

## Semester Abroad Exchange Programs - Fall 2010

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Hofstra Law School has exchange programs with three foreign law schools. The exchange programs are open to full time students who will be in their final year of law school during the Fall 2010 semester only (current 2Ls). Part time students may apply in the third or fourth year.

### **Priority Application Deadline: Friday, November 20, 2009.**

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EACLE (European American Consortium on Legal Education) Exchange

The Law School offers students the opportunity to spend the Fall 2010 semester at one of three European member schools of the European American Consortium on Legal Education (EACLE): Ghent University in Belgium, Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, and Helsinki University in Finland.

Ghent, Erasmus and Helsinki Universities are prestigious institutions that many international students attend and offer a full menu of law courses in English. This experience should provide an ideal opportunity for Hofstra law students, particularly those interested in European law, to deepen their understanding of transnational legal issues and cultures. Students may select courses according to their areas of interest, with the approval of the program's faculty advisors.

**For more information about these three law schools and the courses that are offered, please visit their websites:**

#### **Erasmus University:**

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This is the general law school website: <http://www.frg.eur.nl/english/>

This is the section of the law school website that covers the master's and postgraduate courses: [http://www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/law\\_programmes/](http://www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/law_programmes/)

#### **University of Helsinki:**

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This is the general law school website: <http://www.helsinki.fi/oik/tdk/english/>

To view the courses that are taught in English, click on the TEACHING tab at the top.

You will have to scroll and click around to see all of the courses. <https://oodi->

[www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/frame.jsp?avattavaSivu=vl\\_kehys.jsp&Kieli=6&Opas=710&vtila=1](http://www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/frame.jsp?avattavaSivu=vl_kehys.jsp&Kieli=6&Opas=710&vtila=1)

#### **Ghent University:**

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This is the general law school website: <http://www.law.ugent.be/en/index.html>

To find the courses taught in English: [http://www.law.ugent.be/socrate/socrate\\_en.html](http://www.law.ugent.be/socrate/socrate_en.html)

Then click on "English Courses and General Info"; then "Information for Erasmus students in Law and Criminology Ghent University Law School 2008-2009" – this will take you to a PDF file. Look on pages 3-7 of the brochure to view the courses offered in English.

**Grades and cost of the program:**

Students who participate in these programs will receive credit for all classes in which they receive a grade of C or better, or its equivalent. The grades from the foreign law school will not appear on the students' transcripts and not be included in the students' GPA.

Students will pay Hofstra tuition for the semester, and will be responsible for all travel, housing, insurance and related expenses.

**Application Procedure:**

Admission to the exchange programs is competitive and selection is based on approval by both Hofstra and the receiving institution. Up to six students (two for each school) may be selected to participate in the program.

**Interested student should submit:**

- Application (attached)
- A one-page personal statement indicating his/her educational objectives and qualifications for participating in the program
- Current resume/C.V.
- Copy of his/her current Hofstra Law School transcripts from the Portal
- Two letters of recommendation e-mailed directly to Jeffrey A. Dodge at [lawjad@hofstra.edu](mailto:lawjad@hofstra.edu) Please fill in your name and give your professors the Letter of Recommendation form (attached).

Before submitting the application, students should review the web sites for the universities in which they are interested (see above) and should select a preferred location. Students may take from 12 up to 17 credits while abroad. Please note that European credits are stated in the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Each U.S. law school credit is worth roughly two ECTS credits.

The Selection Committee cannot guarantee that students who are selected for the exchange will be offered a position at their preferred location, although the committee will make every effort to accommodate student preferences.

Applications, together with all supporting documentation, should be submitted to Jeffrey A. Dodge in room 244 by Friday, November 20, 2009. The Law School's International Programs Committee will review the applications, and may invite finalists for an interview with the Committee.

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

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*(Student: Please fill in your name and give a copy of this form to each of the professors from whom you are requesting a recommendation.)*

Dear Law School Faculty Member,

Please write a letter of recommendation for \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) who is applying to the Semester Abroad Exchange Program. You may send your letter of recommendation directly to Jeffrey A. Dodge by e-mail [lawjad@hofstra.com](mailto:lawjad@hofstra.com) or have a paper letter delivered to Room 244. Deadline: November 20, 2009.

If possible, please address the following questions:

Is the student a resourceful person who will be able to work independently in a foreign environment?

Do you believe this student will benefit from the opportunity of meeting people from many different backgrounds who may hold a wide variety of points of view?

Do you think this student will perform well in class work and in written assignments?

Please state the classes of yours in which the student was a member.

Additional comments about the student's academic qualifications and/or aptitude for studying abroad are greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much for taking the time from your busy schedule to help this student apply to the Exchange Program.

Jeffrey A. Dodge  
*Assistant Dean for Administration and Operations*

## APPLICATION

### Semester Abroad Exchange Program

I wish to apply for the Fall 2010 Semester Abroad Exchange Program at (check one):

- Erasmus University Rotterdam Faculty of Law
- University of Helsinki Faculty of Law
- University of Ghent Faculty of Law

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Courses (European Law Schools only)

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My personal statement, resume and transcripts are attached. I have asked the following two Law School professors to e-mail letters of recommendation to Jeffrey A. Dodge at lawjad@hofstra.edu.

Professor \_\_\_\_\_

Professor \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_