Who May Apply

You may apply if you are a law student in good standing at or a graduate of an ABA-accredited U.S. law school, or a student at or graduate of a foreign law school.

Enroll Online

Our online enrollment form allows you to pay your program deposit and tuition via credit card. You'll find it at www.law.vanderbilt.edu/venice.

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“Classes are held in a beautiful building with huge staircases and exquisitely designed ceilings that also has the modern conveniences of air-conditioning, a computer lab, and wireless access.” —Charlotte Frank, Summer 2005

Vanderbilt in Venice classes are held in the Palazzo Cavalli-Franchetti, a palace built in the 15th century.

Directed by Professor Michael A. Newton, Vanderbilt in Venice allows you to study cutting-edge topics in international law in the rich cultural center of Venice, Italy. Field trips, included in the tuition cost, have previously included a tour of the historic cities of Treviso and Verona, a laguna boat tour to the islands of Burano and Torcello, a visit to a Murano glass factory, and a vineyard tour and dinner.

The Vanderbilt in Venice program affords you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to enhance your legal education with an international perspective. Now in its eleventh year, Vanderbilt in Venice brings together a maximum of 50 students and four law professors to explore topics related to both public and private international law for six weeks each summer.

Vanderbilt in Venice dates

May 20 to June 30, 2012

Your tuition covers both sessions, but you may opt to attend only one session.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications accepted: December 1-May 1
Tuition due in full: May 1
Arrival in Venice for Session 1: May 20
Student Orientation: May 21
Session 1 exams: June 7-8
Arrival in Venice for Session 2: June 11
Session 2 classes begin: June 12
Session 2 exams: June 28-29
Students depart: June 30
Comparative Corporate Governance

This course will provide a general overview of the field of comparative corporate governance, including the United States and several other countries, with a focus on the basic economic principles and theories that have been developed. Specific topics will include the theory of the firm, limited liability, share dispersion, agency costs, internal governance structures, executive compensation, shareholder activism, shareholder litigation, the market for corporate control and shareholder voting. Taught by Randall Thomas, Vanderbilt Law School.

European Union Law

The European Union is the most ambitious legal, political and economic integration among nations in the post-World War II era. This course provides a general introduction to the E.U.’s legal system and to selected aspects of substantive E.U. law. We will examine the E.U.’s lawmaking and administrative processes, the relationship between E.U. law and the member states’ laws, the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice, and the E.U.’s system of legal remedies. We will also study aspects of substantive E.U. law that are central to E.U. market integration, including protections for the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital. Taught by Kevin Stack, Vanderbilt Law School.

Comparative Perspectives on Counterterrorism

Offers a comparative analysis of the approaches of the U.S., Israel, the E.U. and other states, focusing on legal norms and political and operational imperatives. Counterterrorism is a global cooperative phenomenon, and the study of its practice entails case law from a number of jurisdictions, legislation, international law, human rights, and national policy directives and operational decisions. Taught by Michael Newton, Vanderbilt Law School.

International Law: The International Arbitral Process

Acquaints students with public and private international law rules from an arbitral perspective, emphasizing international economic law. Inquiry is made into the sources of international law and will include related bodies of rules involving more than one legal and political system. Faculty to be announced

Essential Information

Application & Acceptance.

Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in January 2012, but it is best to apply early. All applications must be complete to be considered and must include a $75 application fee. To reserve your space in the program, you must submit a $250 tuition deposit to Vanderbilt Law School within three weeks of the date you are notified of acceptance.

Tuition & Fees. Tuition is $5,100. Students are also responsible for their own housing, transportation, living and other related expenses. Italian language and cooking classes may be available at a minimal cost based on student interest.

Housing & Transportation. You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own transportation to and from Venice and for your housing in Venice. To help you make housing arrangements, the program coordinator can provide information on renting apartments in Venice as well as contacts with local realtors who can assist you in locating lodging, along with contact information for students seeking roommates. To get the best prices and location, reserve housing early!

If You Have a Disability. Most European cities, including Venice, are not as handicap-accessible as U.S. cities, which means persons with disabilities may find access to classrooms, offices and other facilities limited. If you wish to attend the program and require handicap-accessible facilities or other accommodations, contact the program coordinator at 615-322-6452 or vulsvenice@law.vanderbilt.edu.

Questions?

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The Vanderbilt in Venice experience was incredibly enriching. I returned to Vanderbilt as a 2L not only with eight extra credits of classes—the substance of which most 1Ls never get exposure to—and the resulting greater freedom to do an externship, but also with new, genuine friendships and a deeper sense of camaraderie with my law school colleagues and professors.”

—Raquel Stringer, Summer 2010

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