

The Florida State University Summer Program in

LAW AT OXFORD

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JUNE 25 - AUGUST 2, 2018

The Florida State University will conduct its 46th annual Summer Program in Law at Oxford from June 25 to August 2, 2018. We will again reside at St. Edmund Hall, an Oxford college which traces its roots to the 13th century when it was one of the academic halls that formed the basis of the University of Oxford. As the oldest ongoing program in Oxford sponsored by a U.S. law school, it provides students with a unique opportunity to study comparative law and the history of the common law and its institutions in their original setting.

Oxford is one of the greatest architectural treasures of the world. Examples of every style in England from the 11th to 21st century are present in its buildings. It is the seat of one of the two European Universities which have preserved the medieval collegiate system.

London is one hour away by frequent train or bus service; all of England, Scotland and Wales are a short and fairly inexpensive distance from Oxford.

An organized trip to the Inns of Court and Royal Courts of Justice in London and an evening of Shakespeare at Stratford are included in the program fee.

Information regarding travel, directions to St. Edmund Hall, book lists and initial assignments will be provided after April 2.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

The Summer Program in Law at Oxford is open to students in good standing at American Bar Association-approved law schools. Space is available for 38 students and acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students who are not from Florida State University must submit a letter of good standing from their Dean (or designee) before being official admitted into the program.

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CURRICULUM AND CREDIT

Four 2-semester-hour courses will be offered by tenured members of the Oxford and Florida State law faculties. Students may enroll in two or three courses. Course(s) for which enrollment is low may be cancelled. Each course consists of 20 class meetings held on a rotating schedule that changes from week to week.

Graded credit will be awarded upon successful completion of the course work. Acceptance of academic credit is at the discretion of the student's home school. Should a student's school not accept the credit, the student should contact the Director at (850) 644-6341. A problem can frequently be eliminated by direct contact between the Director and the student's dean. It is unlikely that participation in this program may be used to accelerate graduation. Students with questions concerning graduation acceleration should consult their home schools.

FACILITIES

The agreement with St. Edmund Hall requires that students enrolled in the program occupy college facilities. Most rooms are singles; linens, blankets and towels are provided. A pub and common room are available for student and faculty enjoyment. A computer lab is available and there are also computer connections in each room for those students who prefer to bring their laptops.

You are advised that the facilities at St. Edmund Hall may not be equipped to handle special physical or other requirements as stipulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education has opined that ADA and Section 504 do not apply extra-territorially.

FEES

All dates and fees are subject to change. There is a \$100 non-refundable application fee and the program fee is \$8,995 for 2018. The fee covers instruction costs for up to 6 credit hours, housing, breakfast and lunch on class days, organized trips, health insurance and international student ID card. Airfare, books, passport, evening meals on class days, weekend meals and weekend expenses are not included. Florida State University reserves the right to cancel the program in compelling circumstances as described on the website. In such case, all fees would be returned. For more details on the refund policy visit our website <http://www.law.fsu.edu/docs/default-source/academics/cancellationwithdrawalrefundpolicy.pdf?sfvrsn=6>.

It may be possible to arrange for a family member to accompany a student by contacting Shirley Oglesby, 850-645-0926, soglesby@law.fsu.edu. Information regarding duration of stay and age of guest must be provided. St. Edmund Hall has final approval and costs will be determined by the FSU International Programs Office. If approved, application instructions for family or guests will be provided.

Florida State University assesses a technology fee; this fee is NOT included in the fee outlined above. The technology fee is paid directly to FSU Student Financial Services, NOT International Programs. The fee for the 2017-18 academic year is \$5.25 per credit hour.

FINANCIAL AID

Federally guaranteed financial aid must be processed through the student's home institution. Because loan application deadlines vary, you should verify your school's deadline immediately. Florida State University is able to facilitate loan applications for non-FSU students by entering into an SFA Consortium Agreement with the home institution. Florida State would be considered the "host institution" in this agreement.

Deferment of program fees may be possible if you are approved for financial aid. Deferment options differ between FSU and non-FSU students. Students indicating on their applications that they will be applying for financial aid will receive further instructions. All deferment forms are due by March 1.

FSU students should look for an announcement about applying for need-based scholarships specifically for the Oxford Program sometime in early February. The scholarship process is handled by the College of Law Office of Student Affairs.

ELIZABETH FISHER

Professor of Environmental Law
Faculty of Law, Corpus Christi College
University of Oxford

Professor Fisher has B.A./LL.B. degrees from the University of South Wales and a D.Phil. from Oxford. She has been teaching law at Corpus Christi College of Oxford University since 2000 and teaches European Union law, environmental law and administrative law. Her books include *Risk Regulation and Administrative Constitutionalism* (2007) and Fisher, Lange and Scotford, *Environmental Law* (2013). She was shortlisted for national law teacher of the year in 2011 and is general editor of the *Journal of Environmental Law*.

JEFFREY HACKNEY

Emeritus Fellow and Lecturer, Wadham College
University of Oxford

Mr. Hackney holds M.A. and B.C.L. degrees from Oxford where he was a Vinerian Scholar. He is a member of Middle Temple and a senior Oxford faculty member, having served as Fellow and Tutor in Law at St. Edmund Hall from 1966 to 1976 and Fellow and Tutor in Law at Wadham College until his retirement in 2009. He is now an Emeritus Fellow of both colleges and continues to teach in the Faculty. Mr. Hackney's special interests are legal history, roman law, land law and equity.

TAHIRIH V. LEE

Associate Professor
Florida State University

Professor Lee has a J.D. from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. in history from Yale University. She is a leading U.S. scholar on Chinese law and legal history. Before coming to FSU she taught at University of Minnesota Law School and Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Her teaching and research interests include Chinese law, international business transactions, comparative law, and alternative dispute resolution.

MELISSA O. HANSON

Legal Writing Professor
Florida State University

Professor Hanson has a J.D. from the University of Florida and a B.S. from the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to teaching, Professor Hanson spent eleven years as a career law clerk to two federal judges at the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. In addition, she spent seven years at the law firm Foley and Lardner, where she specialized in Labor and Employment litigation. Professor Hanson currently teaches Legal Writing & Research and Federal Courts for the J.D. program and Employment Law and Employment Discrimination for the J.M. program. She was recently selected as a recipient of the 2016-17 University Graduate Teaching Award for excellence in teaching.

EUROPEAN UNION LAW (2 hrs.)

Dr. Fisher

This course is an introduction to EU law that looks at some of the key legal features of this unique legal system. Topics covered include EU institutional arrangements, direct effect, preliminary references, supremacy, the role of the European court of Justice, the emerging debates over constitutionalism in the EU, and free movement of goods.

ENGLISH LEGAL HISTORY (2 hrs.)

Mr. Hackney

The institutional framework of the Common Law and how that framework influenced the structure of the substantive law. Discusses the initial courts; the emergence of the dominant 'common law' courts, King's Bench and Common Pleas, and the competing Equity jurisdiction; the writ system and development of the pleading forms and the methods of proof used in trials. Considers tenures, the principal Real Actions for the recovery of land at Common Law and selected writs.

COMPARATIVE LAW (2 hrs.)

Prof. Lee

The course provides an introduction to the Civil Law tradition, the major alternative to the Common Law. We will draw many of our examples from three legal systems widely considered to be seminal models of within that tradition, those of France, Germany, and China. The comparative method as it is applied to legal problems will serve as a rubric for analyzing these legal systems. Through readings and class discussions, students will learn how to classify and compare Civil Law legal systems to Common Law legal systems, and to classify and compare legal systems within the Civil Law tradition. We will pay attention to both the utility and the limitations of such classifications and comparisons. The course focuses upon sources of law, the court system, civil procedure, the legal profession, and dispute resolution and is particularly useful for those who plan to practice law with an European, or international client base. Prepared course materials will be used and a take-home exam will be due on the last day of the exam period.

FEDERAL COURTS COURSE (2 hrs.)

Prof. Hanson

Federal Courts will provide students with an understanding of the operation and function of U.S. federal courts. The course will cover civil rights litigation under § 1983, the jurisdiction of the federal district courts and removal of cases from state to federal courts, the justiciability doctrines governing cases before federal courts, Eleventh Amendment sovereign immunity, and the abstention doctrines. The course will also include several exercises designed to provide students with a practical understanding of what it is like to practice in federal court or to work as a judicial law clerk to a federal judge.