International and
Comparative Law

Curriculum Plan

International law consists of two distinct parts. First, public international law includes the rules that govern the relations among nation-states to create order, prevent war, and facilitate cooperation. It also includes the study of several organizations that help govern the international community (e.g. the United Nations). The second focus of the area is on international business law, which concerns the rights and obligations associated with international exchanges of goods, services, and capital. It, too, includes the study of several organizations that help govern international business and trade (e.g. the World Trade Organization).

This curriculum plan aims to help you select courses if you are interested in a career in international law or focusing your studies on this area. We strongly encourage every student to pursue a broad legal education that includes courses beyond your area of core interest, such as bar exam courses, courses that help a student hone their “soft” lawyering skills, including communication skills, negotiation skills, and leadership skills, courses relevant to a student’s professional interests and goals, and courses that appeal to a student for any particular reason.

If you are interested in dispute resolution, the Assistant Dean for International and Graduate Affairs is available to meet with students for general academic advising. Please e-mail Dean Pham at pham.521@osu.edu to request an appointment or to ask any questions you may have.

If you intend to pursue a Concentration in International and Comparative Law (and earn a certificate of concentration alongside your LLM degree), you will be required to successfully complete at least 12 credits in this area of law out of the 24 credit hours required for the LLM degree. You may select any courses from among the courses listed below to complete the required 12 concentration credits for a certificate of concentration in International and Comparative Law.

Core Courses:  
International Law  
Human Rights

Key Elective Courses  
Business and Human Rights  
Ethnic Conflict (Seminar)  
International Business Transactions  
International Dispute Resolution  
International Commercial Arbitration (1-week course)  
Middle East Conflict (seminar)  
War Crimes (seminar)  
Unconventional Warfare (seminar)

Related Courses:  
Dispute Resolution in the Digital Age  
National Security Law and Process
Faculty resource list:
Daniel Chow
Mohamed Helal
John Quigley
Dakota Rudesill
Amy Schmitz

Note: This document is provided for advising purposes only. Not all courses listed here will be taught each year. For the most up-to-date information, please consult the schedule of courses for each academic year on Moritz LLM Program Academic Information page. For a full list of all course offerings at Moritz, please visit here.