

COURSE: FOREIGN PRACTICE EXTERNSHIP

DESCRIPTION: Students will work approximately 120 hours (three 5-day weeks) at a law firm in London, England. They will be exposed to a multi-national law firm practice environment and to the legal institutions of a foreign country. Typically, they will assist lawyers in research and drafting, and they will observe lawyering skills such as interviewing, counseling, and negotiation. Students will consider issues of professional responsibility in a foreign legal environment and will be encouraged to compare British and American law practices. They will also be exposed to the career opportunities available to lawyers in an international setting. In addition to their work at the law firm, students will meet periodically with a faculty member to reflect upon their fieldwork experiences.

CREDIT: 2 hours

FORM OF GRADE: Pass/Fail

BASIS OF GRADE: Students must submit a contemporaneously maintained daily journal of their experience, along with either an example of a written product prepared during the externship or a short paper reflecting on a professional aspect of the experience. The fieldwork supervisor will also complete an evaluation of the student's performance. The final grade will be determined by the professor, based upon evaluation submitted by the fieldwork supervisor and upon a determination by the faculty member that all other requirements of the externship have been satisfactorily completed.

ENROLLMENT LIMIT: 10 (2 in first year)

NOTES: This externship will normally be offered for Spring enrollment, with some class work completed during the spring semester prior to arrival in London. Fieldwork in London will be performed during May. Students will be selected by application and interviews conducted during the prior fall. The supervising faculty member will be a faculty member in the London Maymester program. Lodging in London will be available using the same facilities available to Maymester students.