



CARDOZO

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW FACT SHEET FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: English

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS: If your first degree in law was taught in a language *other than English*, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (Cardozo Law TOEFL Code 2489) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam. Minimum score: 100 TOEFL/ 7.0 IELTS

TOEFL/IELTS Waiver: Students may submit a statement detailing their experience with studying or working in English along with a letter from their home university exchange coordinator attesting to the student's proficiency in English. Each case will be considered individually.

NUMBER OF EXCHANGE PLACES

AVAILABLE PER SEMESTER: 1 – 2

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Students must be nominated by their home university before completing an application.

Following nomination, students must complete an online application at:

<https://cardozo.yu.edu/academics-and-clinics/our-degree-programs/llm-admissions>

Supporting documentation to be included:

- Letter of Recommendation
- Transcript of grades
- Short personal statement
- CV/Resume
- TOEFL score (or waiver document)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1 for Fall Semester
November 1 for Spring Semester

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants for the exchange program must have completed two years of their law degree in their home jurisdiction and be in good academic standing.

SEMESTER DATES: Our semesters run mid-August – mid-December for Fall and mid-January – mid-May for Spring. Exact dates are TBD each year.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM: There is a required orientation program scheduled approximately 7-10 days before classes begin each semester. Exact dates are TBD.

ACADEMIC FOCUS: We excel in many different areas in the law but are particularly known for Intellectual Property, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate Law, Constitutional Law, Legal Philosophy and Theory, and Jewish Law.

REGISTRATION: Students pre-register before the semester begins. The Director at Cardozo shares instructions and information about courses available each semester. Exchange students are strongly encouraged to discuss their course selection with their home university coordinator to ensure they are meeting their university requirements. The Cardozo team is available to answer any questions regarding course selections. Students submit registration requests to the Director and then enroll themselves during the Add/Drop period.

Exchange students are enrolled in courses with J.D. and LL.M. students. They can access most of the courses available at Cardozo except for those that require prior courses to have been completed at Cardozo.

CREDIT SYSTEM: We follow ABA credit standards. Each course represents 700 minutes of class time per semester, which translates to 54 minutes in-classroom learning per credit.

MANDATORY COURSE LOAD: Exchange students must take a full-time course load, which is a minimum of 9 credits. However, most students usually take 11 - 12 credits. Students should consult with their home university coordinator to determine required credits during their exchange semester.

LL.M. TRANSFER: Exchange students have the option to transfer their credits from the exchange semester to a future LL.M. program at Cardozo. Students must apply within two years of completing their first law degree for these credits to transfer.

HOUSING:

Housing is available but is not guaranteed. Exchange students may apply to live in the residence hall, The Benjamin, which is conveniently located one subway stop from Cardozo. The Benjamin has fully furnished units that range from studios to 3-bedrooms. All units have air conditioning, WiFi, smart TVs, and access to a shared laundry room, exercise room, lounge, study room, and a rooftop patio. For more information on housing:

<https://cardozo.yu.edu/life-nyc/housing-options>

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Exchange students are required by Federal Law under the J-1 visa rules to have health insurance that covers them in the U.S. and meets the J-1 minimum requirements. More information is provided by the Office of International Student Services once the students are admitted.

VISA INFORMATION:

Exchange students usually enter the U.S. on a J-1 visitor visa. The Office of International Student Services works with admitted students to process their applications for this visa. To learn more: email oiss@yu.edu or view information at <https://www.yu.edu/international/prospective-students>

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

Students must provide proof of MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella).

Students must provide proof of being vaccinated for Meningitis or sign a form opting out of this vaccination.

LANGUAGE COURSES: Cardozo does not provide English-as-a-Second-Language courses.

STUDENTS FEES: Tuition is waived for exchange students, however there is a \$500 deposit required that covers all other student fees (technology, Cardozo and Student Bar Association events).

ESTIMATED LIVING COSTS: Housing is estimated at \$7,500/semester
Food is estimated at \$3000/semester
Books are estimated at \$600/semester
Transportation is estimated at \$550/semester
For more information, see:
<https://cardozo.yu.edu/tuition>

