Dean's Travel Study Program - Comparative Legal Systems: Munich & Nuremberg

The Dean’s Travel Study Program’s Comparative Legal Systems: Munich & Nuremberg course will focus on developments in international law relating to war, war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity across the 20th century and to the present. The centerpiece of the course is the 1945-46 International Military Tribunal (IMT) proceedings and its judgments at Nuremberg against the principal Nazi war criminals. The course will consider antecedents to Nuremberg, including the Versailles Treaty, Leipzig trials, League of Nations and Kellogg-Briand treaty; the August 1945 London Agreement creating the IMT; Nuremberg itself, including the IMT trial and judgment and the subsequent American trials of German defendants; other national prosecutions arising from World War II; subsequent related developments, such as the Genocide Convention; and contemporary legal responses to war crimes and other human rights violations, including the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda and the International Criminal Court.

Eligible Students

Currently enrolled and matriculated St. John's University School of Law 2L, 3L, and 4L J.D. students who are in good academic standing may apply for the Dean's Travel Study Program. Should a student be selected for the program and, prior to commencement of the program, lose their good academic standing, they will not be allowed to participate in the program and an alternate will take their place. Students must have a valid passport. Students can apply financial aid to the program cost.

Application Requirements

Applicants currently enrolled at St. John's University are expected to:

2. The application includes two short essay questions (250 words maximum) as to why you wish to participate in the Dean's Travel Study Program to Brazil and Uruguay and what diversity and multiculturalism mean to you.

Selection Process
A committee will make selections shortly after the application deadline. Offers, including a wait-list, will be communicated by November 5, 2019, and students must promptly inform the program director if they will participate. The program cost of $2,000 is due at the time that Spring semester tuition is due. Details about the program, disclosures and dates of travel are available here: [deans-travel-study-program-details](#).

**Comparative Legal Systems: Munich & Nuremberg**

This course provides selected second- and third-year students with the opportunity to experience first-hand foreign legal systems. The course includes pre-departure lectures at St. John's, guest lectures by law professors, judges and practicing lawyers in Germany, as well as historical "walking lectures". The travel portion will include stays in Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt, including study visits to academic, governmental and legal institutions.

This graded, one-credit course provides students with a basic understanding of modern German history, the history of World War II in the European theater, the Holocaust, and history of modern international criminal tribunals. Students will also have a specific understanding of the Nuremberg trials, including their charges and judgments, individual defendants and their conduct, evidence, and legal concepts.

**Course Instructor**

Professor John Q. Barrett  
[barrettj@stjohns.edu](mailto:barrettj@stjohns.edu)
New York Component: WORKING/DRAFT SCHEDULE—Subject to Change

As part of Comparative Legal Systems: Munich & Nuremberg, students will have an introduction to international criminal law, Germany history and current legal system and legal education through reading, discussion, and video content. This introduction will begin with a pre-departure class session over the course of one day, attendance in this session is required for all students enrolled in Comparative Legal Systems: Munich & Nuremberg.

January/February TBD, 2020 (full day): Intro Series

February 29-March 7, 2020: Travel, detailed below

March TBD, 2020: Post-Trip Briefing and Discussion

Travel Component: WORKING/DRAFT SCHEDULE—Subject to Change

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Important Travel Information

✓ This trip requires all participants to possess a valid passport. For students who possess passports from other countries, it is your responsibility to determine immigration regulations to enter Germany. Students must possess a valid passport to partake in the travel portion of the course, and if required, must secure a valid visa before the travel begins.

✓ Students are encouraged to activate international data on their phones before they travel. Whatsapp is a commonly used international messaging app.
✓ Associate Dean Sarah Jean Kelly, kellys@stjohns.edu, will have international cellular and data and will be accessible throughout the trip. You will have access to her cell phone number, and should contact her with any issues that arrive in advance of or during the trip.

Flights:

- February 29: Depart New York JFK Airport (JFK) 9:30PM to Munich International Airport (MUC). Connection in Amsterdam Airport Schiphol). Arrive in MUC March 1, 2020 1:35PM
  - KLM 644-1795
  - Delta 107

Hotels:

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Costs:

Program Cost: $2,000

This price includes:

- One academic credit for Comparative Legal Systems in the Spring 2017 semester
- Round-trip air travel from NYC to Germany
- Double occupancy hotel rooms in Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt each night of the trip
- Daily breakfast
- Ground transportation in Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt to course events
- Cultural activities and tours listed in the final itinerary
- Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- International health insurance

This price does NOT include:
• Any applicable costs for purchasing a passport or obtaining a visa (if needed)
• Additional meals not explicitly included
• Any Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt travel that students do during free time or events not sponsored by St. John’s Law

Federal student loans may be applied to the cost of the program. The program cost represents less than the full, actual cost. This Dean’s Travel Study program is underwritten through a generous support from St. John’s Law alumni and St. John’s University.

**Required Materials, Assessment, and Anticipated Time Commitments**

**Learning Objectives**
By the end of the course, you should:
• have a general understanding of modern German history, the history of World War II in the European theater, the Holocaust, and the history of modern international criminal tribunals;
• have a specific understanding of the Nuremberg trials, including their charges and judgments, individual defendants and their conduct, evidence, and legal concepts;
• have an introduction to Germany today, including historical legacy, law, and legal education;
• be able to operate more effectively in cross-cultural contexts; and
• have more developed understandings of the rule of law and international law.

**Required Materials**
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Suggested readings:
• Leon Goldensohn, *The Nuremberg Interviews: An American Psychiatrist’s Conversations with the Defendants & Witnesses* (Robert Gellately, ed.) (Alfred A. Knopf, paperback, 2004);
• Joseph Persico, *Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial* (1995) (paperback);
• Telford Taylor, *The Anatomy of the Nuremberg Trials: A Personal Memoir* (1993) (paperback); and
• relevant Nuremberg trial and other materials online, including at The Avalon Project (http://avalon.law.yale.edu/).

**Assessment**
Your final grade will be based on class participation and two short reflection papers. Preparedness and active class participation are requirements of this course. Exceptional participation, in both quality and quantity, will be recognized with up to a half letter grade increase. Subpar participation will result in either a half or a whole letter grade deduction.
Instruction and preparation time will be further detailed in the final syllabus. Instruction time, including “walking lectures” and course activities in Munich, will total approximately 20 hours. Preparation time will total approximately 24-27 hours.

REQUIRED DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO ABA CRITERIA FOR FOREIGN SUMMER AND INTERSESSION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY ABA-APPROVED LAW SCHOOLS IN A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

Prepared: October 11, 2019

1. Dates, location(s), description of the program, and anticipated enrollment.
   - In New York: various pre-departure lectures and meetings to be determined. See #4 below.
   - In Germany: Saturday (leaving JFK) February 29, 2020 through Saturday march 7, 2020 (returning to JFK). See #4 below.
   - Munich, Nuremberg, and Frankfurt
   - This 1-credit course covers developments in international law relating to war, war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity across the 20th century and to the present. The centerpiece of the course is the 1945-46 International Military Tribunal (IMT) proceedings and its judgments at Nuremberg against the principal Nazi war criminals. The course will consider antecedents to Nuremberg, including the Versailles Treaty, Leipzig trials, League of Nations and Kellogg-Briand treaty; the August 1945 London Agreement creating the IMT; Nuremberg itself, including the IMT trial and judgment and the subsequent American trials of German defendants; other national prosecutions arising from World War II; subsequent related developments, such as the Genocide Convention; and contemporary legal responses to war crimes and other human rights violations, including the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and for Rwanda and the International Criminal Court.
   - 16 students

2. The nature of the relationship with the foreign institution, if any, other than the provision of facilities and minimal services.
   Not applicable.

3. Description of each course and number of credit hours.
   See #1.

4. Schedule of classes with days and times for each class.

   **New York**

   January/February 2020 (full day): Intro Series
- **History and Context**  
  Prof. John Q. Barrett

- **Travel and Safety Briefing**  
  Associate Dean Sarah Jean Kelly

- **Introduction to International Tribunals**  
  Prof. John Q. Barrett

- **Pre-Departure Orientation & Cultural Etiquette and Expectations**  
  Dean Michael A. Simons and Associate Dean Sarah Jean Kelly

**Mark/April TBD, 2020: Post-Travel Briefing**

- **Post-Trip Briefing, Reflection, and Discussion**  
  Prof. John Q. Barrett, Dean Michael A. Simons, and Associate Dean Sarah Jean Kelly

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**Germany Travel**

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5. **Requirements for student performance and method of evaluating student performance.**
Grading will be based on two written essays, one to be completed before arriving in Rio and one due upon return to St. John's.

6. **Enrollment limitations on any courses offered and criteria for enrollment, including prerequisites, if any.**

   The program is limited to 16 - 20 students. There are no pre-requisites.

7. **Descriptive biography of the on-site program director;**

   *Sarah Jean Kelly*
   *Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies*

   Dean Kelly joined the law school in June 2016 as the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies, overseeing the Law School’s LL.M. and Legal English programs. She has been a higher education administrator for the past 12 years, most recently at Georgetown Law where she served as the Director of LL.M. Academic Services. Dean Kelly is a graduate of Wellesley College, received her M.Ed. from the University of Virginia, and her J.D. from Georgetown Law. Sarah serves on the Board of Directors for the Wellesley College Alumnae Association and Providence House.

8. **Descriptive biographies, including academic credentials and experience, of each faculty member responsible for teaching a course.**

   *Professor John Q. Barrett*

   John Q. Barrett is a Professor of Law at St. John's University in New York City, where he teaches Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and Legal History. He also is the Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow and a Board member at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York. He is a graduate of Georgetown University and Harvard Law School. Professor Barrett is an internationally renowned expert on the post-World War II Nuremberg trials and he speaks regularly about Nuremberg, the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Jackson, FDR, and other legal and historical topics in public venues and to community, campus, religious, corporate, legal profession, and other audiences and groups throughout the United States and abroad. Professor Barrett also is a regular national media commentator on legal and historical issues.

9. **Contact information of an informed person at the law school.**

   Marra Guttenplan
   Director of Graduate Studies
   guttenplm@stjohns.edu
   (718) 990-7525

   Ashleigh Georgia Kashimawo
   Director of Public Interest Programming
10. Complete statement of all tuition, fees, anticipated living costs, and other expected expenses.

- The program cost is $2,000, inclusive of air travel, double occupancy hotel rooms, ground transportation while in Germany, a welcome and farewell meal, daily breakfasts, and international health insurance.
- The cost does not include any applicable costs for purchasing a passport (or obtaining a visa to enter Germany, if needed), any meals not specifically included in the final itinerary, any local travel that students do during free time or events not sponsored by St. John’s Law. It is anticipated that meals will cost up to approximately $40 per day.

11. Information regarding the cost and availability of housing made available by the program; or, if the program does not provide housing, information on the availability, approximate cost, and location of housing in the same area.

Hotel accommodations are provided as part of the program cost.

12. The extent to which the country, city, and facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

According to the U.S. Department of State, “Individuals with disabilities may find accessibility and accommodation different from the United States. Many existing buildings and public transportation systems are less adapted to individuals with disabilities.”

13. Circumstances under which the program is subject to cancellation, how cancellation will be communicated to the students, what arrangements will be made in the event of cancellation, and information about any prior cancellations, if any.

It is not anticipated that there are any circumstances that would require cancellation, except for specific U.S. Department of State travel alerts or warnings for Germany. See #15 below.

14. Relevant State Department Travel Information, including Travel Advisories and Warnings.

Please see: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Germany.html.

15. Refund policies, in accordance with Standard 509(c)(1).
If, prior to the commencement of the program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert is issued for Germany, registered students will be notified promptly via email and will be given an opportunity to withdraw from the program. Students withdrawing due to the travel advisory will be provided a refund of all program fees.

If changes in the course offerings or other significant aspects of the program occur prior to the commencement of the program, those changes will be communicated promptly by email and registrants who have paid a deposit or registered for the program will be given an opportunity to withdraw, with a refund provided for any program costs paid less the deposit.

If, during the course of the program, a student withdraws because of changes in significant aspects of the program, or because a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert was issued for Germany, or should the program be terminated for any reason, the fees paid by the student will be refunded except for air and hotel payments utilized prior to the date of termination or withdrawal.

Students who wish to cancel their participation in the program for any other reasons after registering must notify the program director on or before December 16, 2019. In such cases, the student will receive a full refund of the program cost, if paid by that date.

Students who submit notice of cancellation for other reasons after December 16, 2019, may receive a partial refund or no refund. The program director will make a decision on any partial refunds depending on the timing of, and reason for, the cancellation on a case by case basis, including costs incurred by the time of notice and whether a student on the waitlist was able to take the student’s spot in the course.