Cornell Law School offers an opportunity to Cornell J.D. students to earn both a J.D. degree and an LL.M. degree in three years, including one session at the Cornell Law School-Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Summer Institute of International and Comparative Law in Paris.

The program leads to the joint degree of “J.D. -LL.M.”. This document is designed to give you a statement of the requirements and mechanics of the program.

Application process:

Cornell J.D. students may apply to be admitted to the joint degree program upon initial application to the Law School or after matriculation, provided application is made before completion of their first year.

Degree Requirements:

The J.D./LL.M program requires 20 upperclass credits in international and comparative law (in this document, the “20 required credits”), in addition to the credits required for the J.D. degree. This means that students must complete 104 total credits, rather than the 84 required for the J.D.

The 20 required credits must include:

- Three specifically-designated courses—Public International Law; Comparative Law and Conflict of Laws
- Participation in the Paris Summer Institute (students must receive at least four credits)

The 20 required credits may include:

- A thesis option, which requires satisfactory completion of a five credit thesis
- Up to four of the twelve language class credits available to all J.D. students
- Courses that are taken—in accordance with the law school’s rules and regulations and if related to international, comparative, or foreign law—in other divisions of Cornell University, including its area studies programs (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Institute for African Development, Latin American Studies and the Institute for European Studies)
- Approved courses that are taken by participants in the law school’s Semester Abroad Program, in which J.D./LL.M. students may earn up to sixteen credits for study at an approved foreign law school or faculty

Additional Program Requirements:

- Students must maintain an overall grade-point average of at least 2.8 to be awarded the LL.M. degree at graduation.
- In no event may a J.D./LL.M. student receive a total of more than 12 credits toward the required 20 credits from summer/winter intersession courses, including credits earned from the Paris Summer Program.
- Students in the program must comply with the credit hour and degree requirements for the Cornell J.D. degree in addition to completing an additional 20 credit hours for the LL.M. degree as proscribed above.
- JD/LLM students will be allowed to take a maximum of 20 credits per semester during the second and third years. No exceptions can be made to the 20 credit maximum.
Courses:

Students interested in the **JD-LLM degree** will have the following courses to choose from during the 2013-14 academic year. Students are urged to speak with Laura Spitz, Associate Dean of International Affairs to discuss course selection before doing their pre-registration.

The courses in Group 1 are **required** for all students in the program and must be taken before graduation. The courses in Group 2 are **elective** courses that meet the requirements for JD-LLM degree.

**Group 1 (required)**

**Fall**
- 6161 Comparative Law: The Civil Law Tradition-Lasser(3)
- 6191 Conflict of Laws-Riles(3)
- 6791 Public International Law-Ohlin(3)

**Spring**

**Group 2 (elective)**

**UPPERCLASS COURSES**
- 6424 Family Law in the Global Era-Hacker(1)
- 6531 International Commercial Arbitration-Barcelo(3)
- 6534 International Law/International Relations Colloq.(1/2)- Lienau, Kreps(.5)
- 6561 Int'l Org & Int'l Human Rights-Ndulo(3)
- 6570 Introduction to Chinese Law-Yu(3)
- 6981 International Trade Law [also NBA 6980]- Thomas(3)
- 6514 International and Foreign Legal Research-Mills(2)
- 6534 International Law/International Relations Colloq.(1/2)- Lienau, Kreps(.5)
- 6563 International Mergers & Acquisitions[also NBA 5870]- Hanks(1.5 or 2)
- 6681 International Law and Foreign Direct Investment-Ndulo(3)

**COLLOQUIUMS, SEMINARS AND PROBLEM COURSES**
- 7170 East Asian Law Seminar-Riles(3)
- 7171 East Asian Law Colloquium-Riles(1)
- 7311 Immigration and Refugee Law-Yale-Loehr(3)
- 7291 Global and Regional Economic Integration-Barcelo(3)
- 7596 Cross-Border Mergers & Acquisitions-Pradal(3)
- 7146 Comparative Legal Philosophy-Yu(3)
- 7321 International Criminal Law-Ndulo(3)
- 7322 International Taxation-Green(3)
- 7358 International Water Law-Porter(3)
- 7371 Islamic Law and History-Powers(3)
- 7392 Jurisprudence of War-Ohlin(3)
- 7394 Labor Migration and Trafficking-Thomas(3)
- 7578 Markets, Democracy, and the Rule of Law-Lienau(3)
- 7785 War Crimes Trials-Rosensaft(3)

**CLINICAL COURSES AND EXTERNSHIPS**
- 7803 Advanced International Human Rights Clinic-Brundige(4)
- 7855 International Human Rights Clinic-Brundige(4)

Students may enroll in similar courses in other divisions of the University (with approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs). In addition, supervised writing projects in International or Comparative Law may also count towards the specialization (again, with the approval of the Associate Dean for International Affairs).

①skills course
②satisfies the professional responsibility requirement, Class of 2015 and later
③satisfies the writing requirement
④accelerated offering
⑤satisfies the professional responsibility requirement, Class of 2014 only
Note: Third-year students in the program receive priority in admission to international offerings of problem courses and seminars. We expect to be able to continue the policy that membership in the program entitles a student to take any course in the program group, regardless of other problem courses taken.