

Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

Paris, France

LL.M. in European Law at Paris II

Study Abroad Program Information Package
Full Year Program for BU Law Third-Year
Students

Important Dates:

- **February 13, 2009**
BU Law application deadline
- **Mid-March, 2009**
Selection made

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BU Law J.D. students have a unique opportunity to spend their entire third-year enrolled as LL.M. students at The European College of Paris -- a new school within Paris II, established to confer an English-language LL.M. in European Law degree. At the completion of the year in Paris, students will receive the BU J.D. degree and the Paris II LL.M. degree.

The program commenced in the 2008-2009 academic year, with the President of the European Court of Justice presiding over opening ceremonies. The LL.M. instructors consist of Paris II professors, as well as some professors from other European law faculties, experienced practitioners, and one or two U.S. law professors (such as Eleanor Fox and Joseph Weiler from NYU – highly regarded international law scholars). Professors coming from other European countries are carefully selected and are prominent specialists in their fields. The LL.M. is highly selective and is limited to 20 students – and no more than two BU students may participate in any given year. Paris II is only offering this “exchange” opportunity to U.S. law students who are 3L students at Paris II’s current exchange partners.

I. Program Details

A program description is at http://college-europeen-paris.u-paris2.fr/LLM/index_gb.html.

Program of Study:

The LL.M. consists of 12 seminars of 24 hours each (288 hours of teaching in total), focusing on EU law. The program is only available on a full-time, two semester basis (meaning, BU Law J.D. students must attend for the entire year, not as part of a regular semester abroad). With the approval of the Paris II Director, French speaking students may be permitted to replace an LL.M. seminar by another available seminar taught in French at the European College of Paris. The Program of study consists of the following classes:

1. The Institutional and Decision-making Structure of the European Union
2. History of the European Idea
3. Free Movement of Goods, Capital and Services
4. Competition
5. Company Law and Financial Markets
6. Private International Law and Commercial Dispute Resolution
7. Labor Law
8. Intellectual Property
9. Environmental Law
10. External Relations
11. Consumer Law
12. Human Rights

Credit and Course Selection:

BU Law students will receive 26 credits for the program. In addition to the 12 courses that comprise the LL.M. in European Law program (for 24 credits), all students will be required to pursue a two-credit independent study/tutorial with a BU Law faculty member, to commence in June - September prior to the student’s departure. The independent paper/tutorial must be completed by the end of the

academic year. It may, but need not be on a topic related to international or EU law. Participating students need to take a minimum of 28 credits during their second year.

Student Eligibility:

To be eligible for the program, BU Law students will need to complete four semesters of residency, as well as complete all the school's upper class requirements (writing requirement and professional responsibility) prior to departure. They will be no prerequisites for the program (i.e., European Union law).

Student Selection:

Associate Dean Marx and Assistant Dean Riccardi (the BU Law Director) would hold an information session each fall and spring for interested students. Students would apply during their second year. The application process would be similar to those for BU Law's other exchange programs: students would submit written applications, along with a faculty recommendation. Associate Dean Marx and the BU Law Director would interview finalists. Up to two nominated second-year students would then complete a Paris II application, due by March 31st. While Paris II retains discretion to accept or deny any BU Law applicant, the school will pay considerable deference to our nominees.

Student Advising:

All students would be required to meet with CDO to receive counseling about how spending an entire third year abroad would impact their job searches and otherwise fit in with their career plans. Associate Dean Marx and Assistant Dean Riccardi will counsel all interested students about taking foundational "American law" courses during their second years.

Exams, Student Evaluation and Monitoring:

Exams are administered at the end of each Paris II seminar under the supervision of the Paris Director. BU Law students would be evaluated in the first instance by the Paris II faculty. Upon successfully completing a course, they will receive a designation of "credit" for the course on their transcripts. The designation would include an asterisk or a footnote indicating that actual grade is available upon request but that it will be accompanied by an explanation of the different grading system of the host institution. This is how we handle grades in our other exchange programs. The BU Law Director will review student performance, including any written work or instructor comments. The Director will also be in direct and frequent communication with the Paris II Director to discuss student progress and address any issues or problems.

Finances:

BU Law students pay BU Law tuition. Students are responsible for transportation and all living expenses and incidentals.

Timing:

The Paris program lasts one full academic year (from early October to early May), and includes a Christmas break and a spring break in March. BU Law students will receive their completed grades and

final transcripts by mid-May, which means there will be no timing problem with BU Law graduation or bar certifications.

Language Proficiency:

The language of instruction is English. Students fluent in French may, with the permission of the Paris Director, take one comparable course in French. Students who have no or little French may take French language classes (not for credit).

Number of Participants:

Up to two BU Law and up to two Paris II students can participate each year.

Paris II Program Director:

The Paris II Program Director is Catherine Kessedjian, Professor of Law at Paris II and Deputy Director of the European College of Paris. Ms. Kessedjian has a Doctorate from the University of Paris and an LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. From 1996 to 2000, she served as Deputy Secretary-General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law in The Hague, with responsibility for numerous projects, including a proposed worldwide convention on jurisdiction and judgments and background reports for a study on international internet and e-commerce regulation. She has published extensively -- over 90 books and articles -- on all aspects of international private law and dispute resolution. She was a practicing lawyer in Paris for many years and is an active member of the International Bar Association. She is a member of the American Law Institute and is an advisor on several ALI projects. Most recently, she was a Visiting Global Professor at NYU.

Housing:

Paris II holds reservations for a limited number of student rooms in the "*Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris*" CIUP, the International student's housing association of Paris. Each room costs approximately 500 € per month to be paid by the student. Rooms are allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. In the program's initial year, all American students received this housing and were reportedly quite pleased.

Paris Bar:

Receiving the Paris II LL.M. degree would not qualify our students to join the Paris bar.