

# SOUTHWESTERN

## LAW SCHOOL Los Angeles, CA

### Summer-Abroad Law Programs Policy

**Administrative policy.**

**Revision history:** Formerly a part of the annually revised Student Handbook; established as a standalone policy August 2022; technical edits made in July 2023; technical edits made in June 2024.

**Related policies:** Financial Aid Policy; Maximum and Minimum J.D. Units Policy; and Transfer and Visiting Students Policy

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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 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 at the program director's discretion in consultation with the Associate Dean for Students Services.

A maximum of eight units from Southwestern summer-abroad programs may be applied 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. 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.

Students interested in participating in summer-abroad programs sponsored by other law schools should consult the *Transfer and Visiting Students Policy* for procedures for approval 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 reserves the right to change or modify any aspect of this policy at any time, with or without prior notice.