

**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.**

► Grace Zipperer '24, Professor Camilo Sánchez, Sabrina Mato '24 and Jessica Williams '25 attended the U.N. Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, Switzerland, to observe the interaction between independent experts, governments and civil society members.



# 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.**

## 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 new challenges stemming from technologies, terrorism and geopolitical changes. 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.

## INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.

### 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.

## 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 other events, and sponsors the Jessup International Law Moot Court team.

### 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.



► Bocconi University in Italy

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Second- and third-year students have access to 12 international exchange programs:

- Bocconi Law School, Italy
  - Bucerius Law School, Germany
  - Hebrew University, Israel
    - Instituto de Empresa, Spain
  - Jindal Global Law School, India
  - 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.



► 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. Benjamin Allen '24, Kristina Lorch '24, Lillie Stephens '25 and Zachary Griffith '24 (with Professor Pierre-Hugues Verdier, center) were among the law students representing 14 leading law schools at the February 2024 seminar in Washington, D.C.

## INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW COURSES AND SEMINARS

Admiralty	Comparative Gender Equality	Economy	International Arbitration	International Law and the Use of Force	Jewish Law Jurisprudence: From the Bible to the Rabbis	Personal Data Protection in Europe	<b>CLINIC</b> International Human Rights Law Clinic
An American Half-Century	Constitutionalism: Nation, Culture and Constitutions	Global Business and International Corruption	International Business Negotiation	International Settlement of Disputes: Methods and Forums	Judicial Opinions	Perspectives on Sovereignty - Native American Law	
Antitrust Review of Mergers in a Global Environment	Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice	Global Contracting: A Case Study	International Business Transactions	International Tax Practicum	Legal Theory in Europe and the United States: A Very Brief Introduction	Political Prisoners	These courses represent the 2022-25 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.
Chinese Law	European Union Law	Global Legal History	International Civil Litigation	International Taxation	Legal Theory Workshop Seminar	Tax Treaties and Other International Tax Topics	
Climate Change Law	Foreign Relations Law	Globalization and Private Dispute Resolution	International Debt Transactions	International Trade Law and Policy	Native American Law	War by Other Means: The Law of Economic and Financial Sanctions	
Comparative Constitutional Law	French Public and Private Law	Governing the World Seminar	International Environmental Law	Israeli Business Law and Innovation	Negotiating a Joint Venture in China		
Comparative Freedom of Speech Law Seminar	Geopolitics, Law and the World	International and Comparative Family Law	International Human Rights Law	International Law			



► Neil Noronha '26, Daniel Elliott '24, captain Claudia Frykberg '25, Jessica Williams '25 and Daisy Johnston '26 advanced to the international rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in 2024.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY LAW COURSES AND SEMINARS

Admiralty	International Law and the Use of Force
Advanced Crimes and Defenses (JAG)	Introduction to Legal Aspects of Cyberspace Operations (JAG)
Advanced Topics in Professional Responsibility (JAG)	Law of Armed Conflict
Advanced Topics in the Law of Armed Conflict (JAG)	Law of Sea, Air and Space Operations (JAG)
Border Policy and Politics	National Security Law
Challenges in Military Justice	National Security Law Proseminar I (JAG)
Critical Analysis of the Military Justice System (JAG)	National Security Law Proseminar II (JAG)
Cybersecurity and Privacy Boot Camp	Personal Data Protection in Europe
Cybersecurity Law and Policy	Rights of the Accused (JAG)
Digital Evidence from Theory to Practice (JAG)	Special Topics in Client Services (JAG)
Economic Statecraft and Public International Law	The Economic Tools of National Security
Foreign Relations Law	Veteran Benefits and Retirement Planning (JAG)
Government Secrecy	War by Other Means: The Law of Economic and Financial Sanctions
History and Evolution of Victims' Rights (JAG)	War Crimes and Atrocity Law (JAG)
Immigration Law and Policy	
Innovating for Defense	
International Human Rights (JAG)	

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► An expert in international law, national security, intelligence and the laws of war, Professor Ashley Deeks has served in roles in the State Department and at the White House. She directs the National Security Law Center.

► Professor Kristen Eichensehr teaches and writes about cybersecurity, foreign relations, international law and national security law, and the constitutional allocation of powers between the president and Congress in foreign relations.

► Professor Mitu Gulati is one of the world's leading experts on sovereign debt restructuring and helping countries in financial distress.

► An internationally recognized expert in the comparative study of public law and courts, Professor David S. Law is a pioneer in the application of empirical social science methods to the study of legal texts and a regional expert on Asia.



► Professor 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 course in which students helped the Pentagon tackle emerging national security challenges.

► Professor John Setear primarily teaches courses in international law, including international environmental law and counterfactual diplomatic history.

► A preeminent international law scholar with particular expertise in Soviet and post-Soviet legal systems, Professor Paul B. Stephan is the author of "The World Crisis and International Law." He directs the Center for International & Comparative Law.

► An expert in public international law, Professor Pierre-Hugues Verdier is the author of "Global Banks on Trial: U.S. Prosecutions and the Remaking of International Finance."