

**Université Jean  
Moulin  
(Lyon III)  
Lyon, France**



**English-language European and  
International Law Diploma Program**

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**Study Abroad Program Information Package  
Fall 2009 & Spring 2010 Semesters**

**Important Dates:**

- **February 13, 2009**  
BU Law application deadline
- **September – December, 2009**  
Approximate Fall 2009 semester dates
- **Mid-March, 2009**  
Selections made
- **January - May, 2010**  
Approximate Spring 2010 semester dates

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We are pleased you are interested in the Diploma in European and International Law Program at Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3, in Lyon, France. This program is specifically designed for students who are not proficient in French, but who want concentrated exposure to European and international law in France, at one of the European continent's preeminent law schools for international and comparative studies. Students who have obtained the Diploma in International and European Law through our exchange relation will have the option of returning to Lyon within two years of the semester program to take a further semester of studies for the purpose of obtaining the LL.M. in International and European Law from Jean Moulin Lyon 3, subject to certain conditions set down by Lyon 3. As further explained below, students who pursue the Lyon 3 Diploma program need to complete 15 credits of Lyon course work. Students have the option of pursuing a 12 credit program, instead of a 15 credit program (but will not obtain the Lyon Diploma).

This package gives a general description of the Diploma program – and non-Diploma option -- as well as details about some of its more important

## I. SOME PRELIMINARY – AND IMPORTANT – POINTS

At the outset, we would like to stress several aspects of the program that may be relevant to your decision to apply:

- A. **Timing:** This is a one-semester program that will be offered during the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semester.
- B. **Credits:** The program grants participating BU Law students twelve semester credits toward their J.D. degree. Students who want to obtain the Lyon 3 Diploma, a pre-requisite to the LL.M. degree from Lyon, need to complete 15 credits of Lyon coursework. BU Law students also have the option of pursuing a non-Diploma program of 12 Lyon credits. In either case, BU Law will grant up to 12 credits for the semester of studies at Lyon – whether the student pursues the Diploma or non-Diploma option – which is the standard credit awarded for all BU Law foreign programs, as approved by BU Law's faculty.
- C. **Academic Focus:** The program focuses on international and comparative law. Therefore, the list of courses from which students choose is limited to international and comparative law subjects.
- D. **Eligible Students:** The program is open to second- and third-year students only (current 1Ls and 2Ls) who have completed at least one year of studies at BU Law. No foreign language requirements apply.
- E. **Number of Participants:** Up to four BU Law students can participate during the 2009-2010 academic year. We may select fewer than four, but under no circumstances can we select more than four.

## II. WHY STUDY LAW AT LYON?

### A. The Faculty of Law ("Faculté de Droit")

Lyon III boasts one of the best law faculties in Europe. Its Faculté de Droit is ranked sixth among international (non-American) law schools according to one ranking system, the Gourman Report. In particular, Lyon III is recognized as having one of the best internationally-oriented law programs with one of the most extensive course offerings in international and comparative law. It also has one of the most highly acclaimed international studies programs in Europe. Many

consider its Institut de Droit Comparé Édouard Lambert the birthplace of comparative legal studies. The exchange program is specifically designed to expose students to this tradition of excellence in international and comparative law. Further, the University, through its International Relations Office, and the Faculté de Droit both have considerable experience organizing international study programs and assisting foreign students. If you have a serious interest in international law, few universities match what you can find in Lyon III; spending a semester at the Faculté de Droit will enmesh you in an academic and cultural perspective difficult to obtain in the United States – the perspective of Europeans who have a direct stake in one of the most significant international developments of our time, the formation of the European Union

- The Diploma Program's website is: [http://facdedroit.univ-lyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche\\_01\\_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL\\_FR](http://facdedroit.univ-lyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche_01_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL_FR)
- The Faculty of Law's website is <http://www.facultededroit-lyon3.com/>.
- Institut de Droit Comparé Edouard Lambert website: <http://gdc.cnrs.fr/idcel/>.

## **B. Université Jean Moulin, Lyon III**

Lyon III is one of the major universities in France and one of three university branches in Lyon (the others being Université Claude Bernard - Lyon I and Université Lumière - Lyon II). Lyon III was created in 1973 from the decentralization of the ancient Université de Lyon. Today, over 21,000 students are enrolled in its several degree programs, including approximately 8,400 in its school of law. Lyon III's buildings include several that are located on the Rhône River in the heart of Lyon, where most of the architecture dates back to the 19th century. Another more modern part of the University is situated close to Lyon's great park, "Parc de la Tête d'Or." (The notion of a campus, as found in the U.S., does not exist in the French university cities. Lyon III's buildings are mostly situated on the two main sites mentioned above, however, and all necessary facilities are in both places.)

## **C. The City of Lyon**

Lyon, with a population of over a million, is France's second largest city; it is a commercial and international crossroads, close to the borders of Italy, Switzerland and Germany. Lyon has a distinctive historical tradition, dating back to the invasion of Gauls by Julius Caesar, when a Roman settlement was founded on the hill at Fourvière. It became the capital of the Gauls, called "Lugdunum." In the middle ages, Lyon became an important trading center as its trade fairs attracted traders and bankers from all over Europe. The Italians eventually brought the ideas of the Renaissance with them to Lyon and built the district known today as "Vieux Lyon" (Old Lyon) – an outstanding example of urban development and fine architecture characteristic of the 15th and 16th centuries. The modern part of the city, built in the 18th and 19th centuries, is situated between the two rivers, the Rhône and the Saône. It has many boutiques and pedestrian shopping areas.

As a major French city, Lyon's attractions are vast; besides its universities, it boasts an opera house and numerous theaters, museums, cinemas, shops, restaurants and cafes. Further, the mingling of northern and southern influences in Lyon has inspired a local cuisine that has made the city France's culinary capital. It is home to many of France's greatest gustatory offerings. Today, excellent rail (the TGV, the "train à grande vitesse") and air transportation also make Lyon a convenient departure point for travel to ski resorts, the southern coast of France (the French Riviera), Paris (2 hours by TGV), and other European cities.

### III. THE LYON DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Lyon 3 Diploma was launched in 2008 in response to a demand for international and European law studies at Lyon, catered towards the needs of law students who are not fluent in French. The Program is essentially one-half of the English-language LL.M. program in European and International law that Lyon 3 now offers. A description of Lyon III's Diploma program for foreign law students can be found online at [http://facedroit.univ-lyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche\\_01\\_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL\\_FR](http://facedroit.univ-lyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche_01_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL_FR).

This description gives a thorough outline of the academic offerings available to participating BU Law students. We do not anticipate the content of the 2009-2010 program to differ significantly from what is described in this document; but we will make available any new or revised information as we receive it.

#### A. What the Program is – and isn't

This program has been designed as a serious study of international and comparative law in a vibrant international setting – one deeply involved in the formation of Europe's new economic scheme. **This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad.** If you want a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, eat truffles and mix with the French, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with French culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

#### B. Number of Students

Since this is part of our overall exchange relation with Lyon 3, the number of BU Law students who can participate in the program in any given year is limited in part by the number of Lyon 3 students who wish to study here. As noted above, for 2009-2010, the absolute upper limit of BU Law students is four.

#### C. Program Dates and Schedule

We do not yet have the 2009-2010 schedule. The schedule for the fall 2008 and spring 2009 program was as follows. We do not anticipate it changing much for next year. However all these dates are subject to change, pending Lyon's confirmation later this spring:

The tentative schedule, is as follows (all these dates are subject to change, pending Lyon's confirmation later this spring):

**September 8, 2009:** Start of Fall Semester  
**September 8-12, 2009:** Orientation Week  
**September 15 – November 21, 2009:** Core courses & electives  
**Week commencing November 24, 2009:** Revision Week  
**December 1-12, 2009:** Exam period

**January 5, 2010:** Start of Spring Semester  
**January 5-9, 2010:** Orientation week  
**January 12 – March 20, 2010:** Core courses & electives  
**March 23 – April 3, 2010:** Exam period

**NOTE:** May 8, 2010, the anticipated end of the Lyon 3 semester, falls before the scheduled date for BU Law commencement next year. Thus, third-year BU Law students will be able to attend graduation exercises – but they will likely not receive their diplomas until we receive their Lyon grades, which might not be until July. This also means their grades may not be processed in time to meet the deadline requirements of certain states administering a bar examination in the summer following graduation. Lyon will do its best to work within our time constraints for third-year students, but cannot make any guarantees (students should make them aware of any constraints immediately upon arrival in Lyon). Likewise, if a participant is a 3L or has summer work plans that require him/her to return to the U.S. soon after the end of classes, s/he should let both the administration and professors know as soon as possible so they are aware of the time constraint. They will do their best to accommodate all students, but we cannot make guarantees.

#### **D. Academic Program and Course Offerings**

BU Law students must take a minimum of 12 credits. If they successfully take 15 US credits and complete Lyon's requirements for the Diploma program, they will receive the Lyon 3 Diploma – but will still receive only 12 credits from BU Law. That's because 12 credits is the maximum amount of credits that BU Law's faculty has approved for the school's exchange programs.

The Diploma Program's study plan, list of courses and syllabi are at [http://faceddroit.univlyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche\\_01\\_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL\\_FR](http://faceddroit.univlyon3.fr/29326521/0/fiche_01_pagelibre/&RH=DRO-ACCUEIL_FR).

All BU Students who participate in the Diploma program will follow a program of study, generally as follows:

1. **An initial mandatory orientation program on “French Language and Culture” and “Introduction to French Law and French Legal Language.”** The two courses of orientation week run for 12 hours each. The introduction to French Law and French Legal Language is a broad presentation of the French judiciary and of the main aspects of legal terminology. For the second class, it's a classical French language class with a focus on French culture and many aspects about the city of Lyon.
2. Certain designated compulsory classes, as determined by Lyon 3 for purposes of the Diploma program:

The fall 2008 required Diploma courses were:

- Post Conflict Justice (equivalent to 3 ECTS or 1.5 US Credits)
- Globalization and Development (equivalent to 3 ECTS or 1.5 US Credits)
- International Public Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- Comparative Legal Traditions (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- International Business Agreements (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- French Language, Culture and History – no credits

The Spring 2009 required Diploma courses were:

- International Intellectual Property Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- Contract Law and Principles: US and UNIDROIT (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- European Law and Policy (3 ECTS or 1.5 US Credits)
- Free movement of goods and the internal market in the EC (equivalent to 3 ECTS or 1.5 US Credits)
- French Language, Culture and History – no credits

### 3. Optional (elective) courses

The fall 2008 electives were:

- Regulation: Theories and Trends (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- Judicial Review: Comparative and Theoretical Aspects (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- Comparative Constitutional Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)

The spring 2009 electives were:

- European Tax Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- International, European and Comparative Corporate Law, incorporating Mergers and Acquisitions and French Corporate Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- Gender and Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- E-Commerce in the EU (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- European Consumer Law and Product Liability (equivalent to 3 ECTS or 1.5 US Credits)
- EU Competition Law (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)
- International Diplomatic Relations – Behind the Scenes (equivalent to 6 ECTS or 3 US Credits)

**NOTE:** Students who simply pursue 12 credits – and not the 15 credit Diploma Program – can choose any combination of courses from the Compulsory and Optional lists. All students must attend the orientation program.

## IV. HOW TO APPLY

If you decide to apply, you must do the following things:

1. Complete an application available online at [www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad](http://www.bu.edu/law/jd/studyabroad), and submit all additional materials.
2. Complete an interview with Assistant Dean John Riccardi and Associate Dean Chris Marx, scheduled through the Office of Foreign Programs

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, a favorable faculty recommendation, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel.

The application deadline is February 13, 2009.

\* For first-year students applying to participate in their second year, we will be unable to make a final decision until mid-summer, after we have received your second semester grades.

## V. STUDENT EVALUATION AND GRADES

All Lyon 3, courses will be evaluated by written examination. Exams will be graded in the first instance by Lyon 3 faculty in accordance with the Lyon 3 grading system. Because the different grading standards between BU Law and Lyon 3 makes a direct translation to BU Law's letter grading system extremely difficult, participating BU Law students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. This designation will include an asterisk or footnote

indicating that the actual grade is available upon request, and that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the host institution's different grading system. **ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW.** We expect, however, that all credits earned at Lyon 3 will count towards Boston University School of Law credits.

**One final point about grading. Any grades received for this program will not count toward your Boston University School of Law grade point average or towards honors or other awards at BU Law (including the scholarly awards, graduation prized or cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude degree rankings).**

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## **VII. CLASSROOMS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND LIBRARY FACILITIES**

The Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 is comprised of the Faculté de Droit (the Law School) and the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (the Business School). The classrooms for courses that BU Law students will take and the administrative offices for the international programs are located in the Lyon 3 facilities in the center of Lyon, adjacent to the Rhône River.

The Law and Business Schools share the following facilities, with a total surface area of 36,000 square meters:

Amphitheater, which holds 400 students

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Four large lecture halls which hold, on average, 180 students

Twenty-three classrooms, which hold up to 100 students each

Five computer rooms with 12 available units

Two large study rooms in the libraries

A dissertation/presentation room

Law Library

Business Library

Large entrance hall (Student meeting area)

Cafeteria

Information Office

Post Office

First Aid Station

Elevator

Bathroom Facilities

Various administrative offices

In 1993, Lyon 3 renovated a 19<sup>th</sup> century building, which has given the school 10,000 square meters of additional space. The building, La Manufacture des Tabacs, contains 60 small classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 36; 20 larger classrooms, each with a seating capacity of 100; and nine lecture theatres, with seating capacities from 200 to 400. The classrooms have modern audio-visual equipment, lighting, seating and facilities for the handicapped.

The library resources of Lyon 3 are connected by the Service Commun de la Documentation (SDC), which links six university libraries and approximately 30 research libraries. These libraries have been interconnected since 1994. The SDC's resources feature:

Volumes 200,000

Periodicals 2,800

CD-ROMS 60

Maps 400

Web Sites 1,700

The SIBER 3 (Information System of the Study and Research Libraries of Lyon 3) provides integrated access to a wide range of three principal databases: a multimedia bibliographical database, CD-ROMs, and Internet resources. The library website also provides access to the multimedia bibliographical database, selected Internet resources and various high level and quality services.

The Lyon 3 SDC library system consists of:

1. The **Bibliothèque Droit et Gestion** (Law and Business Library), located at the top of the building on the main street. Lexis resources are available here.
2. The **Bibliothèque Centrale Droit et Lettres** (Law and Human Sciences library), located in a large building just across the street from the main building.

These two libraries offer direct access to recent books and periodicals and restricted access to old and rare books (a library card must be completed). Many books can be borrowed for a period of two weeks; other books cannot be removed from the reading rooms. Extensive photocopying facilities are available, which are self-operated with copy cards.

Boston University students also have access to several specialized libraries located on the main site:

1. **Institut de Droit Comparé** (Comparative Law Institute), created in 1922.
2. **Centre de Documentation et de Recherche Européene**, or CDRE (European Law Institute), created in 1968.
3. **Institut de Droit de l'Environnement** (Environmental Law Institute), created in 1979.
4. **Institut d'Études Administratives**, or IEA (Institute of Administrative Law), created in 1974.
5. **Institut des Assurances de Lyon**, or IAL (Insurance Law Institute), created in 1973.

Additionally, the **Bibliothèque Municipale de Lyon** (Lyon city Public Library), the largest municipal library in France, offers extensive library facilities to all law students. Lyon 3's newly acquired building, La Manufacture des Tabacs, also has a large library, which is frequented mostly by students in the first and second years of the first cycle of study in law and business.

## VIII. TUITION, FEES, AND ANTICIPATED LIVING COSTS

Participating students will pay Boston University the normal tuition for a semester at BU Law. However, students are required to arrange their own housing in Lyon. Lyon 3 will assist with housing arrangements, especially if those arrangements are made by early June 2007. **All students are required to register for their housing online as soon as they are accepted, even if they do not plan to use Lyon 3's services in arranging housing.** There is a wide range of available housing. Not all housing is of equal quality. For an attractive and clean single studio apartment equipped with kitchen and cooking facilities, you should expect to pay about \$750-\$1000 per month.

Food costs are generally on par with the United States. A meal at the University cafeteria runs about \$5-\$6). A meal at one of the local Lyon, student-type restaurants runs about \$9.00. If you rent an apartment with a kitchen, however, you will be able to save on meals by cooking on your own. Visiting foreign students are required to pay Social Security medical insurance to the French Ministry. This is approximately \$205.00, payable when you arrive in Lyon.

In sum, students participating in the program can be expected to spend approximately the following amounts:

Accommodation €350-700/month

Books €10-30/month

Food & Beverage €300/month (depends on the student)

Public Transport €30/month

Entertainment €100/month (this depends very much on each student)

Total Estimated: €1000-1500/month

## IX. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES ON LOCATION

Université Jean Moulin, Lyon 3 has a number of support services for foreign students. Two student organizations, CORPO and AE2L, organize a number of social events each semester – dinners, concerts, ski trips, tour visits, etc. (AE2L caters more to foreign students, while CORPO is more for French students.) Students pay for the trips. You need not be a member of the organization to participate, but the charge is less if you are.

Université Jean Moulin has also established a tutorial system for foreign students taking part in exchange programs. Each foreign student is assigned a faculty member who meets with the student in a weekly tutorial. The tutor provides advice and support for exchange students throughout their stay, on both academic and practical matters.

## X. PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Unfortunately, Lyon 3 is not fully equipped to serve students with disabilities. There are elevators, and the first floor has handicap-accessible bathrooms. However, the other floors are not so well-equipped, and the buildings do not have wheelchair ramps. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please talk with Associate Dean Christine Marx or Assistant Dean John Riccardi, and one of us will contact Lyon 3 to obtain information on the availability of needed services.

## XI. PROGRAM CANCELLATION INFORMATION

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, the ABA requires that we inform you about our contemplated course of action in case of cancellation or change and in case a State Department Advisory is issued for the program area.

### A. General Policy

In the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone and by mail, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the BU Law website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Lyon, Associate Dean Christine Marx and/or Assistant Dean John Riccardi will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person, and notices will be placed on the BU Law website.

### B. State Department Advisories

BU Law will supply participating students with State Department Consular Information Sheets for France, which will include any information on "Areas of Instability." We do not anticipate that any State Department Advisory will issue for the Lyon area; nor is there any particular reason to believe that such an eventuality will materialize. However, in case an Advisory does issue, we will take the following steps:

**In General** – If an Advisory is issued before students are selected for the program, notice will be posted on the BU Law website and all applicants interviewed for the program will be personally informed. If such an advisory is issued after students are selected or during the program term, all participating students will be notified immediately.

**Area of Instability** – If the State Department declares the site to be an Area of Instability, students will be allowed to withdraw from the program. If such an event takes place while the program term is underway, the student will be permitted to choose either a refund of fees billed by Boston University, in accordance with the University's refund schedule (this would exclude room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the site was declared an "Area of Instability"), or completion of the semester's study at Boston University School of Law if such is feasible. **WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THE OPTION OF COMPLETING THE SEMESTER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (AND THUS NOT LOSING A SEMESTER'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE J.D. DEGREE).** This option is dependent on resources and the availability of course and independent study opportunities at BU Law. In the event that arrangements at the School of Law are not feasible, or the student elects a refund, the student will be refunded fees as above, in accordance with the University's refund schedule.

**Travel Warning** – If the State Department issues a Travel Warning for France, the program will be canceled if the term has not yet begun, or terminated immediately if the term is already underway. If the program is canceled prior to commencement of the term, all students will be refunded in full all fees paid to Boston University (excluding any advance room, board, and travel costs associated with getting to the host country that have been paid). In addition, all students will be integrated into the regular semester at Boston University School of Law. If the program is terminated while underway, a participating student may choose either a refund of fees (except for room, board, and any travel costs associated with getting to the host country prior to the date the Travel Warning was issued), or completion of the semester's study at BU Law if such is feasible. See discussion of declaration of Area of Instability, above.

## **XII. VISA INFORMATION**

In order to pursue your studies France, you will need to obtain a student visa. Please visit the French Embassy's website for complete information: <http://www.consulfrance-washington.org>. It is the student's responsibility to arrange for visas. Please be sure to begin this process early, to avoid any unnecessary delays.

## **XIII. PROGRAM REPORTS**

Please note that all BU Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be required to submit to the Office of Graduate and International Programs:

1. A one-page mid-semester written report, assessing their experiences in light of their academic goals
2. A two-page report at the end of their program, evaluating their experiences

Students will not receive academic credit until they submit these reports.