

# 2020 OXFORD PROGRAM

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
COOLEY LAW SCHOOL'S  
7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM  
JUNE 29 – JULY 31, 2020



Western Michigan University Cooley Law School is pleased to announce its 7<sup>th</sup> annual American Bar Association (ABA)-approved foreign study program in Oxford, England, during the summer of 2020. Law students will study and live in Oxford for five weeks beginning June 29 and ending July 31. The six-credit program will be housed at Hertford College, a University of Oxford college. Three international and comparative law courses will be taught by law professors and practitioners.



## THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Western Michigan University Cooley Law School Foreign Study Program in Oxford has been approved by the American Bar Association's Accreditation Committee of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. The program was inspected in July, 2014, and is approved by the ABA. Classes do not have prerequisites. Each course is conducted in English by law professors and practitioners and meet the requirements of the ABA.

## DATES OF PROGRAM

Residence hall check-in begins June 28, 2020. There will be an orientation for all registrants that evening followed by a walking tour of the college. A Welcome Tea will be conducted during the first week. Classes begin Monday, June 29, and will be held during the day Monday through Friday. All courses will be conducted in classrooms on the very attractive campus of Hertford College in Oxford. The program ends on July 31. The schedule will permit students to visit many of the outstanding attractions in Oxford, such as Carfax Tower, Oxford Castle, Oxford Botanical Garden, High Street, the Rivers Cherwell and Isis (the Thames), and Ashmolean Museum.

## LOCATION

Oxford is about 50 miles west of London in Oxfordshire, a central southern county in Great Britain. It is the oldest university town in the United Kingdom, home of the University of Oxford. Oxford is called the city of dreaming spires because of the churches and university buildings. There are beautiful gardens; walking and cycling paths; and, a centralized historic city centre to explore.

MINI automobiles are manufactured in the area.

Students may opt to live and will attend classes hosted at the beautiful and centrally located campus of Hertford College. The program director's office will be on campus too. Please note that the University of Oxford and Hertford College are not awarding credit for this program.

Hertford College is located on Catte Street across from Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera. It also is known for the Hertford Bridge. To see and learn more about the college, go to <https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/>.



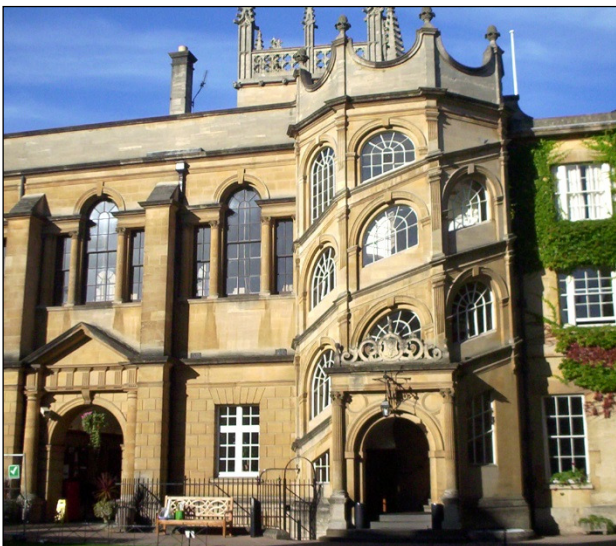
The Hertford bridge

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

U.S. law students with an interest in comparative and international law will benefit from this program. A limited number of students participating in LL.B. programs in other countries may also participate upon approval. Finally, anyone interested in a summer study abroad program in one of the world's great university towns, without a language barrier, should consider participating in the Oxford Program. Approval must be granted by the Associate Dean.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

The United States and the United Kingdom have their own laws regarding entry and exit requirements. It is strongly recommended that you refer to the United States Department of State website (e.g., <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html>) and the UK Visas and Immigration website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-visas-and-immigration>) for information to determine what documents are required for entry into and exit from these countries. A valid passport is required for U.S. citizens. Any student who is not a U.S. citizen should refer to the UK Visa and Immigration website for further entry information.



The spiral staircase at Hertford

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

WMU-Cooley will consider applications from law students who are currently enrolled in good standing in an ABA-accredited or state-approved law school and have completed at least one year of study. WMU-Cooley students must have completed 27 credits and have a

2.25 GPA. Students from law schools other than WMU-Cooley must ask their school to send a letter of current good standing and an official transcript to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School verifying the above criteria. A limited number of international students who are currently enrolled in good standing in an LL.B. program in another country and are fluent in English may also apply. We may have participants from our exchange programs with the University of Münster and University of Cantabria and affiliation with Western Michigan University. Others interested are encouraged to contact the program. Inquiries should be directed to [foreignstudy@cooley.edu](mailto:foreignstudy@cooley.edu) prior to submission of an application. Approval must be granted by the Associate Dean.

Last year, 13 J.D. students participated. Past participants were from Germany, Lebanon and Switzerland.

2020 will be the seventh year of WMU-Cooley's Oxford Program. A maximum of 25 students can participate in the program.

All applicants must submit a completed application and a **nonrefundable deposit** of \$250, which will be credited to tuition and fees, to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School. The deposit may be paid online, or by check or money order made payable to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School.

The application deadline is April 1, 2020.

Download an application at:

<http://www.cooley.edu/foreignstudy/england.html>.

Applicants must also provide an official transcript and certification from their law

school that they are currently in good standing.

Space is limited due to classroom size. Prior to April 1 students will be accepted on a first-come, first-accepted basis. Students applying after April 1 will be considered and notified in a timely manner if space is available. Send your application materials and deposit to:

Western Michigan University  
Cooley Law School  
International Programs Office  
2020 Oxford Program  
300 S. Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

**Travel arrangements and accommodations should not be arranged before WMU-Cooley officially notifies applicants of acceptance into the program.**

## DEPOSIT AND WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Deposits are fully credited to tuition and fees. **The \$250 deposit becomes nonrefundable on April 1, 2019 in the case of withdrawal from the program regardless of cause.** The \$200 program activities fee and the \$100 administrative fee paid to WMU-Cooley are **nonrefundable** in the case of withdrawal from the Oxford study abroad program regardless of cause once approved to participate. For other than complete withdrawals, tuition refunds for the Oxford study abroad program are made according to the *Summer Study Abroad 2020 Student Guide*. Students may not reduce the total number of credit hours for which they are registered as of 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 15, 2020. Tuition is **nonrefundable** after that deadline. **Students are responsible for housing costs including those WMU-Cooley incurs on their behalf.**

## PROGRAM

The Oxford Program is five weeks. Students will enroll in six credit hours. Three timely two-credit law courses will be offered. Final exams will be conducted at the end of the program. Exams are not given early or in advance. **Students will be promptly notified if classes are cancelled due to insufficient enrollment.**

The 2020 schedule has been designed to enable students to participate in WMU-Cooley's Toronto Program and then travel to Oxford to participate in that program. Many students will take advantage of this arrangement in order to earn as many as twelve credits during the summer.

## LEGAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR EVENTS

Visits to legal institutions in Oxford and London will be scheduled. Although no academic credit will be awarded for these visits, they will provide an important enrichment to the educational experience, and students will be expected to accompany the professors and their classmates on these excursions. In 2019, students traveled to London to visit Middle Temple and visited a court. In a more social vein, they attended a welcome tea and a closing gala dinner. Similar events will take place in 2020.

## HOUSING

Students live in Hertford College housing. Students have a single room with a sink, telephone, internet access, desk and wardrobe. Bathrooms and facilities will be shared. In 2019, a single room at Hertford College for 34 nights, with daily breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday costs £2,980.50. The



2020 rate has not yet been announced. Students staying at Hertford College housing are responsible for and, by their participation in the program, agree to pay for all housing charges, including those incurred by WMU-Cooley in advance on their behalf in reliance on their application and deposit.

WMU-Cooley will provide additional information and detailed reservation instructions for the Hertford College housing.



The Hertford College quad

## TUITION, HOUSING COSTS AND FEES

All tuition, housing costs and fees are made payable to the Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in U.S. funds. The estimate of expenses for the five-week program (all in U.S. dollars) which is being used by the WMU-Cooley Financial Aid Office is as follows. Keep in mind that prices will change with currency fluctuations (some figures were calculated based on currency exchange rates in January 2020).

### Tuition

- WMU-Cooley students pay tuition at the school's established rate. Honors Scholars apply their scholarships to the cost of the program.

- Guest students pay \$650 per semester hour.

### Housing at Hertford College

(34 nights, with daily breakfast and lunch M-F, [2019 rates was £2,980.50. The 2020 rate not yet announced.].....\$3,895

Hertford College internet (£20).....	26
Administrative fee .....	100
Program activities fee.....	200
Student Bar Association.....	20
(WMU-Cooley students only)	
Financial Aid loan fee.....	100
(WMU-Cooley students only)	

Other estimated expenses for the five-week program:

Travel to and from Oxford .....	1,500
Food .....	1,195
Local transportation .....	258
Supplies/books (est. \$100 per course) .....	350
Laundry.....	150
Miscellaneous.....	852
Supplemental health/accident insurance.....	80

WMU-Cooley will issue a schedule/statement to each registrant. Payment in full is due on April 21, 2020 (May 1, 2020 for guest students), unless other arrangements have been approved by WMU-Cooley.

## PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FEE

Each student pays a program activities fee that helps cover the cost of group excursions as well as social events and receptions.



Hertford gardens

## MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

**Students are required to have medical insurance with minimum requirements that include emergency evacuation and repatriation coverage.** It is highly recommended that students obtain travel insurance too. Some travel insurance policies may protect students from the loss of expenses such as air travel and housing in the event of withdrawal from the program. The financial aid budget includes the cost of medical insurance.

## STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORIES, COUNTRY INFORMATION, STEP REGISTRATION, AND WITHDRAWAL

Students who are U.S. citizens must provide proof of online registration with the United States Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) for your travel during the program:

<https://step.state.gov/step/> Students must subscribe to receive up-to-date safety and security information, and country information, for the countries in which they will be studying.

The State Department has new consular safety and security messaging. Carefully review this important information.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/about-our-new-products.html> The State Department issues a Travel Advisory for every country on the country's own page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html> See a complete list of Travel Advisories at

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>. The State Department's travel.state.gov site provides important information for U.S. citizens considering and traveling internationally.

The U.S. State Department's country specific information for the United Kingdom is at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/UnitedKingdom.html>.

Other countries have similar services. The web page for Canada's service for its citizens is <http://travel.gc.ca/>. Participants must provide proof of registration with their home country's service.

All registrants will be promptly notified if, prior to the start of the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Alert covering the dates and locations of the program. Registrants will have the opportunity to withdraw and obtain a full refund of all monies paid within 20 days after withdrawal. Please note that the State Department has a new travel advisories and alert system using levels and risk indicators.

All students will be promptly notified if, during the program, the U.S. State Department issues a Travel Warning or Alert covering the dates and locations of the program. Students

will have the opportunity to withdraw and will be refunded fees paid, except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of withdrawal. Refunds will be made within 20 days after withdrawal. Please note that the State Department has a new travel advisories and alert system using levels and risk indicators.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from Oxford. Direct coach transportation to Oxford is available at Heathrow Airport and Gatwick Airport. Additional transportation options are available from London. After you arrive, getting around Oxford is easy and fun.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Students should contact their home school's Financial Aid Office to determine their eligibility for financial aid and the deadlines needed to assure disbursement of funds in a timely manner. WMU-Cooley students who are interested in the Oxford program should contact the WMU-Cooley Financial Aid Office immediately to determine their eligibility for financial aid or how this program affects their current financial aid eligibility. A copy of the 2020 financial aid budget for this program will also be available to all guest students.

## **CHANGES TO COURSE OFFERINGS OR OTHER SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM**

Any changes to course offerings or other significant aspects of the program will be communicated promptly to every student who has paid a deposit or registered for the program, and an opportunity will be provided

for that student to withdraw and obtain a full refund of all monies advanced. Refunds will be made within 20 days after withdrawal. Once the program begins, a student who withdraws due to any changes to course offerings or other significant aspects of the program will be refunded monies paid except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of withdrawal.

## **PROGRAM CANCELLATION AND TERMINATION POLICY**

This program will be held subject only to minor adjustments due to emergencies, or subject to force majeure. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, students will be notified promptly and all money advanced by students shall be refunded within 20 days of cancellation. Best efforts will be made to arrange for each enrolled student to attend a similar program, if desired, in the event of cancellation after a deposit is paid. Should the program be terminated after it begins, students will be notified promptly and will be refunded fees paid except for room and board payments utilized prior to the date of termination. WMU-Cooley's Oxford study abroad program has never been cancelled.

## **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Any persons with special requirements should discuss them with the International Programs Office before registering.

## **COURSE SELECTION, CREDIT REQUIREMENT AND DROP/ADD**

Students may only enroll in courses offered in this program and are not permitted to participate in such things as online courses, externships, directed studies, law review and

law journal duties that take place at the same time as the study abroad program. Students may not work during study abroad programs.

Students must register for six semester hours of credit. **Students may not reduce the total number of credit hours for which they are registered as of 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, June 15, 2020.** Students will be invoiced for the credit total as of that date. Tuition is **nonrefundable** after this deadline. Students are subject to the preceding conditions and the *Summer Study Abroad 2020 Student Guide* should they request to drop a course.

## GRADES

Evaluation of students in each course will be through a final examination. Students from other law schools will be registering for these courses as guest students, and credit for these classes will be presented on an official Western Michigan University Cooley Law School transcript. It is the responsibility of guest students to contact their law school to assure that credit will transfer into their programs. Guest students should also consult with their schools to determine the manner in which grades will be recorded on their schools' transcripts.

At WMU-Cooley, most course grades are based on written final examinations, administered and graded under a system that assures student anonymity.

Professors adhere to established grade definitions. Within that framework, each professor may score the examinations differently and create a separate grading scale for each course. Grades at WMU-Cooley are known for being hard-earned and truly indicative of a student's grasp of the subject

matter. WMU-Cooley does not practice grade inflation.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT AND RESIDENCE

Acceptance of credit and residence required for graduation is at the discretion of each applicant's law school. As each course meets or exceeds ABA requirements, most ABA schools will accept credit and grant appropriate residence. If your school will not, please contact WMU-Cooley Registrar Danielle Hall at (517) 371-5140, ext. 2222, or e-mail her at registrar@cooley.edu. Denial of credit or residence frequently results from misunderstanding that can be resolved by direct conversation by WMU-Cooley and your dean or administrator. It is unlikely that participation in a single summer program may be used to accelerate graduation. Students interested in acceleration should consult the appropriate administrator in their home schools to review this issue in light of ABA Standards.

## LIBRARY RESOURCES

Hertford College has library facilities available during the program.

## ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS POLICY

Each student at the WMU-Cooley bears responsibility to prepare and understand the material assigned and to recite in class when called upon. If circumstances arise which prevent the student from being prepared, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the professor before class. Each professor may establish a specific preparedness policy for each course.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is the norm for every class session. There are no pre-excused absences in any class. Students should strive for full attendance but keep their own records of any absences and the reasons for each absence. Students with excessive absences can be dismissed from the class and may not be permitted to take examinations, receive credit for courses, or refunds.

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The University of Oxford and Hertford College are not awarding credit for this program.

Students who successfully complete a WMU-Cooley foreign study program receive a certificate suitable for framing and may note on their curriculum vitae "Certificate, (applicable year e.g., 2020) Oxford Study Abroad Program, Western Michigan University Cooley Law School." It would be a misrepresentation to assert that you were a student of the University of Oxford and Hertford College.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Currency Converter web page:

<https://www1.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

United Kingdom Travel:

<https://www.visitbritain.com/us/en>

State Department / Consular / Travel Information:

<https://step.state.gov/step/>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/worldwide-caution.html>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/UnitedKingdom.html>

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### European Union Law-Institutional Aspects

*2 credits / Professor Doris Long*

Examines the laws and legal institutions of the European Union (EU), including treaties, directives, regulations, competition law, negative clearances, conflicts, jurisdiction, trade, litigation and EU law databases.

### International Human Rights

*2 credits / Professor Matthew Burton*

Covers the many aspects of international human rights law, including relevant basic international law concepts, the impact of international human rights law on the USA, cultural relativism (differing views of human rights), international enforcement mechanisms, appropriate responses to human rights violations, freedom of expression, limits to human rights, indigenous rights, economic social and cultural rights, women's rights, and the right to democracy.

### International Law

*2 credits / Professor Francis Grimal*

Examines public international law, covering sources of international law, international agreements, international organizations, recognition of states, international claims and use of force.

## DIRECTOR

*Kimberly E. O'Leary*, B.A. (Oberlin College), J.D. (Northeastern University School of Law). Professor O'Leary practiced employment law and poverty law in Indiana before becoming a law professor in 1988. In 2000, Professor O'Leary joined the faculty at WMU-Cooley Law School after teaching in and directing clinics at Indiana University at Indianapolis and the University of Dayton School of Law. At WMU-Cooley, she teaches Contracts and Property and formerly taught Equity & Remedies and the Sixty Plus, Inc., Elderlaw Clinic. Professor O'Leary has served on sections and boards involving clinical education and elder law, and has written and presented in those areas. She has collaborated on scholarship with faculty and attorneys in New Zealand. Professor O'Leary served as on-site director of the AU/NZ Down Under program from 2016-2018, and on-site director of the 2017 Toronto Program. She will serve as on-site director of the 2020 Toronto and Oxford programs.

## FACULTY

*Matthew Burton*, graduated with his LL.B. Law (Hons) from the University of Leicester, an LL.M. from Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, and is in the final stages of his PhD at the University of Birmingham. He has been a postgraduate teaching assistant at the Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham teaching criminal law and currently is a teaching associate at Bristol Law School, University of Bristol, teaching Contract Law, Criminal Law, Constitutional Rights and Law and State. His PhD examines the concept of political rights review and the participation of parliamentary committees in human rights reasoning. In addition to his doctoral thesis, he has an active

interest in all areas of constitutional and administrative law, human rights, public international law, criminal law, jurisprudence, and political theory, and has published and presented in those areas.

*Dr. Francis Grimal*, Reader in Public International Law, LLB (Hons) (Nottingham), LLM (Reading), and PhD (Reading). Dr. Grimal completed his doctorate in International Law at the University of Reading in 2009, and he is a member of the Committee of the International Law Association's British Branch on Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation and Contemporary International Law. His research interests include threats of force, use of force, self-defence, cyber warfare, UAV / combat drones, nuclear non-proliferation, international humanitarian law, artificial intelligence and autonomous weapons. Dr Grimal has published in North American and European international law journals.

Dr. Grimal is the Book Review Editor as part of the editorial board for the JUFIL – Journal on the Use of Force and International Law. The Journal on the Use of Force and International Law (JUFIL) is a peer reviewed journal covering all aspects of the law governing the use of force (jus ad bellum), as distinct from other related areas of international law. He has taught International Law in the Oxford Program since 2014.

*Doris Estelle Long* is Professor Emeritus and former Director of the Center for Intellectual Property, Information and Privacy Law at The John Marshall Law School (Chicago). She is a graduate of Cornell Law School (cum laude) and holds a Certificate in Applied Cybersecurity, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an Executive Education Certificate in Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, from the Kennedy

School of Government, Harvard University. Professor Long continues to teach courses in intellectual property, free speech, technology and cybersecurity. She also teaches courses on international aspects of intellectual property law, including trade and sustainable development, and EU comparative law, abroad, most recently in Australia, Britain and the Czech Republic. Long is the author of numerous books and articles including textbooks on international intellectual property law and contracts, and a monthly column on international intellectual property law (Global IP) for the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. She has lectured at conferences throughout the United States and in over 38 countries on six continents, and has taught courses in eleven countries, including as a Fulbright Professor at Jiao Tung University, Shanghai, PRC. Before joining the faculty of John Marshall, Long was an attorney with the Washington, D.C. law firms of Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn, and Howrey and Simon where she specialized in the areas of intellectual property, unfair competition, entertainment, computer, antitrust and commercial law. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

## **PARKING**

Parking is extremely difficult in Oxford. Information about parking at Hertford College will be provided as it becomes available. Commercial parking is also available in the area.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Upon approval of your application, you will receive a detailed student handbook for the Oxford Program. Anytime you have questions, we encourage you to contact us.

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# OXFORD PROGRAM STUDENT CHECKLIST

## INFORMATION TO WMU-COOLEY

### ALL APPLICANTS:

- Completed application form
- Completed professionalism form
- Completed housing form
- Completed *Student Guide* acknowledgement form
- \$250 **nonrefundable** deposit (check or money order made payable to Western Michigan University Cooley Law School or contact us for online payment option; guest students may arrange to charge the deposit to a credit card)
- Proof of valid passport
- Proof of medical insurance
- Proof of online registration with United States Department of State for your travel during the program: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

### APPLICANTS FROM SCHOOLS OTHER THAN WMU-COOLEY:

- Official law school transcript from home law school
- Letter of good standing from home law school
- Completed tuition/fee payment options form
- Recent photograph

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