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# Summer Law Program

INCLUDES SESSIONS IN ARGENTINA



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# *20th* Annual Program



American University Washington College of Law's (WCL) study abroad programs combine travel in a foreign country with the opportunity to broaden your learning experience, gain knowledge of another culture, and network with individuals from around the world. You will be amazed not only at what you bring to the table in your interviews following this experience, but what you will learn and take with you for the rest of your life.

The Summer Program in Chile provides a comparative view of the common and civil law systems as practiced in the USA and in Chile respectively.

# Summer Law in Chile



Students will also acquire knowledge of the legal aspects of trade and investment in Latin America and a better understanding of the social and political developments of the region in general and of Chile in particular. Latin America has become an important commercial partner of the United States. As trade agreements between the two regions continue to grow, your knowledge of Latin America's legal systems will become more and more useful in your legal profession.

The program provides an opportunity for both law students and attorneys to learn from some of the best Chilean law professors and experts in the field and meet practitioners and policy makers from Chile and Argentina.



## Courses

The academic component of the summer program consists of two 3-credit courses: Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America and Comparative Legal Perspectives on Social Problems.

### **Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America.**

A survey course exploring the various legal issues in international trade and foreign direct investment, such as foreign investment statutes, international and domestic environmental law, bilateral and regional trade agreements, antitrust laws, and other areas of law relevant to the foreign investor.

### **Comparative Legal Perspectives on Social Problems.**

Introduces students to the civil law system, especially as practiced in Chile, and the role of legal institutions, both national and international, in transitions to democracy and the protection of human rights.

**All classes are taught in English.** Knowledge of Spanish is not necessary for participation in the program. Reading materials for both courses will be provided before the beginning of the program. There will be a Blackboard site available on-line with the same reading materials and additional documents in pdf format. Most sessions will be podcasted and will be available on the Blackboard site, along with any power point presentations and additional materials provided by the lecturers.

# Lectures for 2009\*

## **Comparative Legal Perspectives on Social Problems**

The Civil Law Tradition in Latin America  
Constitutionalism in Latin America  
Civil and Criminal Procedures in the Civil Law System  
Current Trends on Human Rights in Latin America  
Past Violations of Human Rights: Justice, Pardon or Truth through Commissions  
Aboriginal Rights in Chile  
Historical Context of Military Intervention in Chile  
Legal Instruments in the Defense of Human Rights  
Women's Rights in the International Human Rights Protection Systems  
Introduction to International Law from a Latin American Perspective  
Transition to Democracy in Argentina  
Human Rights in Argentina's Foreign Policy

## **Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America**

Introduction to International Trade  
Introduction to the International Center for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID): The Chilean Experience  
Introduction to Foreign Investment in Chile  
Chile-U.S. Free Trade Agreement  
Environmental Issues  
Introduction to Business Associations in Chile  
Privatization and the Pension System in Chile  
Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property  
Competition (Anti-Trust) Law in Chile  
Foreign Investment in Argentina  
Investment Litigation in Latin America

*\*Lectures may vary from year to year.*

## Academic Activities

In addition to the lectures, you will have the opportunity to participate in informal question-and-answer sessions with Chilean practitioners, American professionals working in Chile, and with representatives of governmental, nongovernmental, and international organizations.

In 2008, visits included:

**The Supreme Court.** Students attended oral arguments before the Santiago Court of Appeals. The President of the Supreme Court greeted the students and answered questions about the Chilean legal system.

**Congress.** Students had a lecture by one of the Congress' legal advisors on the Chilean legislative process. After touring the building, students had lunch in the Congress' dining hall with several Chilean attorneys.

**La Moneda (Government building).** One of the President's top advisors met with students and spoke to the group about President Bachelet's top priorities.

**Villa Grimaldi.** Students visited the site of this former detention center used during part of the the military dictatorship.

**Department of Justice.** Students met with the Under Secretary of Justice for a question and answer session.

*"I was so impressed with this program — from the quality of professors and the thoughtfully chosen topics, to the caliber of contacts this program has in all branches of the Chilean government — this summer program is second to none. Add to that the opportunity to explore two of the most beautiful and historic cities in Latin America, and there is no better way to spend one's summer!"*

*Sarah Elliott, The George Washington University Law School*



## Extracurricular Activities

In Santiago and Buenos Aires, students will have time to explore the city and enjoy the many attractions. Classes are typically held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., so there is free time to visit many points of interest and go on half-day excursions around Santiago.

Once a week, interested students gather for a Chilean movie night (in English or in Spanish with English subtitles) organized by the Program. Experiencing the culture and seeing other parts of the country is part of the learning process. For this reason, the program includes (at no additional cost) a ski trip to the Andes Mountains and a weekend at the beach resort of Viña del Mar. Students may use their free weekends to undertake more ambitious excursions such as traveling to the desert in the northern part of Chile, visiting the lakes region in the south, or going on a quick getaway to the Argentine city of Mendoza.

The program also includes networking dinners and luncheons in Buenos Aires and Santiago with attorneys and policy makers.

## Internships

The program does not include internships but will provide interested students with advice on conducting a successful search. Although we may assist in the seeking process, it remains the students' responsibility to secure an internship in Chile or Argentina. In the past, students interned for KPMG, Grasty, Quintana, Majlis Abogados, Pro Acceso (NGO), the Chilean Foreign Investment Committee; Bancoestado, and the Human Rights Unit of the Chilean Department of Foreign Relations, just to name a few.

Through the faculty who teach the class sessions, WCL alumni, and other friends of the Program, there are always internship possibilities.

*“As a participant with no Spanish speaking experience, I was nervous about being able to keep up during the lectures. But all of the speakers were very well-versed in English and every session is available on podcasts, which helped with studying. I gained more from this program than I could have ever hoped — not only did I learn an immense amount academically, the cultural experience was invaluable!”*

*Heather Kilbourne, American University Washington College of Law*



Although knowledge of Spanish is not required for the program, interested students will have the opportunity to meet with Chilean law students or attorneys on a regular basis to learn or improve their Spanish skills.



## The Faculty

Students receive instruction from distinguished faculty members of the University of Chile, Diego Portales and Buenos Aires Law Schools, as well as leading Chilean practitioners and policy makers. Many of these professors are playing key roles in the strengthening of Chilean democratic institutions, and in developing Chile's trade policy. Some of the lecturers from previous years include judges and members of the Inter-American system of Human Rights, litigators in the international investment arbitration system, lead counsels for the Chile-USA Free Trade Agreement, members of the Chilean Truth and Reconciliation Commission, members of Congress, and government officials, among others. The courses are supervised by two WCL professors who, in addition to attending classes, will conduct weekly reviews, write the exams and grade the students.

# The Schools

**American University Washington College of Law** Washington College of Law (WCL) was founded in 1896 by Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma M. Gillett, who established a coeducational school to ensure that women, as well as men, were given the opportunity to study law.

WCL has become one of the leading law schools in the US in the area of international law. It is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is approved by the American Bar Association.

**University of Chile School of Law** The University of Chile Law School is the oldest academic institution in Chile and one of the most prestigious in Latin America. Since 1842, it has been the place where the best representation of Chilean lawyers, politicians and intellectuals have received their education. With more than 1,700 students and 200 professors, it is the most active center of Chilean legal academia.

Important legal scholarship is published through its several legal journals and through its independent printing house. The large law library, its modern computer law department, and its clinical program reflect a commitment to legal leadership now and in the future.

**University Diego Portales School of Law** Founded in 1982, the University Diego Portales School of Law trains students to have a broad cultural perspective and to be socially conscious, open to change, and ethically responsible. To achieve these goals, the law school faculty is selected in a pluralistic manner from diverse schools of thought. The faculty shares a broad vision of jurisprudence which purports to analyze law in all its dimensions: historical, sociological, normative, and ethical.

**University of Buenos Aires School of Law** The University of Buenos Aires (UBA), one of the top learning institutions in South America, was founded in 1821. It is the largest and most prestigious law school in Argentina. The university has produced five Nobel Prize winners and provides free education for students from all around the globe. The University of Buenos Aires is a public organization which aims at the promotion, diffusion and preservation of culture.



*“WCL’s Summer Program in Chile and Argentina was fantastic. I would never have imagined that in one week I could have lunch with members of the Chilean Congress, meet in the Presidential Palace with the President’s legal advisor, and ski in the Andes. The program afforded us the opportunity to learn about the social and legal issues in Chile and Argentina not only from lawyers involved in such litigation, but also from visits and meetings with the Under Secretary of Justice, Congress, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This summer abroad opportunity should be on every law student’s ‘must-do’ list.”*

*Tony Cardona, University of Wisconsin Law School, Participant 2008*

## Details

**Credits** Program participants earn six credits for the two courses. Applicants who intend to transfer credits should inquire about their law school’s policy.

**Eligibility** Students who have completed one year of full-time or part-time law study who are in good standing at an ABA-approved or state accredited law school may enroll in this program. The program is also open to LL.M. candidates and practicing lawyers.

When applying, non WCL students must provide a statement by their Dean or Registrar indicating that they are “in good standing” and that they have permission to take these courses at WCL.

**Tuition and Expenses** The program fee is \$8,586, which is the cost of six (6) law school credits at Washington College of Law. At no additional cost, the program includes housing (in Santiago, Viña del Mar, and Buenos Aires), reading materials, health insurance during the official dates of the program, organized tours, receptions, and transportation to Program activities. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel, most meals (approximately \$20 a day), and for commuting to and from classes (approximately \$5 a day). After receiving notice of acceptance, an applicant must submit an additional \$500 deposit within three weeks of notice of acceptance and in any event, no later than March 24, 2009. Failure to submit the \$500 deposit may result in forfeiture of place in the program. The balance of \$8,086 is due May 9, 2009. Checks should be made payable to the Washington College of Law. All payments are nonrefundable, except in the event the Program is unable to accommodate an accepted applicant. Persons with disabilities should contact Program staff prior to submitting their application fee to learn of any potential challenges while in Chile and Argentina. The Program reserves the right to cancel at any time because of insufficient enrollment or for other good cause.

**Financial Aid** WCL students are eligible for financial aid for the Summer Program. Information and details about obtaining financial aid can be found through the financial aid website or by calling the financial aid office at 202.274.4040. Financial aid should be pursued as early as possible to ensure that all fees are paid and any additional aid is available before departure for the Program. Non WCL students should check with their law schools for financial assistance and possible consortium agreements with WCL.



**Travel** Participants must make their own arrangements for travel between their home country, Santiago, and Buenos Aires. Travel arrangements are the sole responsibility of each participant.

**Airport of Arrival and Departure:** Arturo Merino Benitez International Airport, Santiago, Chile.

It may be more convenient to book a round-trip ticket US-Santiago-Buenos Aires-Santiago-US than booking a ticket to Santiago and then a roundtrip ticket Santiago-Buenos Aires. Check Web sites such as Expedia.com or Kayak.com. For tickets Santiago-Buenos Aires check lanchile.com or airfrance.com among others.

The program will also provide at no cost for the students the following transportation:

- From airport to hotel in Santiago. You must inform the program Director of your travel arrangements at least three weeks prior to your departure.

Transportation from airport will be guaranteed only to students providing their travel information in due time.

- From hotel in Santiago to airport.
- Round-trip to a ski resort in Chile.
- Round-trip to the beach town of Viña del Mar.

In Argentina students are responsible for transportation to and from the airport. A taxi from Ezeisa Airport to Buenos Aires downtown costs approximately \$30 dollars.

**Housing** In Santiago and Buenos Aires, participants are housed in comfortable two-bedroom apartments (double occupancy per room), complete with full kitchens, which are convenient to the law schools, restaurants and shopping. The program also provides hotel accommodations in Viña del Mar, and for any other program-sponsored activity outside Santiago.

**Insurance** International health and accident insurance coverage is provided by the program at no cost for the official program dates. Further insurance coverage is the students' sole responsibility.

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**Passport and Visa** A valid passport is needed for travel to Chile and Argentina. To apply for a passport, U.S. citizens should call 877.487.2778 or contact <http://travel.state.gov/passport>. Apply for a passport immediately to avoid problems later on and rush-handling fees.

U.S. citizens with valid passports do not need a visa to travel to Chile and Argentina if they intend to stay less than three months. It is the responsibility of citizens of other countries to obtain a visa, if required, from the Chilean and Argentine consulates. A reciprocity fee (\$100 in 2008) will be required upon entry into Chile and there is an \$18 exit tax at the Buenos Aires airport.

For more information please contact the Argentine and Chilean consulates in your city or visit <http://www.chile-usa.org/consular.htm> and <http://www.embassyofargentina.us> (click on “seccion consular”).

**Application** Application for admission is on a rolling basis, but interested students are strongly encouraged to apply early, as the program may fill before the deadline. All applications must be submitted by March 3, 2009. Application available online at: **[wcl.american.edu/chile](http://wcl.american.edu/chile)**

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# Schedule

## SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2009

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                                    | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>MAY/JUNE</b>   |  |   |   |   |   |   |
| <b>(MAY 31)</b><br><b>Morning Arrival in Santiago</b><br>6:00pm: Orientation at the hotel | <b>1</b><br>Session 1<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>Classes start at <b>UDP</b><br>Metro Station: Republica (red line) | <b>2</b><br>Session 2<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>7:00 pm: Optional Movie Night               | <b>3</b><br>Session 3<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm                                  | <b>4</b><br>Session 4<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm  | <b>5</b><br><b>Trip to Valparaiso</b><br>Session 5:<br>Chilean Congress (lunch provided by program) | <b>6</b><br>Free time in Viña del Mar   |
| <b>7</b><br><b>Return to Santiago</b><br>Stop for group photo at Roca Pacifica            | <b>8</b><br>Session 6<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>Classes start at <b>UCH</b><br>Metro Station: Baquedano (red line) | <b>9</b><br>Session 7<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>7:00 pm: Optional Movie Night               | <b>10</b><br>Session 8<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm                                 | <b>11</b><br>Session 9<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm | <b>12</b><br>Session 10<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm  | <b>13</b><br>Free Day   |
| <b>14</b><br><b>Depart for Buenos Aires</b><br>7:00 pm: Orientation at the hotel          | <b>15</b><br>Session 11<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>Classes start at <b>UBA</b><br>1:30 pm: Lunch w/ local attorneys | <b>16</b><br>Session 12<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm  | <b>17</b><br>Session 13<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>2:00 pm: <b>Site Visits</b> | <b>18</b><br>Free Day                       | <b>19</b><br>Free Day<br>Optional: Day trip to Colonia, Uruguay                                     | <b>20</b><br><b>Depart for Santiago</b>   |
| <b>21</b><br><b>Ski Trip to the Andes Mountains</b>                                       | <b>22</b><br>Session 14<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>Class at <b>UCH</b><br>Metro Station: Baquedano (red line)       | <b>23</b><br>Session 15<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm<br>Final Review & End of Program Celebration | <b>24</b><br>Make up class or Reading Period                                | <b>25</b><br>Reading Period                 | <b>26</b><br><b>Final Exam:</b><br>Comparative Legal Perspectives on Social Problems                | <b>27</b><br><b>Final Exam:</b><br>Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America |
| <b>28</b><br>Check out from hotel by noon   | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>   |   |   |   |   |

\*Tentative schedule; all program times and activities subject to change



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