American Bar Association Criteria for Study Abroad

Key Provisions: ABA Criteria for Approval of Foreign Semester and Year-Long Study Abroad Programs Established by ABA-Approved Law Schools

4. 155, IV. B.: Credit shall be stated in terms of credit hours according to the following formula: one semester hour for each 700 minutes of class time or equivalent or one quarter hour for each 450 minutes of class time or equivalent.

5. 156, IV. G.: The program shall include at least two visits to legal institutions in the host country. Time or a portion of the time allocated for visits to legal institutions may be calculated in the 700 minutes per class credit hour only when the content of the visit is academic in nature and specifically related to the class for which the credit is being awarded.

6. 156, V. A.: In accordance with Standards 601 and 702, the program must have or must provide acceptable access to a library and study facility adequate for its academic program.

Key Provisions: ABA Criteria for Accepting Credit for Student Study at a Foreign Institution

1. 162, I.A.3.: The law school shall develop and publish, prior to approving any foreign study, a statement that defines the educational objectives the law school seeks to achieve in allowing students to study abroad for credit toward the JD degree.

2. 162, I.A.4.(b): The student and the academic advisor shall develop a written plan to define the educational objectives a student seeks to achieve during a period of study abroad.

3. 164, II.: To assist the Accreditation Committee in monitoring compliance with these Criteria, a law school shall complete an Annual Questionnaire in the form specified by the Council.

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