

The Center for Global Legal Studies at Thomas Jefferson School of Law

THE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES: Requirements and Courses

The Center for Global Legal Studies (CGLS), like the other two Centers of Academic Excellence at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL), offers a Certificate to students who meet certain requirements. **Please note that any given student may earn only one Certificate from one of the Centers.** Please also note that the other two Centers may have different requirements in certain respects.

These requirements apply to students admitted to the law school in the fall of 2005 and later. Students admitted to the law school prior to the fall of 2005 are subject to somewhat different requirements, which are available from the Center director. Following are the SIX requirements to receive the Certificate in Global Legal Studies. At the end of this memorandum is a list of all courses eligible for the Certificate.

1. The CGLS Program Enrollment Requirement:

Students interested in working toward the Certificate in Global Legal Studies must enroll in the program. Enrollment forms are available online at www.tjssl.edu (click on link for Centers) or from the Center director, Professor Susan Tiefenbrun. [During Spring-Summer 2006, please contact the acting director, Professor Linda Keller.] Students are encouraged to enroll soon after completing their first two semesters of law school. **Because regular attendance at, and participation in CGLS events is required, no student may enroll in the program during his or her last two semesters of law school.** Professor Tiefenbrun's email address is susant@tjssl.edu, and her office phone number is 858-720-8231. [You can reach Professor Keller at lkeller@tjssl.edu or 374-6937, LLB Room 37.] You can also leave completed enrollment forms and related materials with a faculty assistant.

2. The Certificate Application Requirement:

Candidates for the Certificate in Global Legal Studies must first submit to the Center Director an Enrollment Form after completing two semesters at TJSL. Then the candidates must complete a Certificate Application Form at the start of their last semester of law school. Certificate Application Forms are available online and from the Director. Completed forms must be submitted to the Director of the CGLS, Professor Susan Tiefenbrun. Professor Tiefenbrun will pass along Certificate candidates' names to the Registrar, who will confirm whether a candidate is on track with regard to units earned, the GPA, and the writing requirement. Students must report their attendance at CGLS events on an Events Attendance Log.

Graduating students who have enrolled in CGLS and applied to Professor Tiefenbrun for a Certificate, and who have satisfied the Certificate requirements, are eligible to wear the white

tassel during Commencement. Professor Tiefenbrun will supply the names to Student Services, (which distributes the tassels). The actual Certificate will be awarded and issued only if and when the Registrar certifies that all requirements have been duly satisfied prior to graduation.

3. The Participation Requirement:

CGLS program enrollees and Certificate candidates are expected to show a reasonable, good-faith level of participation and attendance over time at CGLS-related events or activities at the law school. Relevant activities outside the law school are also considered. An **Events Attendance Log** suitable for recording the events you have attended is available online at www.tjssl.edu (link to Centers page) or from Professor Tiefenbrun. Candidates must report and summarize their activities when applying for the Certificate.

4. The Writing Requirement:

Students admitted to the law school in the Fall 2005 semester or later must fulfill a Substantial Writing Requirement. **Students admitted prior to the Fall 2005 semester need not fulfill this requirement.** The guidelines for fulfilling this requirement are identical to those governing the Upper Level Writing Requirement, as detailed in the Student Handbook. Students may write the paper in conjunction with a CGLS-eligible course or as a Directed Study, subject to the four-unit cap on all TJSL non-classroom units and non-TJSL units. The professor supervising the paper, either in conjunction with a CGLS-eligible course or as a Directed Study, will determine whether the paper satisfies the criteria for the Upper Level Writing Requirement. **In addition, to receive credit for the Center Substantial Writing Requirement, all Directed Study projects must be pre-approved by the Center director, Professor Tiefenbrun, to ensure that the topic falls within the mission of the Center.** The same paper may fulfill both the Substantial Writing Requirement for the CGLS and the general Upper Level Writing Requirement.

5. The Units Requirement:

Certificate candidates must take 12 **elective units** from **CGLS-eligible credits**.

- **MINIMUM OF 8 COURSE-UNITS AT TJSL THROUGH ELIGIBLE CLASSES -- including up to 4 credits taken in the Nice Program**
Courses taken in the Hofstra-TJSL Summer Program in Nice, France (directed by TJSL Professor Susan Tiefenbrun) may be taken to fulfill the 8 course-credit requirement, but the grade must be obtained by the candidate from the professor of the Nice Program.
- **MAXIMUM OF 4 UNITS EARNED AT TJSL THROUGH NON-CLASSROOM WORK OR NON-TJSL UNITS (OTHER THAN THE NICE PROGRAM)**

An overall **4-unit cap** applies to any **eligible TJSL non-classroom units** and approved and **eligible non-TJSL units** earned in an accredited Law School.

○ *TJSL NON-CLASSROOM UNITS:*

Subject to the discretion of the Director, eligible TJSL non-classroom units include up to 4 units of clinical, judicial internship, law review, moot court, or comparable units, or Directed Study.

Directed study and other work **must be relevant to the CGLS, must involve an exam, paper, or some kind of written work-product, and must be individually approved for each candidate by the Center director.** Units need not be approved in advance, but it is HIGHLY ADVISABLE to consult the Center director as soon as possible about the eligibility of any such units.

For example, you could count toward the Certificate up to 4 units of Directed Study, or 2 units of Directed Study plus 2 clinical and moot court units, but in any event no more than 4 units total of those types. Note that moot court and all non-classroom units, to be eligible, must involve written work (for example, writing or co-writing a brief). For this reason, mock trial and mock negotiation units are generally NOT eligible. Trial Practice, Mediation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, and similar skills-oriented courses are also NOT eligible.

○ *NON-TJSL UNITS:*

Approved and Eligible non-TJSL units include no more than 4 units of relevant coursework at other law schools or law programs, such as courses at University of San Diego Law School, California Western Law School, or international law summer programs (other than the Nice Program). These units must qualify to count toward your J.D. at TJSL.

6. The GPA Requirement:

Certificate candidates must graduate with at least a **2.5 overall GPA** and at least a **2.7 CGLS** (that is, at least a 2.7 average in all CLSJ-eligible graded units that you have earned, including any graded non-TJSL units). All grades earned for CGLS-eligible coursework are considered and averaged in calculating your CGLS GPA, not just the 12 highest-graded units.

TJSL courses eligible for the Certificate in Global Legal Studies (note that only elective courses are eligible):

Admiralty Law
Comparative International Commercial Law Seminar
Computer & Internet Law
Comparative Law
Conflict of Laws
European Union Law
Immigration Law

International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Dispute Resolution
International Economic Law
International Environmental Law
International Human Rights Law
International Intellectual Property
International Influences on the Death Penalty
International Labor and Employment Law
International Law
International Taxation
Law of the Sea
Legal Aspects of Doing Business in Mexico
National Security Law
World Trade Organization
Women and International Human Rights

7. Waiver of Requirements

In extraordinary circumstances, the Center director may waive one or more of the above requirements for a student who can demonstrate good cause as to why he or she should be granted a waiver.