

## SEMESTER ABROAD EXCHANGE PROGRAMS – Fall 2025 or Spring 2026

The Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University has exchange programs with six law schools. The exchange programs are open to full time students in the spring of the second year or fall of the third year. Part time students may apply in the third or fourth year for spring or fall.

**Fall 2025 Deadline: Thursday, March 27, 2025**

**Spring 2026 Deadline: Tuesday, September 30, 2025**

### **Erasmus University Rotterdam: Fall or Spring Available**

General Law School Website: <http://www.eur.nl/esl>

Law School Exchange Programs:

<https://www.eur.nl/en/esl/education/exchange>

### **University of Helsinki: Fall or Spring Available**

General Law School Website: <https://www2.helsinki.fi/en/faculty-of-law>

Law School Exchange Programs:

<https://studies.helsinki.fi/instructions/exchange-and-visiting-students>

### **Ghent University: Fall or Spring Available**

General Law School Website: <https://www.ugent.be/re/en>

Law School Exchange Programs:

<http://www.ugent.be/re/en/education/programmes/exchange>

### **Parma University: Spring Only Available**

General Law School Website: <http://en.unipr.it/>

Law School Exchange Programs: <https://www.unipr.it/en/forms-mobility-exchange-entry>

*Course offerings in English are limited.*

### **EACLE (European American Consortium on Legal Education) Exchange Program**

Spend the Fall or Spring semester at one of four European member schools of the European American Consortium on Legal Education (EACLE) listed at the left. These are prestigious institutions that many international students attend and offer law courses in English. This experience will provide an opportunity for law students, particularly those interested in European law, to deepen their understanding of transnational issues. Students may select courses according to their areas of interest, with the approval of the program's advisor. For more information about these four law schools and the courses that are offered, please visit their websites.

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### **Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg: Fall or Spring Available**

General Law School Website: <https://www.fau.eu/>

Law School Exchange Programs: <https://www.fau.eu/education/international/from-abroad/semester-abroad-at-fau/>

Courses are taught in German, but students may participate in an intensive German language program to prepare:

<https://sz.fau.eu/>

*Hofstra students can participate in English language moot court competitions and special research to align the semester schedules with our own.*

### **East China University of Political Science and Law: Fall or Spring Available**

Law School Exchange Programs: <http://study.ecupl.edu.cn/>

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**Grades and cost of the program:**

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Students who participate in this program 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. Financial aid is packaged through the normal process and scholarships apply as if you were on campus for the semester.

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**Second Year Students:**

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Full time students are permitted to do an exchange program in the spring semester of their second year. If selected to do so, you will take Constitutional Law II in the spring semester of your third year. The Office of Student Affairs can advise you on graduation requirements to make sure all your obligations are met.

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**Application Procedure:**

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

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**Interested students should submit:**

- Application (attached)
- A one-page personal statement indicating your educational objectives and qualifications
- Current resume/C.V.
- Copy of current Hofstra Law School transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation sent via email to [InternationalPrograms@hofstra.edu](mailto:InternationalPrograms@hofstra.edu). Please fill in your name and give your recommenders the form to fill out.

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 and time frame. Students may take from 12 up to 17 U.S. 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 Chinese credit system is generally one for one with the U.S. system.

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 the Office of International Programs, in room 203 by the relevant deadline. The Law School's International Programs Committee will review the applications and make a determination.

**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

Recommender \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?  
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What characteristics or attributes best describe the applicant?  
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In what area does the applicant need the most improvement?  
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In terms of the qualities listed below, please give us your appraisal of the applicant:

	Exceptional (Top 5%)	Outstanding (Top 15%)	Above Average (Top 1/3)	Average (Middle 1/3)	Below Average (Bottom 1/3)	Unable to assess
Intellectual ability						
Analytical ability						
Judgment						
Maturity						
Motivational/Initiative						
Integrity						
Ability to work with others						
Oral communication						
Written communication						
Managerial potential						

**Overall rating:**

- Strongly recommend     
  Recommend     
  Recommend with reservations     
  Do not recommend

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Thank you for your time!

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## APPLICATION

### Semester Abroad Exchange Program

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I wish to apply for the Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 Semester Abroad Exchange Program at (check one school and circle one semester):

- Erasmus University Rotterdam Faculty of Law FALL 2025 or SPRING 2026
- University of Helsinki Faculty of Law FALL 2025 or SPRING 2026
- University of Ghent Faculty of Law FALL 2025 or SPRING 2026
- University of Parma Faculty of Law SPRING 2026
- East China University of Political Science and Law FALL 2025 or SPRING 2026
- Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg FALL 2025 or SPRING 2026

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Why are you selecting this school and time frame? Are you open to other options?

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My personal statement, resume and transcripts are attached. I have asked the following two people to provide letters of recommendation.

Name, Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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