Fudan University, Shanghai
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 to Queen's University for the term they spend abroad

• Eligible for financial aid through the Student Awards Office

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

• Students apply in their second year to go on exchange in the fall of their third year.

• 3.0 GPA requirement at time of application
Benefits of International Experience

• Opportunity to develop cross-cultural competencies.

• Offers invaluable insights into different practices and structures of law.

• 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
• Connect with international alumni
• Develop international networks
• Learn about international career options and paths
• Self-development & awareness leading to enhanced self-confidence
• Enjoy the experience of living and travelling abroad
Exchange Partners

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

**Asia**
Fudan University, Shanghai (3)*
National University of Singapore (4)*
University of Hong Kong (12)*
Waseda University, Japan (4)*
National Law University, Delhi
Seoul National University, South Korea

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

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

**Europe**
EBS Law School, Germany (4)
ESADE Law School, Spain (4)
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland (4)*
University of Glasgow, Scotland (4)*
University of Groningen, Netherlands (10)
University of Leeds (4)*
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)*
New Exchange Partners

We are currently developing the following new exchange partnerships:

Asia
National Law University - Delhi, India
Seoul National University, South Korea

Europe
University of Warwick, 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 toward the degree.
Ontario Universities International Programs

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

Administered through the International Programs Office.

If interested, advise law.exchange@queensu.ca by November 30, and submit application in early January 2019.
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.

Example:

Universities in Australia and New Zealand - classes usually start in July or August and can cause conflict with summer positions.
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 10, 2020**

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

• You can indicate your top three preferred destinations.

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

• 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 standards of the host law school. (HKU has a higher GPA requirement)
  • 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 with the greatest need who have explored all avenues of government assistance.

- Law students fill out the 2020-21 Exchange Student Bursary Form.

- The deadline for bursary applications is January 15, 2020.

- 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.

• A learning agreement form needs to be completed for course approvals.

• 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)

• Attend a mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation Session, which includes Intercultural Training, in March.

• 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..

• Complete the mandatory Queen’s Off-Campus Safety high-risk activity record, complete the pre-departure training and enrol in the Emergency Support Program.

• Obtain course approval by submitting the Learning Agreement form to: law.exchange@queensu.ca and register for courses.
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

Tricia Acton
Director, Student Records & Enrollment
Assistance with course selection, degree requirements, emergency support and safety procedures

Christina Ulian
Law Programs & Exams Assistant
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
  - fact sheets with detailed information on the school and city
Additional Information

• To learn more about past students’ experiences on exchange, exchange reports are available in OnQ under: Law Exchanges - Outgoing 2020-2021

• If you would like to reach out to Queen’s Law students currently on exchange, or students currently visiting Queen’s Law, contact law.exchange@queensu.ca for their email.
Questions?

Email: law.exchange@queensu.ca