International Exchanges

• Queen's Law students can study for a term at another university with which the Faculty has an exchange agreement and gain full academic credit towards their JD. Students pay tuition at the domestic rate to Queen's University for the term they spend abroad, and are also eligible for financial aid.

• Students take a full course load and earn 15 transfer credits.

• Students apply in their second year to go on exchange in the fall or winter of their third year.
Benefits of International Experience

• It provides you with the opportunity to develop cross-cultural competencies.
• It offers invaluable insights into different practices and structures of law.
• It fosters the ability to adapt and thrive in diverse environments, which is a highly transferrable skill.
• Even if your current career path is in domestic law, international knowledge is increasingly relevant in all aspects of law. Not only are many Canadian firms going global, but issues within domestic practices are also often international in scope.
Benefits of International Experience

• Enhance your profile for future job applications
• Gain lived experience and insights into some of the world’s growing markets such as Asia and India
• Connect with international alumni
• Develop international networks
• Learn about international career options and paths
• Enjoy the experience of living and travelling abroad
Monica Wong
Fudan University, Shanghai
Exchange Partners

Africa
University of Cape Town, South Africa (2*)

Asia
Fudan University, Shanghai (2*)
Jindal Global Law School, Delhi (6*)
National University of Singapore (4)
University of Hong Kong (12)

Australia and New Zealand
University of Melbourne (1)
University of New South Wales (2)
University of Otago, New Zealand (1*)
University of Sydney (4)
University of Western Australia (1*)
Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand (6)

Caribbean
University of the West Indies (Cave Hill), Barbados (4*)

Europe
EBS Law School, Germany (4)
ESADE Law School, Spain (4)
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (4)
University of Groningen, Netherlands (10)
Université Jean Moulin Lyon III, France (4*)
Uppsala University, Sweden (2)

Middle East
Tel Aviv University, Israel (2)
Koç University Faculty of Law, Turkey (2*)

*denotes that available semester places for 2018-19 are tentative
New Exchange Partners

We are currently developing the following new exchange partnerships.

Asia
Seoul National University, South Korea

Europe
Bocconi University, Italy
Lund University, Sweden
University of Glasgow, UK
LLM Programs

• Shortened LLM programs:
  o University of Groningen
  o Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3
  o Fudan University

After graduation from Queen’s, students can return as full fee-paying Masters students to complete an LLM. Courses completed on exchange count towards the degree.
Ontario Universities International Programs

• The Ontario/Baden-Wurttemberg Student Exchange Program, in German.
• The Ontario/Rhône-Alpes Student Exchange Program, in French.

Administered through the International Programs Office. Students are often provided with financial assistance.

If interested, advise Chantal Rousseau by November 30, and submit application in early January 2018.
Combining International Programs

• Students who have been to the International Law Program at the BISC can apply for an exchange. Students can use BISC credits to finish one term early (with a heavy academic load).
Things to Consider When Planning

Partner University’s Sessional Dates

Students must assess the sessional dates at the host university to determine whether there are any possible conflicts with employment applications, interviews, availability for summer positions, licensing procedures etc.. The Career Development office can help.

Some examples:

  Universities in Australia and New Zealand - classes usually start in July or August and can cause conflict with summer positions.

  Winter term end dates – results may not be available in time for a 3rd year student to convocate with his or her class and/or write the LSUC June licensing examinations.
Things to Consider When Planning

Housing

On campus housing may not always be available. Be prepared for additional costs.

For example, for the past two years, not all students going to Hong Kong University were offered places in residence halls and had to find accommodation off campus, which can be pricey.
Application Process

• Applications are due on **January 12, 2018**

• The online application form is available on our website under “international exchanges.”

• You can indicate your top three preferred destinations.

• Include the following with your application:
  • Personal Statement
  • Résume

• Offer letters will be issued prior to Reading Week in February.

• Students will need to confirm offers a couple of days after Reading Week.
Selection Process

• The number of exchanges at each partner university is limited.

• Exchanges are allocated based on factors including:
  • Academic standing (transcript, awards).
  • Academic appropriateness of exchange in light of current and undergraduate studies, future academic and career plans, previous international study, etc.
  • Good character and ability to represent Queen’s Law (personal statement, contributions to law school community).
  • Personal / family reasons for exchange, language facility, etc.
Financial Assistance

• Exchange Bursaries are administered through the Student Awards Office.

• Emphasis is assisting students who have and continue to demonstrate need over and above the maximum funding available through government student financial assistance. Students will be expected to have qualified for a minimum amount of government student assistance.

• Law students fill out the 2018-19 Exchange Student Bursary form.

• The deadline for applications is January 15, 2018.

• Students are encouraged to apply for a bursary at the same time as they apply for an exchange.
Credits & Academic Standards

• Students must take a full course load at the host university equivalent to 15 transferable upper-year course credits per term.

• Course approvals must be done with the Assistant Dean of Students to earn transfer credits.

• Students are graded according to the standards of the host university and will be displayed on the host law school transcript.

• Transfer credits earned on exchange are indicated on the student’s Queen’s transcript, but exchange grades do not appear.

• The student must obtain sufficient copies of the transcript from the host university for future applications for employment, graduate school and/or licensing processes.
Next Steps & Student Responsibilities

- Faculty of Law nominates you to the partner universities (March – April)
- You attend a mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation Session, which includes an Intercultural Training, in March
- You complete an application process with the partner university (April – June). Partner law school confirms acceptance and sends information about course registration, visas, housing, etc.. You apply for visas, residency permits, residences etc.
- You complete the mandatory Queen’s Off-Campus Safety high-risk activity record, complete the pre-departure training and enrol in the Emergency Support Program.
- You get course approval through Assistant Dean of Students and register for courses.
- You also pre-register for courses at Queen’s Law in both terms for the 2018-2019 academic year. Plans may change, and if you have not registered for courses you will be at a serious disadvantage.
Student Responsibilities

• Students on exchange need to plan in advance to keep OSAP loans active, meet the LSUC deadline for applying for the licensing process.
• Be an ambassador for Queen’s Law
• Abide by the rules and regulations of the partner university
• Complete a final report upon your return
Contacts

Heather Cole  
Assistant Dean of Students  
Assistance with academic advice, course selection and approval

Chantal Rousseau  
Manager, International Programs  
Assistance with general questions, exchange processes and logistics, emergency support and safety procedures

Julie Banting  
Director of Career Development  
Assistance with timing of job recruitment procedures, timing of licensing processes and mesh with exchange term dates
Additional Information

- Queen’s Law website under International Programs: each university partner has a profile which includes sessional dates, full time course-load equivalents, and fact sheets.
Additional Information

• To learn more about past students’ experiences on exchange, exchange reports are available on the Queen’s Law Portal: https://my.queensu.ca/web/law/exchange-reports

• If you would like to reach out to Queen’s Law students currently on exchange, or students currently visiting Queen’s Law, contact Chantal Rousseau for their email.