INTERNATIONAL LAW
AND PROGRAMS

Yale Law School

Yale Law School has one of the most comprehensive international and comparative law programs in the country. Extensive course offerings, preeminent law faculty, and robust programming help to shape the Law School’s intellectual community and reflect its deep engagement with transnational legal issues. Starting in their first year, students gain hands-on experience with international, transnational, and comparative issues, including through specialized courses, practice-oriented clinics and experiential learning opportunities, numerous programs and center activities, and student-run initiatives.

Each week, the Law School hosts a number of events, workshops, and conferences exploring a wide spectrum of international private and public law issues. Students regularly engage in small setting discussions with leading scholars, advocates, and jurists from around the world. For those interested in seeking research and work experience outside the United States, Yale Law School offers generous international summer and post-graduate fellowship opportunities, as well as support for international academic research projects.

Students are not only encouraged to pursue their passions, they are provided support and resources to immerse themselves in their areas of interest. During law school and beyond, students are presented with unparalleled opportunities to gain a deep understanding of global legal challenges, to think creatively about how to approach such problems, and to work at the cutting edge of international public and private law.
Clinics and Special Curricular Offerings

Yale Law School offers numerous courses substantially or exclusively devoted to the international, comparative, or foreign law aspects of public and private law. The school offers some of the most extensive hands-on courses and clinics on international and transnational law available in the country. These and other special curricular offerings include the following:

- The Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic offers students an opportunity to work on a wide range of human rights projects. The clinic undertakes a number of litigation, research, and advocacy projects each term on behalf of human rights organizations and individual victims of human rights abuses.

- The Immigration Legal Services Clinic represents immigrants seeking asylum in the United States. Its clients are refugees from more than twenty different countries.

- The Environmental Protection Clinic addresses environmental law and policy problems on behalf of client organizations such as environmental groups, government agencies, and international bodies.

- The Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic represents immigrants, low-wage workers, and their organizations in labor, immigration, criminal justice, civil rights, and other matters.

- The Transnational Development Clinic works on litigation and non-litigation projects designed to promote community-centered international development, with an emphasis on global poverty.

- The Global Health Justice Partnership of the Law School and the School of Public Health has recently launched an innovative interdisciplinary clinic. Projects focus on issues such as access to medicines, international organization accountability, and reproductive health.

- The Veterans Legal Services Clinic trains students to address the needs of Connecticut’s military veterans by representing veterans and their organizations in a wide variety of litigation and non-litigation matters related to military service or return to civilian life. Yale's program is one of a handful of veterans clinics now operating in the nation, and the only one at any law school in New England.

- The Advanced Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project affords students an opportunity to examine one of the Middle East’s gravest humanitarian crises in generations, as well as broader issues in refugee law and policy.

- The International Law and Foreign Relations Seminar gives students an opportunity to work with the Department of State, Department of Defense, and other federal agencies on current legal and policy challenges.

- Specialized courses allow students to focus on particular regions of the world. For example, an innovative research seminar offered students an opportunity to compile and edit materials from truth commissions in South Africa and other countries.

- Many students recruit faculty sponsors and design their own reading groups and independent studies on international topics.

- Students occasionally spend semesters abroad performing research for academic credit under the Law School’s Intensive Semester option.
Through Yale University’s MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, law students are eligible to apply for Graduate Certificates of Concentration in the following areas of study: International Development; International Security; Global Health; African, European, Latin American, and Middle East Studies. The certificate programs help students prepare for the increasingly international and interdisciplinary legal field by developing expertise in law as well as the diverse interdisciplinary, geographic, and cultural-linguistic approaches associated with the areas of concentration.

Centers and Programs

Numerous Yale Law School centers and programs focus on international issues and provide students opportunities to work with faculty and other legal experts on research, workshops, and practice-oriented projects in many parts of the world.

THE CHINA CENTER

The China Center is a unique institution dedicated to helping promote China’s legal reforms and increasing understanding of China in the United States. In interaction with research and teaching, the core of the Center’s work is designing and carrying out sustained, in-depth cooperative projects between U.S. and Chinese experts on key issues in Chinese law and policy reform.

GRUBER PROGRAM FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS

The Gruber Program for Global Justice and Women’s Rights promotes dialogue and initiatives in the fields of global justice and women’s rights. Activities include the signature Gruber Distinguished Lecture Series, post-graduate fellowships enabling recent graduates to spend a year working on a project of their own design, and the Global Constitutionalism Seminar.

GLOBAL CONSTITUTIONALISM SEMINAR

This annual seminar, part of the Gruber Program at Yale Law School, brings together a group of supreme court and constitutional court judges from around the world, usually including at least one U.S. Supreme Court Justice. The judges interact extensively with students through a variety of lectures, small group meetings, and in-class presentations. Student research assistants also work closely with faculty editors to edit a volume of readings that form the basis for seminar discussions.

GLOBAL HEALTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

This joint initiative of Yale Law School and Yale School of Public Health promotes interdisciplinary research, programming, and academic exchanges on a global stage at the intersection of law, health, and social justice.

ORVILLE H. SCHELL, JR. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

This center provides students with the skills needed to advance human rights. The Center sponsors a biweekly Human Rights Workshop, supervises the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, and organizes many conferences, panels, and lectures on human rights issues. The Center also provides numerous summer fellowships and several post-graduate fellowships.
COMPARATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW INITIATIVE
This program studies the way administrative law principles and practices interact with other governmental institutions. Its comparative focus is broad, encompassing established and emerging democracies and non-democratic regimes.

YALE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
This center introduces students to environmental law challenges, policy tools, and research methodologies. The Center runs the Environmental Protection Clinic, where students address environmental law problems on behalf of clients. The Center also sponsors an Environmental Law and Policy Lecture Series, which provides a forum for visiting scholars, politicians, and professionals.

YALE LAW SCHOOL CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEGAL CHALLENGES
The Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges is an independent center that promotes the understanding of international law, national security law, and foreign affairs law. The Center aims to bridge the divide between the legal academy and legal practice by connecting the legal academy to public and private sector actors responsible for addressing international legal challenges.

LATIN AMERICAN LINKAGE PROGRAM
The Linkage Program sponsors a student exchange with several universities in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. Students involved in the program focus on a wide range of areas through participation in classes, meetings with professors, and workshops.

SEMINARIO EN LATINOAMÉRICA DE TEORÍA CONSTITUTIONAL Y POLÍTICA (SELA)
SELA is an annual convening organized by Yale Law School in a different Latin American location each year. The conference brings together leading scholars from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, and the United States. Topics have included human rights, the new Latin American constitutionalism, and violence, legitimacy, and public order.

MIDDLE EAST LEGAL STUDIES SEMINAR (MELSS)
This annual seminar brings together lawyers, judges, and academics from the Middle East with Yale professors and students to discuss issues such as the concept of legal authority, basic rights, and religious pluralism.

THE JACKSON INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS
Students may apply to pursue a joint, four-year JD-MA with Yale's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. The MA in Global Affairs prepares students to impact the global community in the public, nonprofit, and private sectors by working in diverse fields such as policy analysis, security analysis, trade and economic development, foreign affairs analysis, human rights, international finance, and environmental policy. Students may choose an area of specialization such as Africa, East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, or Russia and Eastern Europe.
Courses

A sampling of recently offered courses in international, transnational, and comparative law:

Chinese Legal Reform Workshop
Climate Change and the International Court of Justice
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Law

Faculty

A significant portion of the permanent faculty write and teach extensively on international, transnational, or comparative legal topics or are deeply involved in the Law School’s international law programs. In addition, various visiting lecturers and fellows, including a number of senior judges from international and foreign courts, come to the Law School each year to teach or co-teach classes. Permanent Yale Law faculty substantially engaged in international and comparative work include:

- Bruce Ackerman
- Muneer I. Ahmad
- Jack M. Balkin
- Lea Brilmayer
- Amy Chua
- Mirjan R. Damaška
- Daniel C. Esty
- Owen M. Fiss
- Paul Gewirtz
- David Grewal
- Oona A. Hathaway
- Paul W. Kahn
- Amy Kapczynski
- Harold Hongju Koh
- Anthony T. Kronman
- Douglas Kysar
- John H. Langbein
- Daniel Markovits
- Robert C. Post
- W. Michael Reisman
- Judith Resnik
- Susan Rose-Ackerman
- Jed Rubenfeld
- Peter H. Schuck
- Scott J. Shapiro
- James J. Silk
- Kate Stith
- Alec Stone Sweet
- James Q. Whitman
- Michael Wishnie

Corruption, Economic Development, and Democracy
Cuba: Human and Political Rights
European Convention on Human Rights
Foreign Relations and National Security Law
Global and Comparative Administrative Law
Global Health Justice Practicum
Global Health Ethics, Politics, and Economics
Human Rights Workshop
Immigration Law, Policy, and Constitutional Rights
International Business Transactions
International Commercial Arbitration
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Intellectual Property
International Investment Law
International Law
International Law and Armed Conflict
International Law and Foreign Relations
International Trade Law
Introduction to Transnational Law
Islamic and Middle Eastern Law
Issues in American Foreign Policy
Law and Globalization
Law and Terrorism
Legal Research in Foreign and International Law
Military Justice
National Security Lawyering
Proportionality in Constitutional Law
Public Order of the World Community
[The] Role of a Judge in a Democratic Society
U.S. and European Constitutionalism
U.S. International Taxation
Wartime National Security Lawyering
Student Journals and Organizations

**YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**
This student-run journal is one of the world’s foremost international law journals. It publishes articles on a wide range of subjects in contemporary international law and comparative law, and it regularly hosts symposia and conferences to provide a forum for informed and lively discussion of international law.

**YALE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT LAW JOURNAL**
This student-run journal focuses on the tension between human rights and development around the world. The Journal emphasizes interdisciplinary writing and seeks to bring a broad range of perspectives from different fields of the law, including constitutional law, economic regulation, international law, and institutional reform, both in the U.S. and around the industrialized and developing world.

A sampling of other student-run organizations with an international focus:

- Africa Law and Policy Association
- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- ECCC (Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia) Project
- International Moot Court Teams (including Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Jessup, and the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition)
- Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project
- Latino Law Students Association
- Lowenstein Human Rights Project
- Middle Eastern and North African Law Students Association

- National Security Law Group
- Universities Allied for Essential Medicines
- Yale Forum on International Law
- Yale Society for International Law

Each semester, students organize reading groups on a broad range of topics. Some recent reading groups focused on international issues include: Chinese Law, The Global Economy & Foreign Affairs, Introduction to Islamic Law, Jewish Legal Philosophy, Latin American Law & History, Immigration Theory & Practice, Indigenous Law & Legal Theory, and Introduction to U.S. Law in World Context.

International Summer and Post-Graduate Fellowships

Yale Law School provides extensive support for student summer and post-graduate public interest work in the United States and around the world. International placements regularly include local grassroots and civil society organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and international tribunals and courts. The Kirby Simon Summer Human Rights Fellowships provide summer funding for students interested in human rights work either within the United States or in other countries. Yale Law School also offers a number of post-graduate fellowships for one-year placements within or outside the United States. For 2015–2016, the Law School awarded 38 one-year, post-graduate public interest fellowships, including 17 placements either based outside the United States or working domestically on transnational issues. Yale fellowship programs include the Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellowships, the Gruber Fellowships in Global Justice and Women’s Rights, the Howard M. Holtzmann Fellowships in International
Dispute Resolution, the Robina Foundation International Human Rights Fellowships, Heyman Fellowships, the Robert M. Cover Fellowship, and the Yale Law School International Court of Justice Fellowship.

Fellowship placements span the globe and reflect students’ diverse interests. Yale fellows tackle a wide range of critical issues, including post-conflict reconciliation, food security, LGBT rights, reproductive rights, counterterrorism, and the prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Examples of recent fellowship placements specific to international and transnational projects include:

- American Civil Liberties Union, United States
- Balkans Investigative Reporting Network, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Beijing Zhi-Cheng Migrant Workers’ Legal Aid and Research Center, China
- Center for Democratic Development, Ghana
- Center for Justice and Accountability, United States
- Centre for Conflict Management and Transformation, Zimbabwe
- Charité Universitätsmediz, Germany
- Constitutional Court of Korea, South Korea
- Documentation Center of Cambodia
- Droit et Justice, Morocco
- European Court of Human Rights, France
- German Constitutional Court
- High Court of Bombay, India
- Human Rights Law Network, India
- Human Rights Watch, Burma
- Human Rights Watch, Egypt
- Human Rights Watch, United States
- Institute for the Development of Civil Society/United States Institute of Peace, Sudan
- International Court of Justice, Netherlands
- International Criminal Court for the Former Yugoslavia, Netherlands
- International Criminal Court for Rwanda, Tanzania
- Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan
- Mental Disability Advocacy Center, Hungary
- My Sister’s Home, South Korea
- National Security Agency, United States
- Ombudsperson Institution of the Republic of Kosovo
- Open Capital Advisors, Kenya
- Pat Finucane Centre, Northern Ireland
- Permanent Court of Arbitration, Netherlands
- Saban Center for Middle East Policy, United States
- Supreme Court of Israel
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Switzerland
- United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence
- United States Mission to the United Nations
- World Bank, Office of Suspension & Disbarment, United States

For more information on the international law program at Yale Law School, as well as other opportunities available at Yale University, visit www.law.yale.edu/internationallaw.