



University of Washington School of Law Summer Institute in Transnational Law & Practice

When: September 2-16, 2016

Where: Seattle, Washington, United States

Capacity: 10 students

Cost (Estimated): ~\$3,275 USD/per person

\$1,200 (program fee) + ~\$800 (airfare) + \$525 (meals) + ~\$750 (shared hotel accommodations)

Application Deadline: May 6, 2016



Program Description:

The Global Dominican Academic Exchange Summer Institute in Transnational Law & Practice Program at the University of Washington (UW) School of Law is a collaborative effort between InterRDom, a program of Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD), the University of Washington School of Law, and the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Dominican Republic. The program will bring Dominican law students and young professionals to Seattle for 15 days, where they will participate in a rigorous certificate program that introduces the American and international legal systems and education through a variety of courses and social and networking activities.

Dominican participants will join more than 60 law students from countries all over the world who are jointly participating in the program. The two week institute provides legal professionals and researchers from all over the world a strong foundation in the structure, culture and thinking of the U.S. legal system and practice.

For international students planning to undertake law studies in the U.S., the program provides the foundation and skills needed to successfully complete their studies in any



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challenging U.S. law school environment. Students trained in a civil-law legal system particularly benefit from the introduction to the structure of legal reasoning in the U.S. common law system, and from the opportunity to refine both oral and written communication skills in English within the U.S. legal context.

Core Topics

The Institute focuses on three areas: Introduction to the American Legal System and Practice in a comparative setting, Legal Skills and Methodology, and Legal English. Sample topics include introduction to constitutional law and branches of government, criminal and civil court systems and procedures, alternative dispute resolution, and legal analysis in the U.S. common law system.

Through U.S. law school-style instruction and small group tutorials, participants familiarize themselves with the foundations of the U.S. legal system and methods of legal analysis practiced in the United States. Sessions are taught by law faculty, practitioners, and reference librarians who are experienced in cross-cultural communication. Institute participants also visit state and federal courts and agencies, visit one of Seattle's largest law firms, and enjoy social events in the beautiful University of Washington campus and around Seattle.

Formal academic study will be from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday - Friday, therefore an F1 (student) visa is not required to participate in this program. However, a valid US tourist visa is required.

Participants will be lodged in double-occupancy hotel rooms at a special rate near the university, and will have free time to explore the beautiful campus and downtown Seattle.

The Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice was developed by the University of Washington School of Law — one of the world's leading centers for innovative teaching and research on international, comparative, and U.S. law.

How to Apply:

To begin the application process, please email info@globaldominicanacademicexchange.org with basic information about your background in studying law and why you are interested in participating. Applications are due May 6 and must include the online application form, unofficial transcript, CV, copy of passport, copy of valid US Visa and a brief one-page essay in English describing why you are an ideal candidate for this program and how it will contribute to your academic and professional goals.



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