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# Summer Law Program



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# **2009 Summer Law Program Turkey**





**The WCL Summer Law Program in Turkey** will be an unforgettable experience combining an exceptional education with the opportunity to travel and enjoy the beauty of Istanbul's prime location in both Europe and the Middle East. The experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law.

WCL's Summer Law Program in Turkey combines travel in a foreign country with the opportunity to broaden your learning experience, gain knowledge in another language, 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 program will give students an international view of legal issues relevant to Turkey, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Students will also acquire knowledge of the legal aspects of trade and investment in developing countries, as well as of the legal challenges involved in accession to the European Union. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment, and security issues.

The program provides an opportunity for both law students and American attorneys to learn on site with some of the best Turkish law professors and experts in the field and meet practitioners and policy makers from Turkey.

## Courses

The academic component of the Turkey Summer Law program consists of two 3-credit courses:

**International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East.** Introduces students to the complex issues facing Turkey in the region, including its historical and current role in the Middle East, the challenge of accession to the European Union, and its linkages with Central Asia. The course also addresses various topical international legal issues including terrorism, security, human rights, energy policy and environmental sustainability, and the legal status of the Turkish Straits.





### **Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment Issues in**

**Turkey.** Surveys the areas of law that are relevant to advising clients doing business in a developing country. Explores various legal issues in international trade and foreign direct investment, such as trends in foreign investment regulation, intellectual property law, international business transactions, corporate structure and governance, commercial arbitration, and other areas of law relevant to the foreign investor.

Students will live and attend classes on the main campus of Yeditepe University. Classes are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All classes are taught in English by expert faculty and practitioners. Knowledge of the Turkish language is not necessary for participation in the program. Information on Turkish-speaking classes will be made available to interested students at the outset of the program.



## Academic Activities

In addition to their classes, students will also have the opportunity, through organized field trips, to meet for informal question-and-answer sessions with American professionals working in Turkey and with representatives of governmental, non-governmental, and international organizations. Such visits may include the Turkish Supreme Court, World Bank offices in Ankara, the Istanbul Stock Exchange, Congress, non-governmental organizations, and local law firms.

## Extracurricular Activities

During the program, there will be many opportunities to explore the vibrant and rich traditions of both the historical and modern Istanbul — the only city in the world to straddle two continents.

Students will have free time in the afternoon and evening hours to visit cultural points of interest such as the Topkapi Palace, the Hagia Sophia Museum, the Sultan Ahmet Blue Mosque, the Basilica Cistern, the Grand Bazaar, and other historical sites, palaces, museums, and markets. Additionally, the program will provide exciting weekend excursions to Ephesus and the Aegean coast, as well as to Ankara and Cappadocia. Students may use other weekends to undertake more ambitious excursions to places such as Troy, Nicea, Bergama, Greece, and Israel.

# The Schools and Faculty

## **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 U.S. 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.

## **Yeditepe University**

Yeditepe University is located in Istanbul, the biggest city in Europe and the former capital of three empires (Eastern Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman). It is also a historical center of Islam, Orthodox Christianity, and Eastern Christianity.

Yeditepe University was established in 1996 by the Istanbul Education and Culture Foundation (ISTEK) which promotes education on a non-profit basis in Istanbul. The President of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation is Mr. Bedrettin Dalan, the former Mayor of Istanbul and deputy in the Turkish National Assembly. With its highly distinguished academic and administrative personnel, many of whom have made outstanding contributions to Turkish society, the University has, despite its short existence, already earned a leading position in the echelons of the higher educational system in Turkey.

## **Faculty**

The program is supervised by two members of the Washington College of Law faculty. Students receive instruction from distinguished faculty members of Yeditepe University, as well as leading Turkish practitioners and policy makers. Many of these individuals play key roles in the ongoing development of Turkish democratic institutions and trade policy.



## Details

**Credits** This program has been approved by the American Bar Association. Program participants earn six credits for the two courses. Applicants who intend to transfer credits should inquire about their law school's policy on that issue.

### Eligibility

- Full-time and part-time JD candidates in good standing at an ABA-approved or state accredited law school who have completed their first year of study by May 2009
- Candidates for graduate law degrees (LL.M., S.J.D.)
- JD graduates
- Graduate students from other disciplines may be eligible. The Program Director will determine the eligibility on a case by case basis.

**Expenses** The program fee of \$8,586 includes tuition, housing, reading materials, health insurance (during the official dates of the program only), organized tours, receptions, transportation to program activities, and six law school credits. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel and for most meals (approximately \$25 a day).

**Travel** Participants must make their own arrangements for travel between Turkey and their home countries. The program provides information on travel agents in Washington, D.C., who offer low-cost group flights for program participants. These agents also have information about activities within Turkey and about travel to other nearby countries. Travel arrangements are the sole responsibility of each participant. The program does not incur any liability for those arrangements. The program will hold orientation sessions that provide guidance to students regarding security concerns, excursions, and information on what to do in case of an emergency.

**Housing** While in Turkey, participants are housed in modern, furnished residential housing on the gated campus of Yeditepe University. Double bedrooms each have a private bath. Each room is equipped with Internet access. Housing costs are included in the tuition fee.



**Visas** A valid passport and visa are required. To apply for a passport, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>. For information on obtaining a visa to visit Turkey, please visit [www.turkey.org](http://www.turkey.org).

**Application** Application for admission is on a rolling basis. For application information and to apply online, please visit **[www.wcl.american.edu/turkey](http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey)**. Non-WCL students must include a letter of good standing from their Dean or Registrar for the application to be considered. Persons with disabilities should contact program staff prior to submitting their application. The program reserves the right to cancel at any time due to insufficient enrollment or other justifiable cause.

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# Schedule

## SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN TURKEY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY/JUNE</b> <b>COURSE I:</b> International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia, & the Middle East <b>COURSE II:</b> Legal Perspectives on Business & Investment Issues in Turkey						
<b>(May 31)</b> Orientation <b>Welcome Reception &amp; Boat Tour</b>	<b>1</b> Classes begin Session 1	<b>2</b> Session 2	<b>3</b> Session 3 <b>Alumni reception 7:30 pm</b>	<b>4</b> Session 4 Afternoon Review Travel to Ankara	<b>5</b> Session 5 in Ankara <b>World Bank &amp; TEPAV</b>	<b>(May 29)</b> Students arrive in Istanbul  <b>(May 30)</b> Students arrive in Istanbul
<b>7</b> <b>Tour of Cappadocia</b> Return to Istanbul	<b>8</b> Session 6 (afternoon, 2 pm)	<b>9</b> Session 7	<b>10</b> Session 8	<b>11</b> Session 9 Afternoon midterm review	<b>12</b> Session 10 Departure for Izmir	<b>13</b> <b>Morning tour of Ephesus</b> <b>Afternoon Hotel Pool at Kuşadası</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Day at Kuşadası Beach Club</b> Late afternoon return to Istanbul	<b>15</b> Session 11 (afternoon, 2 pm)	<b>16</b> Session 12	<b>17</b> Session 13	<b>18</b> Session 14	<b>19</b> Session 15 Afternoon final review	<b>20</b> <b>Free Weekend in Istanbul</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Free Weekend in Istanbul</b>	<b>22</b> Reading period	<b>23</b> Final exam	<b>24</b> Final exam Closing dinner 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Packing Day Formal end of program	<b>26</b> Use of University Housing available	<b>27</b> Use of University Housing available
<b>28</b> Use of University Housing available	<b>30</b>	<b>Group Excursions in Istanbul certain afternoons</b>				

\*Tentative schedule; all program times and activities subject to change. Check Web site for updates.



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