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**Curriculum**

Loyola University Chicago School of Law provides an environment where a global perspective is respected and encouraged. International and comparative law is not studied only in theoretical, abstract terms but primarily in the context of values-based professional practice. In addition to purely international classes, courses in other disciplines—health law, child and family law, advocacy, business and tax, anti-trust, intellectual property—have strong international and comparative components.

**International Centers**

The United Nations has designated The School of Law as the home of its Children’s International Human Rights Initiative. The Children’s International Human Rights Initiative promotes the physical, emotional, educational, spiritual, and legal rights of children around the world through a program of interdisciplinary research, teaching, outreach and service. It is part of Loyola’s Civitas ChildLaw Center, a program committed to preparing lawyers and other leaders to be effective advocates for children, their families, and their communities.

**Study Abroad**

Loyola’s international curriculum is expanded by its foreign programs and field study opportunities:

**International Programs**

- A four-week summer program at Loyola’s permanent campus in Rome focuses on international and comparative law.
- A three-week summer program at Loyola’s campus at the Beijing Center in Beijing, China focusing on international and comparative law.

**International Field Study**

- A ten-day, between-semester course in London on comparative advocacy, where students observe trials at Old Bailey, and afterward meet with judges and barristers to discuss the substantive and procedural aspects of the trial that are uniquely British. Students also visit the Inns of the Court and the Law Society, and have the opportunity to visit the offices of barristers and solicitors.
- A comparative law seminar on *Legal Systems of the Americas* which offers students the opportunity to travel to Chile over the spring break for on-site study and research. In Santiago, participants meet with faculty and students at the Law Faculty of Universidad Alberto Hurtado, as well as a variety of lawyers, judges, and business people.

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- A one-week site visit experience in San Juan, Puerto Rico. While in Puerto Rico, students have the opportunity to research the island-wide health program for indigents as well as focus on Puerto Rico’s managed care and regulation.
  - A comparative law seminar focused on Thai legal systems. The seminar uses a collaborative immersion approach to learning about a particular country and its legal system, with particular emphasis on legal issues affecting children and families. The course includes a required field study component over spring break in Thailand, focusing on community development and volunteerism.

### **International Moot Court Competition**

Students also hone their international skills in three moot competitions: (1) the Phillip Jessup Competition, which involves a moot court argument on a problem of public international law; (2) the Niagara Cup Competition which involves a moot court argument on a problem involving an area of dispute between the United States and Canada, with teams representing both U.S. and Canadian law schools; (3) the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, involving a problem under the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. Two separate teams of student oralists argue against law school teams from all over the world, one team competing in Hong Kong, and the other in Vienna, Austria.

### **Wing-Tat Lee Lecture Series**

Mr. Wing-Tat Lee, a Hong Kong businessman, established a lecture series with a grant to the School of Law. The lectures focus on an aspect of international or comparative law.

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