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**Center for Global Legal Studies**

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**THE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES:**

**Requirements and Courses**

The Center for Global Legal Studies (CGLS), like the other four 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 three Centers may have different requirements in certain respects.

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 <http://www.tjsl.edu/global-legal-studies>. 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.** Deliver your enrollment form to the Director of the Center in Global Legal Studies.

**2. 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 <http://www/tjsl.edu/global-legal-studies>. Candidates must report and summarize their activities when applying for the Certificate.

**3. The Writing 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 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 and the paper must be on an international law subject and graded in order to fulfill the Center’s writing requirement.

**4. The Units Requirement:**

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

• **MINIMUM OF 8 COURSE-UNITS AT TJSL THROUGH ELIGIBLE CLASSES. This minimum can include any course units earned through the school’s Study Abroad Programs.**

• **MAXIMUM OF 4 UNITS EARNED AT TJSL THROUGH NON-CLASSROOM WORK OR NON-TJSL UNITS.**

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.

**o *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, 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.

**o *NON-TJSL UNITS:***

Approved and Eligible non-TJSL units include no more than 4 unitsof 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 TJSL China and Nice programs. These units must qualify to count toward your J.D. at TJSL. To count the units must pertain to a course related to global legal studies.

**5. 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):**

Children's Rights & The Refugee Crisis

Chinese Legal System & Recent Reforms

Community Economic Development Clinic Fieldwork (Course name recently changed to Nonprofit + Business Law Clinic)

Comparative Crim Pro US & Mexico

Comparative Criminal Procedure - Film

Comparative Tort Law

Critical Race Theory

Human Trafficking: Psychology & Law Wksp

Immigration Law

Incarceration & Reentry

Int’l Family Law

Int’l Human Rights Law

Int’l Human Rights Law

Int’l Human Rights, Sex Trafficking & Child Soldiering

Int’l Intellectual Property

Int’l Intellectual Property

Int’l Internet Law & Arbitration

Int’l Law

Int’l Law & the Humanities

Int’l Sports Law

Int’l Trade & Finance Law

International Entertainment Law (China Program)

International Organizations

Intl Business Transactions (China Program)

Int'l Employment Law

Int'l Internet Law

Introduction to Climate Law & Policy

Introduction to Native American Rights & Indian Sovereignty

Mandarin Chinese for Lawyers

Spanish for Legal Professionals

The Criminal Jury

World of Sports Law: Amateur, International & Professional

World Trade Organization Law & China

**6. The Certificate Application Requirement:**

Candidates for the Certificate in Global Legal Studies must complete a certificate application form at the start of their last semester of law school. Certificate application forms are available online, and completed forms must be submitted to, the Director of the CGLS. The Director will pass along Certificate candidates’ names to the Registrar, who will confirm whether a candidate is on track with regard to units earned, GPA, the writing requirement, and participation in CGLS events.

Graduating students who have enrolled in CGLS and applied to the Director for a Certificate and who have satisfied the Certificate requirements, are eligible to wear the white Tassel during Commencement. The Director 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.

**NOTE: 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.