Queen’s International Law Programs at Herstmonceux Castle (BISC)
Why Go to the Castle?

- Lay the foundations for becoming a first-rate international lawyer
- Study international law with leading practitioners in the field
- Find out how to build a career in international law
Lay the foundations for becoming a first-rate international lawyer

- The castle program provides you with an overview of the entire field of international law
- You can pursue further studies in your chosen field upon your return to Canada
- International law is increasingly relevant for many domestic legal subjects (human rights law, IP law, health law ...) and for public policy more broadly (trade, national security, climate change ...
Study international law with leading practitioners in the field

• All castle instructors have practical experience in their subjects, and many of them are leading practitioners in their fields

• Many courses have interactive elements, such as moots, negotiation simulations and in-class exercises, which simulate the tasks that international lawyers face in practice

• You will learn not only how international law is supposed to work, but also how it *really* works
Find out how to build a career in international law

- You will meet numerous people who have built a career in international law – your instructors, guest lecturers, alumni and speakers at field trip destinations
- You will learn about different paths to practicing international law
- Some castle instructors recruit castle students for internships
More Reasons to Go to the Castle

• Build your profile for future job applications

• Build lasting friendships and networks with your colleagues, instructors and alumni

• Use weekends to travel throughout Europe
History of the Castle

Herstmonceux Castle (a moated manor house) is the oldest brick building of any note in England.

Sir Roger Fiennes, Treasurer of the Household of Henry VI, built Herstmonceux Castle on the site of a Norman manor in 1441.
The Bader’s Gift

The castle was in private hands until 1946, when it was converted into the new Royal Greenwich Observatory.

The site served as an important scientific institution until the 1980s.

The estate was donated to Queen’s University in 1993 by Dr. Alfred and Isabel Bader.
Academic Director

Nicolas Lamp
B.A.(Dresden), M.A.(Jacobs), LL.M., Ph.D.(LSE)
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University

Areas of Research:
- International Trade Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Legal Theory

Profile:
Formerly Dispute Settlement Lawyer, Appellate Body Secretariat, World Trade Organization
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Contact me anytime if you have questions!
Programs and Courses

**International Business Law (IBL)**
- Introduction to Business Law
- International Economic Law
- International Commercial Law

**Public International Law (PIL)**
- Introduction to Public International Law
- International Protection of Human Rights and Refugees
- The Law of Armed Conflict and International Crimes
Course Dates 2018

- May 4: Arrive for Orientation
- May 7: Two-week introductory course, of which the first week is taken jointly by students in IBL and PIL
- May 22: Introductory course exams
- Three weeks in the classroom (courses 2 & 3)
- Week of June 11: One-week field studies trip to Europe
- One more week in the classroom (courses 2 & 3)
- June 25-27: Exams for courses 2 & 3
- June 27: End-of-Term dinner
- Departure by June 29
Introductory Course Instructors

Professor Nicolas Lamp
Faculty of Law
Queen’s University

Intro to PIL - Alison Mitchell
Global Affairs
Canada

Additional instructors to be announced.
International Business Law Instructors

Professor Nicolas Lamp
Faculty of Law
Queen’s University

Matt Secomb
White & Case LLP
Singapore

Nick Gallus
Three Crowns LLP
Paris

Professor Josh Karton
Faculty of Law
Queen’s University

Valerie Hughes
formerly World Trade Organization
Geneva
IBL Guest Lecturers 2017

**Diana Bowman**  
White & Case LLP, International Arbitration Practice, Paris

**Roman Picherack**  
White & Case LLP, Bank Finance Group, Paris

**Jennifer Hillman**  
Georgetown University Law Centre, Washington DC

**Dan Awrey**  
Associate Professor of Law and Finance and Fellow, Linacre College UK

**Victoria Donaldson**  
Chief Legal Officer at the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat
IBL London Day

Commercial Arbitration lecture at office of Clifford Chance, London; tour of firm with Queen’s Law alumni

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, London
Typical IBL Field Studies Destinations

European Parliament (Brussels)

Canadian Mission to the European Union (Brussels)

Permanent Delegation of Canada to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (Paris)

International Trade Centre (Geneva)

Canadian Mission to the World Trade Organization (Geneva)

World Trade Organization (Geneva)

Law firms in Paris and Geneva
Public International Law Instructors

Hugh Adsett  
Bureau of Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa

Michael Schoiswohl  
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Jerusalem

Professor Phillip Drew  
Associate Professor at the Australian National University College of Law

Ardi Imseis  
PhD Candidate, Department of Politics and International Studies, Cambridge University

Norman Farrell  
Prosecutor, Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Katrina Gustafson  
Senior Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor of the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals
PIL Guest Lecturers 2017

**Dr Lutz Oette**
School of Oriental and African Studies and
REDRESS, London

**Judge Kimberly Prost**
Chef du Cabinet for the President of the International
Criminal Court, The Hague
PIL London Day
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Canadian High Commission
Typical PIL Field Studies Destinations

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (The Hague)

International Criminal Court (The Hague)

Special Tribunal for Lebanon (The Hague)

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (The Hague)

Canadian Mission to the UN (Geneva)

International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)

Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)
Certificate in International Law

Participants receive a Certificate of Completion in Public International Law or International Business Law from the Faculty of Law at Queen’s.

The top three students in each program receive their certificates ‘with honours’.
Careers and Alumni Evening

Alumni panel and reception of graduates who are working internationally and/or are in international law

Guest speakers in classes / special evening lectures
The Castle Community

Upper year undergraduate programs run at the same time as the law program. Weeknight social events are organized by BISC staff for all students on campus.

Castle administration and staff provide services to all students.
Life at the castle

Bader Hall residence is a five-minute walk from the castle.

It has 150 bedrooms plus kitchenettes, common rooms, and computer rooms.

Many students live in double rooms and share bathrooms, but private rooms are also available.
Life at the castle

Meals are served cafeteria-style in the dining hall in the castle; there are options for vegetarians and vegans.

The campus has a tennis court, gymnasium, library, pub, and gorgeous walking and running trails.
Location

The castle is located in East Sussex near the southern coast.
Around the Castle

The castle is in a rural area; the local village is a 25-minute walk.

For shopping, movies, and pubs in Eastbourne, it is a 30-minute drive.

Mini-buses make free trips into surrounding towns several times each week.

Nearby sights include Pevensey Castle, Battle Abbey, Rye, and Brighton.
Cultural Field Trips

Local area orientation trips include a visit to Brighton, Eastbourne, Birling Gap, and the villages of Alfriston, Lewes and East Dean.

London Orientation Day includes a walking tour of legal London and a boat cruise on the Thames.
Travel in the UK and Europe

The castle is 100 km from central London. Travel time is less than 2 hours by taxi or train.

The closest train station to the BISC is Polegate, which is 15 minutes away.

Gatwick airport is a short, direct train ride— for EasyJet and Ryanair weekends.
How can Castle Credits Be Used?

Early Completion

• Use the 9 upper-year JD credits from the castle to plan early completion of the JD program in the fall term of third-year

• You will not pay winter term tuition of 3rd Year – which would be more expensive in two years’ time.

• You can write the LSUC March licensing exams or the February New York Bar Exams

• Complete an international or domestic internship in the either the fall or winter term of third-year and your final term of JD studies in the other term (you will need approval through the Academic Standing and Policies Committee).

• Reduce your course-load in following terms.
Application Procedure – apply before Dec 1!

• 25 places are available in each program

• Applications from Queen's and Dalhousie Law students are given priority if the applications are submitted prior to December 1. This is an incentive to get your application in early!

• Applications will be accepted from law students from other Canadian Law Schools in January.

• In 2017, all Queen’s students who applied were offered their 1st choice program.

• Application form is available at:
  
  http://law.queensu.ca/jd-studies/international-opportunities/international-law-programs-bisc/application-procedures
Application Documentation

An **online application** which includes the following additional documents:

**Queen’s Law Students:**

Queen’s Law students are eligible for scholarship consideration on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated interest/experience in international law. If you wish to be considered for a scholarship, please include a:

- Personal statement describing how your application meets the scholarship criteria of academic excellent and demonstrated interest and/or experience in international law.

**Non-Queen’s Law students:**

- Personal Statement which explain your interest in the program, why you would be well suited, include any prior experience and how the program fits with your intended academic and/or career plans.
- Résumé
- Unofficial undergraduate transcripts
- Official law transcripts
- Letter of permission from home university
Fees

The tuition and fees for the 2018 programs: $14,415

**Included:**
- Tuition for 3 courses / 9 credits
- Room and board (supplement for single room)
- Field trips (transportation, accommodation, visits, breakfast)

**Not included:**
- Transportation to UK, personal expenses, lunches and dinners on field-studies trips
- Textbooks

Joint program and LL.M. students pay the term’s Grad Studies tuition plus an amount for room, board and field studies – the total amount is very similar to the JD student total.
Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available, including bursaries from Queen’s and government student loans and grants. Non-Queen's students are eligible to apply for Queen’s bursaries to the International Law Programs. They are also encouraged to investigate funding opportunities that may exist at their home institutions.

**Bursaries**

Financial need is assessed by the Student Awards Office. Applicants must have applied for and be in receipt of government student loans.


**OSAP Summer Extension**

Queen’s students who are currently on OSAP or another provincial plan can apply for a spring/summer extension. Information and the “2018 OSAP Summer Extension” form will be available on the Student Awards website in mid-February/early March.

Non-Queen’s students with government student loans should check with their home universities to determine the application process and deadlines.
Confirming Your Place

• For applications received by December 1, offer letters will be emailed on December 15.

• If you plan to apply for a bursary, submit both applications at the same time. If you submit by the December 1 deadline, any bursary offers will be issued by the Queen’s Student Awards Office on December 15, or shortly thereafter.

• The acceptance deadline for first round of offers is January 8, 2018.

• As of January, offers will be issued on a rolling basis. You will have 10 days to respond to an offer of admission.

• Payment of tuition and other fees are due in full by May 4.
For more information:

http://castle.queenslaw.ca

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