

Independent Program Addendum

Instructions: Students applying to independent programs must follow a two-part application process.

They must first complete this Independent Program Addendum, which may require substantial research by the student ([see details here](#)), and email it to InternationalPrograms@law.columbia.edu no later than **February 1** of the academic year prior to that in which they wish to study overseas. Students should then follow the same online application process as for single-semester programs.

Students applying to study at a pre-approved school should complete only sections I and II of this form before following the standard single-semester online application process.

I. General Information

Name: Year: 1L 2L

Address: Phone:
Email:
Citizenship(s):

Expected date of graduation:

Summer address (and dates):

II. Overseas School - Summary

School and country where you propose to study:

Is this school pre-approved for independent study? YES NO

III. Overseas School - Detail

Contact person:

E-mail:

Title:

Telephone:

School Mailing Address (include postal code):

Faculty member at foreign institution who has agreed to serve as academic advisor:

E-mail:

Date the semester begins:

Ends:

IV. Rationale for Independent Study

Please explain your rationale for proposing an independent program, including reference to the foreign school's academic standing and administrative capacity; the availability of places in comparable programs offered by CLS; and a compelling argument for the value of the experience within your overall academic trajectory.

Faculty member at CLS who has read your Rationale for Independent Study, supports your proposal, and, if it is approved, has agreed to serve as your academic advisor:

Please list courses you propose to take. (Note that this is **not** a final course selection):

Name of Course	Credits assigned by foreign school	Minutes class meets each week	Weeks class meets per term	Minutes spent outside of class (expected) in preparation for each 50 minutes in class

Note: CLS does not generally award credit for clinics, field placements, or similar curricular offerings taken abroad.

What is the language of instruction at the foreign school?

Are you proficient in this language? Yes No

If language is not English, please describe how you attained language proficiency:

Describe the average academic load (i.e., how many credits/classes are typically taken) at foreign school:

For local students:

For exchange students:

If there is a dissertation or similar requirement, please describe:

Please describe how the foreign school evaluates student performance (oral or written exam, paper, etc.):

What is the grading scale or similar assessment tool used by the foreign school?

The foreign school must be (a) government sanctioned or recognized, if educational institutions are state regulated within the country; (b) recognized or approved by an evaluation body, if such an agency exists within the country; or (c) chartered to award first degrees in law by the appropriate authority within the country. Please indicate that the school fulfills these criteria. Yes No

How much does the foreign school charge foreign students (in U.S. dollars) for the semester?
(Please note: if tuition exceeds the equivalent of one semester of Columbia Law School's tuition, students must pay the difference.)

Signature:

Date: