Certificate in International Law

The Certificate in International Law (the "Certificate"), which will be awarded to qualified Lewis & Clark Law School students at graduation, recognizes successful concentration within the International Law curriculum. A student who satisfies the requirements for the Certificate will be entitled to a certificate denominated "Certificate in International Law." Students who believe that they will fulfill the requirements must complete an application that is available from the Registrar in order to be awarded a certificate.

Students qualify for the Certificate by satisfying the following requirements.

1. Course Requirements

Students must complete four (4) core classes:

- Public International Law (3 credits)
- International Business Transactions (3 credits)
- International Dispute Resolution (3 credits) and
- Legal Research: International & Foreign (1 credit).[1]

In addition, students must earn five (5) additional credits in classes on the following list:

Comparative Constitutional Law (2 credits)
Conflict of Laws (3 credits)
Cultural Resources Protection (2 credits)
Immigration Law (3 credits)
Individual Research (up to 3 credits)[2]
International Climate Change Law (2 credits)[3]
International Criminal Law (2 credits)
International Environmental Law (3 credits)
International Environmental Law Project (6 credits)
International Human Rights (2 credits)
International Investment Law (2 credits)
International Tax (2 credits)
Islamic Law & Politics (2 credits)
Law of Global Labor Markets (2 credits)

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[1] This class was not offered during the 2016-17 academic year, but students were allowed to satisfy this Certificate requirement that year by attending two International & Foreign Legal Research Tutorials offered by library staff. Students who completed those tutorials must secure certification to that effect from library staff.

[2] To qualify, the individual research paper would have to be on an International Law topic, *to be approved by the Certificate Administrator*.

[3] This course will be offered starting in 2018-19. Students who took the 3-credit course known as "Climate Change" in Fall 2017 or earlier may apply that course toward the Certificate instead.

Moot Court: Jessup International Law Competition (1 credit)[4]
Transformative Immigration Law (3 credits)
Unrepresented Nations & Peoples Workshop (1 credit)[5]

Students are advised to check this list yearly, as new classes may be added and some may not be offered every year, or their credit allocations may change.   Classes not on the list may be deemed to count toward the non-core additional credit requirement *in the discretion of the Certificate Administrator*.

Externships: Students may satisfy three (3) of the five (5) non-core additional credits required for the Certificate by the use of credits earned through an externship involving a substantial International Law element, either in a foreign country or in the United States, *approved by the Certificate Administrator*. The externship may be with a governmental agency, a non-governmental organization, an international organization, a corporation or other business entity, or a law firm.

Transfer Credits: Course credit may also be allowed, *with the approval of the Certificate Administrator*, for one course, of up to three (3) units of credit, taken at another law school. In that event, only the credit earned for that course will be applied to the Certificate; the grade earned for the course will not be counted in determining the student's GPA for the Certificate.

Ungraded Courses: With the exception of externship credits, and *unless approved by the Certificate Administrator*, no more than four (4) units of credit (including units transferred from another law school) used to qualify for the Certificate may be taken on a credit/no credit basis.

Student Directed Reading Groups: *With the approval of the Certificate Administrator*, students may satisfy one (1) of the five (5) non-core additional credits required for the Certificate with a Student Directed Reading Group ("SDRG") on an International Law topic. This would count as one (1) of the four (4) permitted ungraded credits.

Dual Certificates: Students may not use credits from a class toward satisfaction of the Certificate requirements if they are using those credits toward satisfaction of the requirements for another Certificate at Lewis & Clark.

2. Writing Requirement

Students must complete one substantial research paper exclusively on one or more topics relating to International Law. To qualify, the paper must meet the criteria for a Capstone paper, and be one of the following: (a) a paper written to fulfill course requirements in a class approved for the Certificate, (b) an Individual Research paper, for a minimum of two (2) semester hours, (c) a paper written to fulfill the requirements for an externship, or (d) a paper written to fulfill course

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[4]   Students who participate in this class in successive years may count only 1 credit toward the Certificate.
[5]   This workshop will not be offered after the 2017-18 academic year.

requirements in a seminar not specifically approved for the Certificate. Students who plan to fulfill the writing requirement with options (b), (c), or (d) *must have the approval of the Certificate Administrator*. Papers not written for graded credit do not satisfy this requirement.

3. Grade Point Requirement

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of B (3.00) or better in classes taken and selected as qualifying for the Certificate. No credits transferred from another law school and accepted for use toward a Certificate, or credits for a class taken on a credit/no credit basis and approved by the Certificate Administrator, will be used in computing the grade point average.

Note: When the approval of the Certificate Administrator will be needed in order for a particular course, externship, SDRG or paper to count toward the Certificate, it is highly recommended that such approval be sought ***in advance*** (*i.e.*, before taking the course, externship or SDRG or writing the paper).