LL.M. in Global Health Law and International Institutions

Preparing for your semester at the Graduate Institute, Geneva
Frequently asked questions

1. When should I arrive in Geneva?
   Students should plan to arrive in Geneva by the start of February.

2. When should I process my visa and who should I contact?
   For Swiss visa questions, students may email llm@graduateinstitute.ch. To begin the process of applying for a Swiss visa, students should contact their local Swiss embassy. Students should apply for their Swiss visas at least three months before their planned arrival date in Switzerland. For any general visa processing questions, students may write to visa@law.georgetown.edu.

3. What sources are available for housing in Geneva?
   This following link provides a good guide for housing in Geneva: http://mygisa.ch/guide/first-things-first/finding-housing-in-geneva/. In the first instance, you should apply to the Graduate Institute’s student residence through the LL.M. Programme Manager at the Graduate Institute.

4. When does the Graduate Institute course schedule become available?
   The course schedule becomes available around mid-July and can be accessed at: http://graduateinstitute.ch/students.

5. What courses are open to me at the Graduate Institute?
   A tailored course catalogue for Joint LL.M. students will be sent to students directly in the September prior to their arrival in Geneva. Students will select courses during the first two weeks of the Spring semester at the Graduate Institute.

6. How do I register for Graduate Institute courses?
   Students should inform the LL.M. Programme Manager at the Graduate Institute.

7. Am I limited to completing the internship or do I have other options?
   Students can opt to undertake a dissertation instead of the required internship with the prior approval of both the Director of the Joint LL.M. at the Graduate Institute and the Director of the Global Health Law LL.M. Program at Georgetown Law. A dissertation must be no more than 15,000 words and entitles the student to 15 credits.
8. When do I complete the required internship?
   Students complete internships during the summer upon completion of their Spring semester at the Graduate Institute.

9. Do I need prior approval to conduct the internship?
   Yes. The proposed internship must be authorized in advance by the Joint LL.M. Committee. Please send your proposal to the Director of the Global Health Law Program at Georgetown Law and the LL.M. Programme Manager at the Graduate Institute.

10. What type of internship should it be?
    The internship must address global health legal and/or policy questions.

11. What are the requirements for the internship report?
    Students must submit a written report to the Director of the Global Health Law LL.M. Program at Georgetown Law and Director of the Joint LL.M. at the Graduate Institute. The report should provide a factual account of the student’s experience and develop the themes and questions of global health law and/or policy addressed during the internship.

12. Is the final internship report graded?
    Yes, the report is graded and, in conjunction with completion of the internship, counts for 15 credits.

13. To whom do I submit my final internship report?
    Please submit your final internship report to the Director of the Global Health Law LL.M. Program at Georgetown Law and the LL.M. Programme Manager of the Joint LL.M. at the Graduate Institute.