

THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW

APPLICATION TO ASSUME STUDY ABROAD STUDENT STATUS
(FOR STUDY ABROAD AT ANOTHER A.B.A. APPROVED INSTITUTION ONLY)

I hereby request permission to assume study abroad student status at the following institution:

ABA Accredited Institution: _____

Students may elect to take up to 15 credits abroad. No more than six (6) credits may be earned in any single summer program. Further restrictions and explanations of limitations are continued on page 2.

List term, course title, number and credits (specify semester or quarter) for each course you wish to take. In order to determine transferability, **you must submit a course description for each course attached to this application before approval may be granted.** This information is usually available at the law school's web site or in their course catalog.

Term and Year in Which Coursework Will Be Taken	Course Title	Course Number	Credit Hours	Semester or Quarter Hours?

Total Credits: _____

Reason(s) for your request to assume visiting study abroad student status:

If the request for study abroad status is granted, the student will receive credit only for a passing grade, which will be entered on the student's transcript as "credit". Although the credit hours transferred are counted toward the 88 credit hours that are required for the JD degree, the grades for such courses will not be computed into the student's law grade point average (LGPA).

Contact name and address to whom a letter of good standing should be mailed:

Student's Printed Name: _____ **ID#:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____ **@zips.uakron.edu** **Cell Phone:** _____

Cum GPA: _____ **Class Rank** _____ **Classification:** FT1__ FT2__ FT3__ PT1__ PT2__ PT3__ PT4__

The law faculty has determined that students may elect to take up to 15 credits abroad. No more than 6 credits may be earned in any single summer program. Foreign credits may be taken in any of the following combinations:

- One summer program, OR
- Two summer programs in different summers, OR
- One semester, OR
- One semester plus one summer program

The availability of these combinations of study abroad are subject to the student's obtaining the appropriate permission for underload and overload for that and future semesters, as applicable. *(Approved by the School of Law Faculty March 8, 2007)*

A student may request study abroad status to enroll for coursework at another ABA-accredited law school. A student may receive permission to spend an entire fall or spring semester abroad **only after all required courses are completed.** Summer study abroad may be done following the first full year of law studies.

1. In the case of summer study abroad, permission should be granted absent a compelling reason to deny permission pertaining to the best academic interests of the student.
2. In the case of a fall or spring semester abroad, permission should be granted to any student with a GPA above 2.7 absent a compelling reason to deny permission pertaining to the best academic interests of the student. Permission may be granted to any other student if, in the judgment of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs or Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, it is in the best academic interests of the student.

(Approved by the School of Law Faculty October 11, 2006)

Pre-approved courses may be transferred to apply toward the Juris Doctor degree at The University of Akron School of Law providing that these courses are:

- Letter graded (no grade below D-)
- Not similar to courses taken at The University of Akron
- Not clinical, internship, or externship experiences unless separately approved*
- Not independent research projects

** Students interested in enrolling in clinical externships and internships through other ABA-accredited law schools can be approved by seeking prior written permission of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs or Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The clinical experience may be at the ABA-accredited law school or via that school's study abroad program. The student must provide a written description of the proposed experience. To be approved the experience must be:*

- 1) offered through an ABA-accredited program elsewhere,
- 2) have a classroom component or a similar way of having faculty input and supervision and student reflection upon the clinical experience as a broader learning experience,
- 3) be supervised by a faculty member who is available to students during the experience, and
- 4) if an externship, the externship field placement must be regularly reviewed and assessed by a faculty member as to its value and the type of learning and feedback experiences students receive in the placement.

(Approved by the School of Law Faculty October 20, 2005)

If my study abroad status is approved, I understand that I am responsible for arranging to have an original, official transcript sent from the host school so that credit may be considered and transferred to The University of Akron School of Law. Failure of the host law school to submit an original official transcript or official receipt of grades until the transcript may be received could result in a delay of my law school graduation. Deadlines for receipt of the official transcripts for degree candidate students must be established with Law Student Affairs.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPROVAL

Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit completed form to lawstudentsaffairs@uakron.edu. Student will be notified of status via UA Email.