

SOUTHWESTERN

LAW SCHOOL
Los Angeles, CA

Summer-Abroad Law Programs Policy

Administrative policy.

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Related policies: Financial Aid Policy; Maximum and Minimum J.D. Units Policy; Transfer and Visiting Students Policy; Good Academic Standing Policy for J.D. Students

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A. Participating in Summer-Abroad Law Programs

Southwestern Law School sponsors a summer-abroad law program in London. To be eligible to participate, students must have completed their first year of study (part-time or full-time) and be in good academic standing before the program's start. The program director may also consider a student's academic performance when determining enrollment.

Students may generally attend Southwestern's summer-abroad law program once during their time at Southwestern. Students may attend a second time with the program director's permission. The program director will consult with the Associate Dean for Student Services before granting permission. In determining whether a student may attend the program a second time, the program director will consider whether the student would displace another student who has not yet participated in a summer-abroad experience.

Typically, a student may apply up to eight units from Southwestern summer-abroad programs toward the J.D. degree. The program director and the Associate Dean for Student Services must approve any deviation from the eight-unit

maximum requirement in writing before the student pays a deposit to participate in the program for a second time.

Students interested in participating in summer-abroad programs sponsored by other law schools should consult the Transfer and Visiting Students Policy for approval procedures and maximum unit restrictions.

B. Financial Aid Availability

Students should be aware that there may be limitations on financial aid availability for summer-abroad programs and are strongly advised to contact the Financial Aid Office before registering or paying any program fees.

C. Policy Revisions

Southwestern expressly reserves the right to change or modify any aspect of this policy at any time, with or without prior notice.