher in *each* of the four courses selected from the cluster of courses.

Group A: Core Courses

Trimester	Year	Course
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	International Law
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	Comparative Law

Group B: Core Courses

Trimester	Year	Course
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	Human Rights Law
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	Immigration Law
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	International and Foreign Legal Research
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	International Business Transactions
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	International Environmental Law
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	International Trade Law
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	_____	any other relevant course if approved in advance by one of the members of the Core Advisor Group

2. Scholarly Writing Paper:

Candidates must complete a scholarly writing paper from any course listed in Group A or B in order to satisfy the Area of Concentration requirement.

3. Practicum Requirement:

Candidates must also complete a practicum requirement. This requirement can be satisfied by participating in one of the following activities:

- International law-related pro bono work (requires a minimum commitment of 50 hours which may be completed over the second and third year);
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; or
- International law-related internship (requires minimum commitment of 50 hours).

4. Student/Professional Organization Requirement:

Candidates must participate in one of the following student/professional organizations after the completion of their second trimester:

- Amnesty International;
- Immigration Law Society;
- International Law Society;
- *International Law Journal*; or
- any other relevant organization, including a pro bono organization, if approved by one of the members of the Core Advisor Group

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION
FOR AREA OF CONCENTRATION:**

INTERNATIONAL LAW

I, _____, certify that I have completed the following requirements for the International Law Area of Concentration.

A. Required Courses:

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| 1. International Law _____ | Grade _____ |
| 2. Comparative Law _____ | Grade _____ |
| 3. Required Course (Group B) _____ | Grade _____ |
| 4. Required Course (Group B) _____ | Grade _____ |

B. Scholarly Writing Paper:

Title: _____
Course _____
Grade _____

C. Practicum Requirement Satisfied by :

- International law-related pro bono work a (minimum commitment of 50 hours)
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- International law-related internship (minimum commitment of 50 hours)

D. Student/Professional Organization Requirement Satisfied by:

- Amnesty International
- Immigration Law Society
- International Law Society
- International Law Journal*
- any other relevant organization, including a pro bono organization, if approved by one of the co-chairs of the Core Advisor Group

Candidate's Signature _____

_____ Date

Approved: _____

Member of Core Advisor Group

_____ Date