Melbourne Global Mobility move your world

How going abroad can benefit YOU…
• Enhance analytical and critical thinking skills through real world experience
• Expand your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
• Build your resume by showcasing your unique global knowledge
• Prepare you to work in an increasingly diverse workplace
• Provides the opportunity to experience different approaches to learning
• Gain confidence and develop resilience as you learn new things about yourself, others and the world

Melbourne Law School recognises the importance of internationalising the law school experience. Studying abroad helps you explore the world, expand your cultural horizons, and increase your experience by studying Law amongst professionals from around the world.

How can I make it happen?
As long as you have completed all of your compulsory subjects (and a substantial piece of legal writing) then you can apply for a mobility program. Melbourne Law School offers many exciting and diverse options for LLB students interested in going abroad.

• Start planning NOW! Due to time constraints it is best that Law students start planning for their time abroad during their first year. This will allow you to have an easier time developing an appropriate experience to meet various course requirements and your own expectations.
• Set goals. No one program is best suited for Law students. If you want to go abroad it is best to think about the following factors: Subjects offered and how they will fit into your course plan, the size and location of the host institution and program specifics, important dates such as academic calendars and application deadlines, costs involved with going abroad and most importantly your own interests.
• Prioritise your goals. Consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements.

Can I afford to go abroad?
YES! If going abroad is a priority, there is generally a way to make it affordable. Early planning for international experiences helps students make cost-effective program decisions and it also helps them prepare their finances through savings, scholarships and financial aid. Usually students who receive a youth allowance or current Melbourne scholarship are able to continue that funding while on exchange.

Melbourne Law School has access to some of its own funding for student mobility, this includes funding for exchange, internships, as well as travelling scholarships such as the John and Alison Kearney Overseas Scholarship. For the most up-to-date information regarding Law School funding please contact the Study Abroad and Exchange Advisor.

The University of Melbourne also offers about $2.5 million in global mobility scholarships each year. Melbourne Global Mobility provides resources on these and a variety of other funding opportunities such as OS-HELP and external scholarships on their website. Please visit: www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/outgoing/funding/

“Studying abroad lets you learn about other legal systems, make contacts and develop tangible career benefits”

Ann O’Connell
Associate Professor
(Associate Dean LLB)
Academic Considerations for Law Students

What are my next steps?

Investigate programs

LLB students can go on many different types of programs such as: Exchanges, University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects, Short-Term Programs, the Centre For Transnational Legal Studies program in London and Internships for credit. It is important to consider which type of program would suit your current course plan and goals.

To get some ideas visit the LLB exchange page: http://undergraduate.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/current-students/exchange-

Talk to a Student Advisor

Due to the teach out it is important if you have any compulsory subjects remaining that you ensure you will be at the Law School to complete them. You should also make an appointment to meet with the Study Abroad and Exchange Advisor to discuss program options.

For exchange programs

Go to an application information session which will answer many of your questions about preparing for an exchange. Visit the MGM webpage to register and research exchange partners. It is also recommended that you meet with the Law School Exchange Advisor prior to submitting your application.

For non-exchange programs

If you hope to go abroad other than by way of exchange, for example a UoM Overseas Subject, visit the UoM handbook website to view subject descriptions and then make an appointment with the Law abroad advisor to discuss your options.

Apply

Depending upon your program type you will have different application procedures. They often include recommendation forms, essays, subject approvals and transcripts. If during the process you have further questions please schedule an appointment with an MGM adviser or the Law School study abroad and exchange adviser.

Key Actions

Meet with a Student Advisor – LLB students should meet with a Student Advisor to determine when they need to take any remaining compulsory subjects, and that they will complete a Substantial Piece of Legal Writing.

Meet with an Exchange Advisor – Meet the Exchange Advisor and discuss programs of interest, application procedures, destinations, and any other concerns or queries you may have.

Study Law from a different cultural perspective

• Learn how legal systems vary throughout the world and how Law impacts other societies; choose a program where your professors are from the host country such as Exchanges or the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies.

• Topics available include human rights, diplomacy, politics, social justice and public policy, development; consider a program that highlights your particular interests.

Seek cultural immersion

• Look for programs that offer significant cultural integration. Deep involvement in the host culture leads to personal growth and instils the cross-cultural skills that are so important to success in the world of Law.

• Classroom learning is only part of the study abroad experience. Use internships, service learning and home stays to get involved in the community. This sort of educational approach can give you a much broader feeling for your host society and culture than if you experience it mostly in a conventional academic setting.

• Take risks and explore new things, but be realistic; not all students are ready for the same amount of cultural immersion. Seek other program types such as short-term programs or engaging University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects organised by Melbourne Law School.

"Undertaking a semester of study at CTLS was one of the highlights of my time at University. For me, the most amazing part of the program was the ability to meet, study with and form such close friendships with students and academics from all around the world. I believe that my experience at CTLS has both synthesised and built on my previous studies at the Melbourne Law School, and that CTLS gives its students a unique understanding of global legal practices.”

Sarah Zeleznikow
Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, London
Sample Education Abroad Options

The remainder of this sheet lists some sample options that might be especially nice fits for LLB students.

- These are examples only; you do not need to confine your search to this list.
- Think about where, when, what, and for how long you want to study abroad.
- Also consider which program formats fit with your educational objectives and your learning style.

Unique Education Abroad Options

Melbourne Law Schools offers the chance for LLB students to go abroad on various types of programs such as the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies or short-term University of Melbourne Overseas Subjects detailed below.

Centre for Transnational Legal Studies - United Kingdom

This is a semester long program coordinated by Georgetown University’s Legal Centre taught in the heart of London’s legal quarter. Students can take a wide variety of subject offerings that will be taught by academics from top universities around the world such as the Free University of Berlin, King’s College and the University of Sao Paolo which will provide for an exciting multicultural experience. **Available:** Both semesters (applications are run for each UK Academic year concurrently), please refer to the handbook for more information, or contact the Study Abroad and Exchange Advisor.

Institutions in International Law - Geneva, Switzerland

This program has run successfully in Geneva for four consecutive years, offering students the chance to engage face to face with worldwide leaders in numerous specialisations of public international law. Students come away from the subject with a rich understanding of practical and substantive aspects of international law and the careers it offers. **Available:** Semester 1 with travel during Winter Recess. Please refer to the handbook for more information.

Global Lawyer - New York, Washington DC, USA

2011 being this program’s inaugural year it is one of the newest opportunities at The Law School. This subject examines the various roles played by lawyers such as advisers, advocates and negotiators. Students will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with expert guest lecturers from institutions such as Citibank, The Australian Embassy in the US, and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. **Available:** January term, 5 contact hours spent in Melbourne and 30 contact hours in the US. Please refer to the handbook for more information.

Go Abroad on an Exchange

The University of Melbourne has exchange agreements with over 160 institutions. LLB students are eligible to go on an exchange with one of our partners as long as they offer courses that are open to LLB students.

- Students going on exchange remain enrolled in and pay their tuition fees directly to the University of Melbourne. They also need to be enrolled full-time at the host institutions
- Going on an exchange will give the student a culturally significant experience by taking classes with local students and possibly in the local language.
- Exchange is good for students interested in experiencing a different academic system and who want to select subjects from a wide variety of offerings.

Denmark – University of Copenhagen

The University of Copenhagen is the oldest and largest University in Denmark. It is ranked amongst the top 10 universities in Europe and possesses one of the largest law faculties. Students can undertake a wide variety of subjects, many of which focus on European and International Law. **Available:** Both semesters. **Example subjects offered:** Mediation, the Law of Armed Conflicts, International Energy Law and Sustainability.

South Africa – University of Capetown

The University of Cape Town has a student population of approximately 25,000 students, nearly 5000 of whom are international students making the campus incredibly diverse. The Law School boasts a broad curriculum with a variety of subjects such as Environmental Law and Human Rights to name a few. **Available:** Both semesters. **Example subjects offered:** Natural Resources Law, Pollution Law, Punishments and Human Rights.

United Kingdom – University of Mancheser

Ranked 5th in the UK and with a student population of approximately 40,000 students, the University of Manchester has a rich and diverse student body. The Law School boasts specialties including Bioethics, International Law, and Public Law. **Available:** Both semesters. **Example subjects offered:** Mental Health Law, Principles of Law, Medicine and Ethics, Law and Freedom of Expression.
Beyond Education Abroad

Your opportunities for significant learning experiences are not limited to study abroad. Whether as an alternative to study abroad/exchange or as complement to it, you might want to consider overseas work, internships or volunteer experiences. Such programs provide a great opportunity to strengthen your intercultural communication skills.

Work Abroad

In a globalised world many graduates are looking internationally for opportunities to gain work experience or develop a career. The web is overwhelmingly crammed with sites full of advice on how to obtain work overseas. This is a great place to start but try to be selective when uploading personal information such as resumes. The Careers and Employment Office offers many interesting suggestions for students interested in working overseas. If you are interested in going on a short-term, active adventure try going to the US with Camp America where you can become a camp counsellor and work with kids. If you are more interested in working at a bar or ski chalet Resort Jobs, a company based in the UK, lists opportunities on their website. Many of these jobs can be done while you are still a student during university breaks.

If you want to live overseas after you graduate for a longer period of time try searching for English teaching opportunities such as the JET Programme that sends graduates to Japan or the Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates. If teaching is not what you are wanting there are various sites such as Escape Artist or Monster Work Abroad where you can search for jobs or get advice on living abroad. Please visit the Careers and Employment website for more ideas: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/careers/student/overseas/index.html

Volunteer Abroad

A volunteer opportunity gives you the chance to give your time and energy to a community while strengthening your language skills and learning about a new culture. A host of organisations arrange opportunities for you to volunteer abroad in many different areas, from working with children to helping construct a community clinic. If you are on exchange, try visiting the careers unit or community outreach office at your host university. Whether you want to do hands on community work in Tanzania or build homes in Honduras i-to-i and Planeterra are companies that arrange international volunteer opportunities. Please visit the Leadership, Involvement, and Volunteer Experience (LIVE) unit website for more information about volunteering abroad: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is hosted by the Leadership, Involvement and Volunteer Experience (LIVE) unit and is an internationally recognised ‘leadership in action’ program which enables young people to broaden their experiences. If you are currently working towards a Duke’s award you can complete some components of the award while overseas. It is a great way to engage with the host community outside of the classroom. Please visit the LIVE unit’s website to find out how to work towards earning the Duke’s award: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/doe/index.html

Update your resume

Whatever you decide to do after graduation, you will want to include your learning abroad experience on your resume or graduate school application. Learning abroad can lead to the beginning of intercultural competence that is appealing to potential employers and graduate schools alike. When including learning abroad in your resume, highlight the skills you gained and what you learned while abroad. Did you become proficient in a language? Did you gain research experience through conducting an independent study project? Did you develop skills on an international work or internship experience? Have you become knowledgeable in some aspect of your host country’s culture? You will want to make the connection to actual skills you gained through your experience abroad – connections that will not always be obvious to an employer. After participating in your mobility program MGM coordinates a re-entry workshop to give students tips on how to be successful upon return.