**THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW**

**CENTER FOR GLOBAL LEGAL STUDIES**

**CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The Center for Global Legal Systems Certificate Program provides students interested in a career in International Law with the opportunity to obtain broad-based knowledge of public and private international law, its issues, policies, and comparative law practices. The program also explores issues in international practice, understanding issues related to international law, and enhancing students’ ability to pursue a career in this field.

The program has adopted a set of learning outcomes consistent with the mission of the Center. Students who earn a Certificate in Global Legal Studies will achieve each of these outcomes.

Certificate Learning Outcomes:

1. Knowledge of Substantive Law Relevant to Global Legal Studies
2. *Outcome.* Students will understand the substantive doctrine and theory relevant to global legal studies, including international business law, private international law, international human rights, and international humanitarian laws, referred to as public international law.
3. *How Achieved.* Students will study the doctrine and theory in elective courses offered in the J.D. Program. The Certificate Program in Global Legal Studies requires students to complete at least 12 units of study in these areas from upper-level elective courses offered at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (and, if they so choose, in the Thomas Jefferson sponsored summer abroad programs in France and China). Students must earn a grade of at least 2.7 in each of the international law courses they take. Students are also required to attend several international law-related events such as conferences and guest lectures organized by the Center. In addition, students in the Program must have an overall grade point average of 2.5.

2. Understanding of Important Issues in Global Legal Studies

1. *Outcome.* Students will come to understand, discuss, and analyze the scope of public and private international law while gaining in-depth knowledge of at least one international issue.
2. *How Outcome is Achieved*. Students will take classes, attend lectures, participate in skills courses, write a scholarly paper, and participate in internships/externship. This will allow them to have a greater understanding of complex legal, social, and policy issues that arise in public and private international law. Students will gain critical thinking and analytical skills in their international law courses where policy issues are frequently discussed along with substantive and procedural law. Students are required to write a paper to fulfill their upper-level writing requirement, and this paper must be on an international law subject involving an important issue in international law. The paper must be at least 25 pages on a subject related to international law. The paper will be supervised by a member of the faculty with expertise in international law.