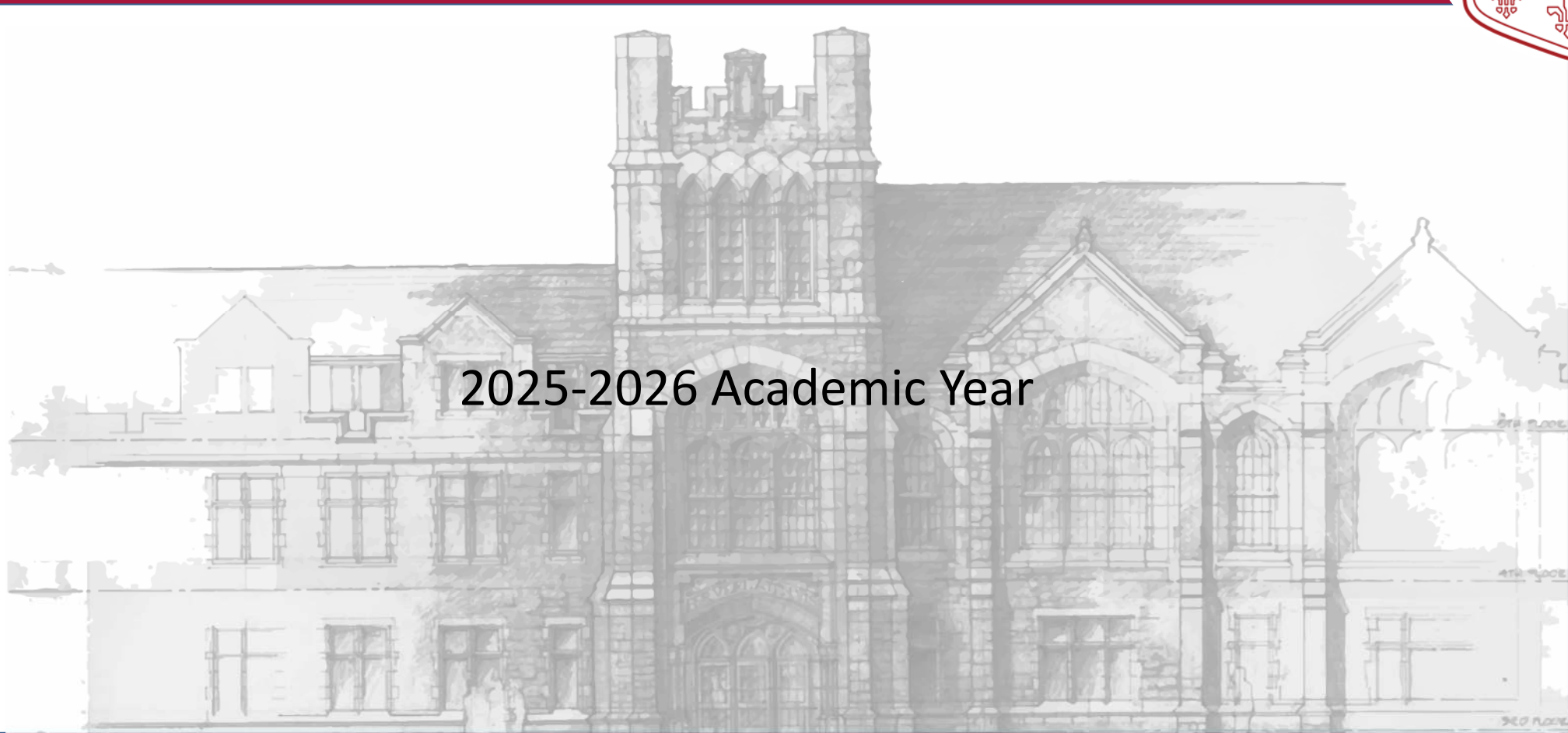


WashU Law – Study Abroad FAQ



2025-2026 Academic Year

Study Abroad Application Notes



- Applying to study abroad does not guarantee admission
- Several factors are taken into consideration during the application review process such as GPA, work background, and accomplishments outside of academia.
- Students on academic probation are not eligible to study abroad.

Some things to consider when studying abroad



Graduation Requirements:

- Need 86 credits overall
- 1 Legal Ethics class (cannot take abroad)
- 1 Seminar (cannot take abroad)
- 6 units Experiential Credits (cannot take abroad)
- All first-year courses
- Must have at least 67 Law classroom units upon graduation (can include classes abroad)
<http://law.wustl.edu/academics/pages.aspx?id=178>

Some things to consider when studying abroad cont.



Order of the Coif:

- At least 75% of a student's units must be "graded" (Note: courses taken at WU under the modified pass/fail system count as "graded" under Coif's definition)
- 64 graded units out of 86 total
- Remaining non-graded units (could include Semester Abroad units)= 22

Some things to consider when studying abroad cont.



Transfer credits:

- Students cannot take a class that would be substantially the same as a class they have taken before
- Must be enrolled in 12 units to meet WashU law full-time status requirement
- Always have study plan signed off by a WashU administrator
- Up to 1/3 of credits (28 units) from studies abroad are transferable
- Transfer credits will not count towards GPA
- Credits only for grades of at least "C" or better
- Grade/credit conversion will be done by WashU
- Transfer students from US law schools: Can study abroad for one semester but need approval if they want to do more than a semester abroad

Some things to consider when studying abroad cont.



Graduation:

Students should plan to study abroad Fall of 3L Year at the LATEST

Students who go abroad during the spring semester (their final term) need to keep the following in mind:

- Final grades need to be turned in shortly before commencement at the latest
- Late grade submission: Student receives June degree but can still sit for July Bar exams
- June degree students can still participate in May commencement ceremony but will not be listed in commencement brochure of that year (sometimes also Dec. graduates)

Additional Points

- Bucerius Law School only accepts students for the fall semester
- The Sorbonne program requires fluency in French
- Spring semester of study abroad is not recommended for 3Ls
- Study abroad at Reichman University is only allowed spring semester of 2L year

