International Law

BE READY
TO TRAVEL 8,672 MILES
FROM CAMPUS

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
School of Law
We have placed 105 students in global internships and externships during the past five years, on five continents and in 41 countries. Very few schools can match our numbers. Our International Law Research Lab and three international law clinics complement our work in the field.

World Class
Our international law program holds a proud place — Ranked number 10 in U.S. News and World Report and in the A+ tier by PreLaw magazine. Our globally renowned faculty, trend-setting curriculum, and plentiful opportunities for hands-on experience keep us solidly at the forefront of international legal education.

Save Your Euros
Our $5 million Frederick K. Cox International Law Center endowment enables us to provide grants to more than 20 students every year for their international travel and living expenses. You’re eligible for Cox grants for your first summer and your second summer, and during your third-year capstone. We want every graduate of our international law program to have hands-on experience in the field and do our utmost to make it possible.

Concurrent JD/LLM Degree
Concurrent degree programs with prestigious partner universities in London, Paris, and Madrid can elevate your third year of law school into a joint JD/LLM program—for the same tuition, and time investment, as your CWRU JD degree. An LLM is an invaluable asset in this area of law.

Take a Deep Dive
Our 35 international law professors teach an extensive array of international law courses, from International Trade to International Environmental Law, from International Business Law to Human Rights Law, and from International Arbitration to International Criminal Law. We offer International Law as a 1L elective. We have two international law journals and two international law clinics. And students who focus on international law may graduate with an international law concentration, a distinction that can open doors in this exciting field.
Douglas Pilawa ’19

While in law school, Douglas was the captain of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court team, twice earning the best oralist awards at the international competition in Vienna, Austria. He also served as the Executive Articles Editor for the Journal of International Law. During his first summer, Douglas was a judicial extern at the U.S. Court of International Trade, and during his second summer, he was a summer associate at Squire Patton Boggs. During his third year, Douglas attended Université Paris-Dauphine as part of CWRU’s concurrent degree program and received a Master 2 with honors in European and International Business Law. After graduating, Douglas joined Squire Patton Boggs, where he acts as counsel in both international commercial arbitrations and international investment treaty arbitrations around the world. He is fluent in French and often works in that language.

“After working at several international companies in the U.S. and France before law school, I chose to attend CWRU because of its renowned international law program and its unique concurrent degree option. You spend your third year of law school abroad and graduate with both a JD and master’s-level law degree from a foreign university in just three years. Very few law schools in the country offer such a program.”
Global reach
3L Capstone
Extern for a full semester, with full credit, for a human rights organization in Africa, Asia, or the Middle East—prize work of critical importance if a semester with legal teams at the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, the World Trade Organization, or INTERPOL may better align with your interests and career plans, we’ll help you get that placement.

Far-reaching impact
We placed 105 students in global internships and externships during the last five years. Here are some of our recent placements:

Winning tradition
The CWRU Immigration Law Moot Court team has won four of the last seven years. It won the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court in 2020 and 2021, and tied for first place in a national round in 2019. The team’s current 3L Capstone externs are working for the United Nations, the International Criminal Court, the World Trade Organization, and INTERPOL. We’ll help you get that placement.

Hands-On Experience
Our immigration law clinic provides you with the opportunity to:
- Interview and screening for immigration attorneys
- Research human rights abuses in a foreign country
- Write pre-hearing briefs on behalf of your client, seeking asylum status
- Defend asylum seekers

Our alumni network at your fingertips
Our alumni work in 50 countries and include the former head of the United Nations, the former head of the United Nations Security Council, the Chief Advocate General Corps, the Office of the Legal Adviser, and the Chief of Staff of the Office of Transparency & Accountability. They include former Canadian Ambassador International Red Cross, the Advocate General Corps, the World Trade Organization, the International Criminal Court, and the United Nations. We’ll help you get that placement.

Global reach
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Our war crimes research initiative was nominated in 2006 for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone.
We rank 10th in the nation for practical training. (preLaw magazine)

CWRU Moot Court and Mock Trial teams ranked 8th best in the nation in competition success.

Ten law clinics and 100+ externships provide every 3L student with a capstone.

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90% of graduates employed or pursuing graduate degree within 10 months (Class of 2022)

30th for faculty scholarly impact (Heald and Sichelman Study)

The Great Lakes are Cleveland’s front yard, and that energy flows through a diverse and welcoming metro area with friendly, affordable neighborhoods, downtown glam, live music, and three professional sports teams: the Cavs, Browns, and Guardians. Superb public transit, including a rail link to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, makes the area easy to explore.

Intrigued? Learn more about us at case.edu/law. Or contact lawadmissions@case.edu.