

A wide range of course offerings and Virginia's faculty—prominent in areas such as international business, international human rights, environmental policy, comparative constitutional law and immigration law—**make UVA's international and national security law program one of the strongest in the nation.**

► Olena Protsenko, a Ukrainian who was doing postdoctoral research at UVA Law when Russia invaded, worked as a staff attorney through the International Human Rights Law Clinic during 2022-23 and elicited help from law students to sue Russia in the European Court of Human Rights for possible war crimes.

SPECIAL CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

National Security Law Center

Courses and mentoring opportunities through the center allow students to study the most pressing issues in national security law and to explore the wide range of career opportunities available in the field. The curriculum features foundational constitutional and statutory law courses along with classes that address newer challenges stemming from new technologies, terrorism and geopolitical changes, and the center is the hub for national security law research, scholarship and events at the Law School.

Center for International & Comparative Law

With a faculty adept at quantitative research methods and experienced in government and other public service roles, the center offers students a range of perspectives in international and comparative law. Courses cover topics in international trade and finance, human rights and immigration, the law governing war and use of force, environmental law, international litigation and arbitration, and comparative constitutional law.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

John Bassett Moore Society of International Law

The J.B. Moore Society is a driving force in international law activities at the Law School. Each year the society organizes a symposium and a lunch lecture series and sponsors the Jessup International Law Moot Court team and pro bono human rights projects.

Law, Innovation, Security & Technology

LIST events focus on the novel legal, policy and business problems in emerging technologies, including international cybersecurity issues.

National Security Law Forum

The forum connects students with national security law and broader government issues by hosting speakers, keeping students apprised of career opportunities and facilitating student work on national security problems.

Virginia Journal of International Law

Founded in 1960, VJIL is the oldest continuously published, student-edited law review in the United States devoted exclusively to the fields of public and private international law.

Virginia Law Veterans

This organization supports student members of the military community and serves as an information resource for national security or international law and policy issues.

International and National Security Law

Foreign professors come to the Law School to teach seminars on topics such as European Union law and comparative law, and students may take select courses at the neighboring Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.



► Bocconi University in Italy

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Exchange Programs

Second- and third-year students have access to 11 international exchange programs:

- Bocconi Law School, Italy
- Bucerius Law School, Germany
- Hebrew University, Israel
- Instituto de Empresa, Spain
- Melbourne Law School, Australia
- Seoul National University, South Korea
- Tel Aviv University Law School, Israel
- University of Auckland, New Zealand
- University of Sydney, Australia
- Waseda University, Japan

Third-year students may also obtain a dual degree from Sciences Po (Paris). Students completing the program will receive a J.D. from the Law School and a French law degree, entitling them to sit for the French bar exam.

Students also may initiate their own study-abroad program at a foreign university law school or law department for one semester.

Human Rights Study Project

Each year, project members travel abroad to study and report on human rights issues in a country of their choosing. Teams have traveled to Colombia, Myanmar, Egypt, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, China and more.

January Term Abroad

The Law School offers courses in Paris and Tel Aviv, Israel, during the January term over winter break.

Semester Abroad

Students may spend a semester abroad in a supervised setting combining academic legal research and work experience. Past projects have examined judicial reform in Argentina and the strategy of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

External Collaborative Programs

Virginia offers external collaborative programs in public international law with the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.



► Each year, UVA Law students participate in the Salzburg Cutler Fellows Program, which gives students from leading law schools the opportunity to establish connections and expand their interest in international law. Maya Artis '24, Divya Vijay '24, Amanda Huang '24 and Keeghan Sweeney '24 (pictured with Professor Ashley Deeks) were among 56 law students representing 14 leading law schools at the February 2023 seminar in Washington, D.C.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Admiralty	Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice	International Business Negotiation	Israeli Business Law and Innovation
Advanced Topics in the Law of Armed Conflict (JAG)	Foreign Relations Law	International Civil Litigation	Law of Armed Conflict
An American Half-Century	French Public and Private Law	International Criminal Law	National Security Law
Border Policy and Politics	Global Business and International Corruption	International Debt Transactions	National Security Law and Practice
Building the Rule of Law	Globalization and Private Dispute Resolution	International Environmental Law	Negotiating a Joint Venture in China
Capitalism and Socialism Seminar	Governing the World Seminar	International Human Rights Law	Personal Data Protection in Europe
Commercial Sales Transactions: Domestic and International	Human Rights Study Project	International Law and the Use of Force	Presidential Powers
Contemporary Practice of the U.S. Relating to International Law	Human Rights, Then and Now: Philosophy, History, Prospects	International Law of Migration and Refugees	Sanctions and Boycotts
Corporate Social Responsibility	Immigration Law and Policy	International Tax Practicum	Tax Treaties and Other International Tax Topics
Cryptocurrency Regulation	Innovating for Defense	International Taxation	War by Other Means: The Law of Economic and Financial Sanctions
Cybersecurity Law and Policy	International Arbitration	International Trade and Investment	World War I
		International Trade Law and Policy	

CLINICS

Advanced International Human Rights Clinic
Immigration Law Clinic
International Human Rights Law Clinic

These courses represent the 2020-23 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.

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► Kristen Eichensehr, who teaches and writes about cybersecurity, foreign relations, international law and national security law, leads the school's Center for National Security Law. Among other topics, she has written on the attribution of state-sponsored cyberattacks, the important roles that private parties play in cybersecurity, and the constitutional allocation of powers between the president and Congress in foreign relations.



► David S. Law is an internationally recognized expert in the comparative study of public law and courts, and a pioneer in the application of empirical social science methods to the study of legal texts. His scholarship combines qualitative fieldwork on foreign judicial and constitutional systems, quantitative analysis of constitutions and treaties, and regional expertise on Asia.



► Thomas B. Nachbar is an expert on regulation as well as national security and serves as a judge advocate in the U.S. Army Reserve. He recently led a multidisciplinary course in which students helped the Pentagon tackle emerging national security challenges such as the use of artificial intelligence in the military and implementing behavioral norms among states operating in outer space.



► Paul B. Stephan, a preeminent international law scholar with particular expertise in Soviet and post-Soviet legal systems, offers insights about the history and shaky future of the international order in his new book "The World Crisis and International Law: The Knowledge Economy and the Battle for the Future." He directs the Center for International & Comparative Law.