

**Requirements:**  
**Area of Concentration in International Law**

In today's global economy, lawyers increasingly encounter transnational issues in their practice. The ability to address this global environment requires a solid understanding of international law and an appreciation of political, cultural, and linguistic differences. Students considering a career that may involve clients engaged in cross-border projects or transnational issues should consider this Area of Concentration.

Candidates are required to discuss their application with one of the Co-Directors of the Area of Concentration in International Law. Professors Jamie Cooper and William Aceves serve as the Co-Directors. Other faculty who specialize in international or comparative law include Emily Behzadi, Susan Bisom-Rapp, Pooja Dadhanian, and Richard Oppong.

For a student to be eligible for the Area of Concentration, the Application Form must be approved by one of the Co-Directors before the student registers for their fourth trimester in law school.

Candidates must satisfy four requirements in order to successfully complete the Area of Concentration:

1. completion of four courses
2. scholarly writing paper
3. practicum
4. membership in an approved student/professional organization

Upon completion of all four requirements, a candidate must notify one of the Co-Directors.

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 the Co-Directors.

### **1. Course Requirement**

A total of four courses are required. Candidates must earn a minimum grade of B or higher in *each* of the four courses selected from the cluster of courses.

International Law

International and Foreign Legal Research

International Business Transactions

International Trade Law

Immigration Law

Women and Immigration Law

Comparative Law

Human Rights Law

Conflict of Laws

Admiralty Law

Spanish for Lawyers

Independent Study

Any other relevant course subject to the approval of the Co-Directors

## **2. Scholarly Writing Requirement**

Candidates must complete a scholarly writing paper on international or comparative law. (This paper requirement may be fulfilled in one of the Area of Concentration courses. It may also be fulfilled by an International Law Journal or Law Review note.)

## **3. Practicum Requirement**

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

International law-related internship or 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 Team

International Law Journal

## **4. Student/Professional Organization Requirement**

Candidates must participate in one of the following student organizations after the completion of their second trimester.

Amnesty International

Immigration Law Society

International Law Society

Latinx Law Students Association

Any other relevant organization, including a pro bono organization, subject to the approval of the Co-Directors

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Once you have reviewed these requirements, please contact Professor Jamie Cooper or William Aceves for further questions and to receive the formal application.