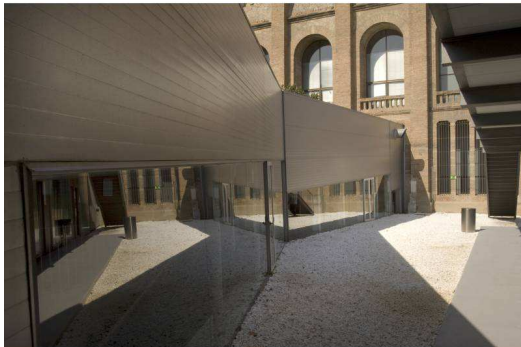


UPF LEGAL STUDIES ABROAD PROGRAM

Presentation

The UPF Study Abroad Program and the UPF Law School have designed the UPF Legal Studies Program, a pre-law study program for undergraduate students. This program is designed as an honors program and it aims to provide eligible top students with initial academic education and training in the area of law. The program focuses on international and European law, comparative private law and some specific legal fields with international relevance, while also giving them the opportunity to receive credit for study abroad. Unlike the North American pre-law programs, which are essentially instrumental, the UPF Legal Studies Abroad Program covers substantive topics at introductory level emphasizing the international perspective. Students are also given the chance to enroll in optional courses and in regular undergraduate law courses under academic supervision. It will expose its participants to the international context of a European university, and the quality and academic rigor of a Law School that is consistently ranked in Spain's top tier, and that has been chosen as the Oxford law faculty's only Spanish partner.



A letter from the Dean

The UPF School of Law is among the most internationalized law schools in Spain and Southern Europe, having an outstanding rate of mobility, both of in-coming and out-going students. This feature correlates to the emphasis that our law curriculum puts on the global dimension of law and to the priority which our Faculty gives to research in the areas of comparative, European and international law. In this context, our school is very proud to launch for the first time a pre-law program addressed to North American students who decide to come to Barcelona to enjoy an international experience in a privileged environment for study.

The program is not an ordinary preparatory course for law school admissions tests, but rather an opportunity for broadening the intellectual bases upon which to pursue a law career in international settings. Students will be introduced to the complexities of the international and EU legal order, acquire knowledge of the historical and cultural reasons for the diversity of legal systems, and become familiar with the distinctive features and the practical functioning of these systems. The program will also allow students to follow optional courses dealing with more specific areas of the law at basic levels and even to enroll in ordinary undergraduate courses of our law degree curriculum, thus having the chance to mix with our students and become actively involved in our academic life.

Our experience in summer programs and regular exchange agreements with many European and American Universities makes us very confident about the success of this program. We hope it will be a rewarding experience for participants as well as for our faculty, and that it will contribute effectively to provide students with the basic skills and knowledge for a successful legal career in the global community.

Josep Maria Vilajosana
Dean Law School - Facultat de Dret, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

The UPF Legal Studies certificate

All students completing the UPF Legal Studies Program program will be awarded a joint certificate from the UPF School of Law and the UPF Study Abroad Programs. The certificate will attest to their successful completion of at least three law-related courses, and it may be included in applications to North American law schools.

Who may be interested?

This semester program may be interesting to all students who are planning to attend a law school in the US or Canada and who seek an introduction to the international legal order, the relevant features of major western legal cultures and their institutions, the basic controversies concerning justice and legitimacy of law, and the basic skills and the methods of reasoning employed in law. The program may interest also students who want to pursue a career in International Relations or similar disciplines, and all those in general who are looking for an introductory knowledge of law.

The UPF Legal Studies Program is not a preparatory course for the LSAT. Rather, it provides the basis for a comparative study of the European and North American legal systems and it is intended to be helpful for students interested in developing an international career in law.

A minor or a concentration in the areas of legal studies, international relations or political science will be helpful for students interested in enrolling in UPF Law degree courses.

Key areas

Business Organizations
Comparative Law
Criminal Justice Systems
European History of the 20th Century
Criminology

European Union Law
Human Rights
Private Law: Basic Institutions
Public International Law
Terrorism

Calendar

This is a Spring semester program and it lasts for 15 weeks.

The program starts in early January and finishes by late April (or late June, for students interested in taking 3rd trimester courses at UPF (see course options)

Program dates for Spring 2012: January 5 - April 17 (both included) or January 5 - June 30 (both included)

Program pre-requisites

Because of its introductory nature, courses have been either designed or chosen so that this program has no pre-requisites.

How to apply and program requirements

- This is an Honors Program. Applicants should have a 3.3 GPA minimum at their schools of origin and have completed at least one semester of college level Spanish
- The program may suit students with a good understanding of Spanish, as well as those with only one semester of Spanish language, since there are options of courses in both English and Spanish languages. In order to be able to take courses in Spanish, please note that four semesters of college level Spanish are highly recommended.
- Applicants should come from a university or study abroad provider that has a study abroad partnership with UPF
- Deadline for Spring 2012 applications: October 30, 2011

For further information and application materials, please contact the UPF Study Abroad program at studyabroad@upf.edu or check our website <http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/Academic-Programs-Legal-Studies/>

Academic structure, courses and credits

The UPF Legal Studies program will have an Academic Coordinator who will be in charge of advising students on-site.

The program requires a full semester course load (normally 4-5 courses, equivalent to 20-25 ECTS credits).

- Three of the course choices should be taken among the Legal Studies Program course options, including one mandatory Legal Studies program core course.
- The rest of the courses (1-2) may be chosen either from the Legal Studies offerings or from among other course choices within the UPF Study Abroad Program divisions. These options include the Hispanic and European Studies Program (content courses and Spanish Language courses), and the UPF undergraduate courses.
- Please, check HESP course options here: <http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/Academic-Programs-Semester-and-year-programs/Academic-offering/HESP.html>
- Please, check UPF undergraduate course options here: <http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/Academic-Programs-Semester-and-year-programs/Academic-offering/Regulars.html>

Legal Studies Program Course Options

Students should take at least 3 courses among the Legal Studies options:

- Two core courses specifically designed for the program. Taking one of these core courses is a program requirement. The aim of these core courses is twofold. First, they will introduce students to Private and Public legal institutions from a comparative perspective as well as to basic issues concerning the justice and legitimacy of law. Second, they will allow students to develop an awareness of legal matters in Spain and in international law areas, while working in a more individualized manner in the development of a research paper -monitored by the professor -which is an integral part of the

students' assessment. This research project, based on a topic relevant to the course contents, may enhance the students immersion in the host community and may involve on-site learning, observation or a reading seminar.

- Electives from the Law courses in the Hispanic and European Studies Program
- Electives from the UPF Law School regular offer.

The remaining credits are at student's choice among all UPF Study Abroad options.

Please, note that students will be able to pre-register on-line. An academic advising session on-site will be required in order to finalize registration and formally be accepted in each of the courses.

LEGAL STUDIES CORE COURSES	Course name	Professor	Language of Instruction	Contact Hours	ECTS credits
CORE COURSE 1 PRIVATE LAW	Introduction to Comparative Private Law	Prof. Carlos Gómez	English	45	5
	<p>The course will introduce students to the main legal systems of the world, their historical origins and their relevant features. The reading assignments and the classroom discussions will illustrate different methods of legal thinking, which have promoted distinctive legal institutions for solving the problems that, in fact, are equivalent. The course seeks to analyze how different legal traditions have solved the problems related to the core topics of private law. A basic introduction to contracts, property, torts and family relations will be followed by a comparison of different legal approaches to these core topics.</p> <p>In addition, the course will focus on the current trends of the harmonization process among European legal systems.</p> <p>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L1.pdf</p>				
CORE COURSE 2 PUBLIC LAW	Law, Justice and Legitimacy	Prof. José Luis Martí	English	45	5
	<p>This course offers an introduction to the basics of public law as well as to the normative discussion of law. It is structured into five parts -and 22 sessions-, the first and the third parts being the most central. The first part is devoted to the general idea of law and to the concrete essentials of public, especially constitutional law. It proposes an analysis of central questions such as: what is the law, what is its nature, what is its purpose or what are its functions, etc. The concept of constitutionalism will be a main</p>				

	<p>focus of the course as a whole, and will have a central role in this first part too. Part two is devoted to introduce the general normative discussion of the contents and limits of the law, from a moral point of view.</p> <p>The third part of the course provides a short introduction to contemporary theories of justice, examining six of the most prominent conceptions and devoting a final session to discuss concrete examples of fundamental rights' cases in which these theories are relevant to their solution. Part four proposes instead to answer the question: What are the conditions that the law must meet in order to be considered morally legitimate and to generate correspondingly a duty to obey it or some other alternative obligation? Thus, parts three and four jointly provide a landscape of contemporary political philosophy in relation to the law. Finally, part five of the course raises the question of how current processes of globalization are affecting domestic legal orders and transforming as well the traditional scenario in which both justice and legitimacy made their respective claims. It analyzes, then, the issues involved in global justice and global legitimacy.</p> <p>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L2.pdf</p>					
LEGAL STUDIES ELECTIVE	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr style="background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <td style="width: 60%;">Crime and Punishment in the US and EU: a comparative approach</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Prof. Elena Larrauri</td> <td style="width: 10%;">English</td> <td style="width: 5%;">45</td> <td style="width: 5%;">5</td> </tr> </table> <p>This course focuses on the principles, institutions and working practices of criminal justice systems in the US and the EU. Thus, the course covers various forms of punishments (from the death penalty to intermediate punishments) as well as the aims, principles and limits to those forms of punishments. It also deals with the workings of the police, the role played in the criminal justice system by recent developments in forensics and neuroscience, and particularly salient issues such as the role of victims of crime in the criminal justice system, white collar crime or corporate liability. The various topics are dealt with in a comparative perspective.</p> <p>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L3.pdf</p>	Crime and Punishment in the US and EU: a comparative approach	Prof. Elena Larrauri	English	45	5
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LAW-RELATED HESP COURSES	<p>Law and Dictatorship Prof. Alfons Aragoneses English 45 5</p> <p>Since 19th Century, Law has been used as a tool of political power. Liberal, authoritarian or democratic regimes have used Law to impose and develop their conception of reality.</p> <p>This course aims to focus on the relations between Law, Authoritarian Power and Society mostly in 20th Century. It introduces the student in Spanish and European contemporary history and Law especially during the time of dictatorships. It also analyzes the relationship between Law and Politics in the 21st Century authoritarian regimes.</p> <p>The approach is multidisciplinary: legal, historical, and political. The professor will invite students to use legal written texts but also pictures or short films, which can also help us to understand legal cultures.</p> <p><i>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L5_LawAndDictatorship.pdf</i></p>
	<p>Derechos humanos: mecanismos de protección estatales e internacionales. Prof. Alex Saiz Spanish 45 5</p> <p>El curso consta de una introducción al derecho internacional de los derechos humanos, así como de los sistemas europeos y de las Naciones Unidas de protección de los derechos humanos. A continuación, se analizará el papel que juega España dentro de esas instituciones, y el contenido y seguimiento de las recomendaciones que los diferentes órganos internacionales han hecho a España. También pretende familiarizar a los estudiantes con los mecanismos gubernamentales y no gubernamentales existentes en España y Cataluña para la promoción y protección de los derechos humanos.</p> <p>Por otro lado, el curso está orientado de tal manera que los estudiantes tengan una visión general de los principales debates y retos actuales en materia de derechos humanos en España y Europa. La participación de estudiantes de otros países en este curso permitirá debates comparativos durante las clases. Aún teniendo un componente jurídico importante, el curso también está pensado para estudiantes provenientes de otras disciplinas, que tendrán la oportunidad de adquirir nociones sobre derecho internacional de derechos humanos y el funcionamiento de organizaciones internacionales. El curso fomentará la reflexión, el debate y la participación de los alumnos a través de actividades prácticas que les permitirán desarrollar sus capacidades de argumentación, expresión oral y escrita, y les dará las herramientas necesarias para contribuir en la defensa de los derechos humanos desde sus respectivas actividades profesionales o sociales.</p> <p><i>Please, find the course syllabus on our website</i></p>

LAW-RELATED COURSES (Cont.)	HESP	Business Organizations in Europe	Prof. José Ramón Salelles	English	45	5
		<p>The purpose of the course is the study of the most frequent legal forms of business organization within the European Union (corporations), taking into account the efforts undertaken in Europe to unify the legislation of the different Member States. The course examines the relevant models of organization in a comparative perspective, looking at national and European legislation, and considering the experience in the United States. Corporate decision making process and financial structure will be examined. In addition, the course pays particular attention to the role that the the rules of corporate governance play, their different application, and the consequences of the financial crisis on these practices. Policy issues will be emphasized and economic and cultural arguments will be taught to provide the students with accurate analytical tools in order to examine the different legal solutions.</p> <p>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L6_Business_Org.pdf</p>				
		An introduction to the European Union	Prof. Mireia Artigot	English	45	5
<p>Course will provide a basic overview of the European Union. This overview will include the history of European integration from legal, institutional and economic perspectives, the basic structure and institutions of the EU today, the policy-making procedures and the EU's current and future challenges.</p> <p>The course will not assume a background in law.</p> <p>Please, find the course syllabus here: http://www.upf.edu/studyabroad/_pdf/L7_intro_eu.pdf</p>						

ELECTIVES UPF UNDERGRADUATE LAW COURSES (Spring 2011)	Course name	Language of Instruction	ECTS credits
Courses available during the 2 nd UPF Term (January 10 - April 2)	Filosofía del Derecho (<i>Philosophy of Law</i>)	Spanish	5
	Historia del Derecho (<i>History of Law</i>)	Spanish	6
	Teoría y Práctica de la Negociación (<i>Theory and Practice of Mediation</i>)	Spanish	4
	Derecho Internacional Económico (<i>Economic International Law</i>)	Spanish	4
	Instituciones Jurídicas Comparadas (<i>Comparative legal Institutions</i>)	Spanish	5
	Sistema de Justicia Criminal y de Género (<i>Gender and Criminal Justice System</i>)	English	5
Courses available during the 3 rd UPF Term (April 4 - June 30)	Fundamentos del Derecho Privado y de la Empresa (<i>Fundamentals of Private and Commercial Law</i>)	English	4
	Derechos y Libertades Fundamentales (<i>Fundamental Rights and Freedoms</i>)	English	5
	Crime Policy	English	5