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Arrival

Please plan to arrive in Geneva on Sunday, June 28. Rooms will be available for check-in during the early afternoon. Students arriving before Sunday should make their own housing arrangements unless they have already spoken to Tonya Jacobs about special circumstances. The hotel Grand-Pré has a free shuttle van from the airport that operates between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Call the hotel at the number listed on page 9 to request the van. The hotel front desk clerks speak sufficient English to understand if you say that you are at the airport and would like a ride to the hotel. The van pick-up area is just outside the terminal. The hotel is about 15 minutes from the airport. You can also get to the hotel via taxi (Attachment A). Please complete and return the Arrival/Departure form at the end of these materials (Attachment B).

Orientation and Registration

Orientation and registration will be conducted on Sunday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the University of Geneva Law Faculty building - Uni-Mail, 40, boulevard du Pont d'Arve, CH-1211, Genève 4; <http://www.unige.ch/droit/infos/lieu.html>. If you know you will arrive after 6:00 p.m., kindly notify Tonya Jacobs. A group will depart the Hotel Grand-Pré promptly at 5:15 p.m. for the Law Faculty building, or see directions on the attached sheet (Attachment A) to go on your own. An informal reception will follow registration. There will also be a welcome dinner on Monday evening, June 29.

Course Materials

Materials, syllabi, and assignments will be distributed at registration. No special preparation is required before the program begins, although some courses may assign reading for the first day of class. Any first-day reading assignments will be distributed at orientation. You should expect to enroll in courses indicated on your application unless you have been notified of a change. Any course selection changes you wish to initiate should be directed to Tonya Jacobs immediately. Insofar as possible, we will try to honor your request.

Classes

Classes begin on Monday morning, June 29. The first class will be at 8:45 a.m. The last class will ordinarily begin at 2:35 p.m. Classes meet Monday through Friday. Classes will not be held on weekend days. Attendance is required at all classes. Please see Attachment A for directions to the Law Faculty, where classes and afternoon seminars will take place.

Course Schedule	
8:45 a.m.	International Criminal Law: Human Rights & Terrorism
9:55 a.m.	Introduction to American Law
11:05 a.m.	Comparative Federalism
12:15 p.m.	International Taxation
1:25 p.m.	Law & Corruption
2:35 p.m.	International Law on Trade & Environment

Exams and Departure

Final exams are written exams. Students may not use computers but must write final exams by hand. Exams will be given on Sunday afternoon-Tuesday morning, July 26-28. Try not to schedule your departure before 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28. Although Monday, July 27 is the official last night covered by the program, it will be possible for students to stay an extra day or two at the Hotel Grand- Pré. Any extra nights spent at the hotel must be paid (\$80) directly to the Institute (Duke) and not to the hotel. Duke-enrolled students will have extra nights added to their bursar's bill. Non-Duke students, please give exact amount to the on-site administrator, Jennifer Maher. **IMPORTANT:** All students must check out at the front desk of the hotel when they depart at the end of the Institute.

Exam Schedule			
	9:00 -11:00 a.m.	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 26	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	International Law on Trade & Environment	Introduction to American Law

	9:00 -11:00 a.m.	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 27	Int'l Criminal Law	Comp. Federalism	Law & Corruption
Tuesday, July 28	International Taxation	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Students whose first language is not English will be allowed one-third extra time, e.g., an extra 40 minutes for a two-hour exam. No extra time is allowed for the Introduction to American Law course. Translating dictionaries in book or electronic translator are allowed; however, students cannot access dictionaries contained in software on laptops during exams.

Extracurricular Activities

Several afternoons per week, speakers from a variety of organizations will give "afternoon seminars" – talks on topics related to international or comparative law. The afternoon seminars are part of the credits for course work required by the American Bar Association. Students will be expected to participate in all scheduled afternoon seminars. Some seminars will occur at the Law Faculty and be followed by an informal social hour with the speakers. Other seminars will be given as part of visits to international organizations. There will also be social events such as a guided tour of Geneva and a boat cruise. At registration, you will receive a full schedule of afternoon seminars and activities and other information about Geneva.

On weekdays when you are finished with class and afternoon seminars, try these activities:

- The bus/tram pass you will receive at the program will get you all around the canton to the French border, as well as let you ride across the lake on the "Mouettes," or water-taxi boats
- Bikes can be rented for free (a deposit is required, but is refunded in full when the bike is returned) at the Geneve Roule locations operated by the Red Cross
- Swimming beaches are inexpensive at Les Bains des Paquis and Geneve-Plage
- There are many free concerts in Geneva throughout the summer
- On Mondays, movie tickets are generally cheaper

Check with the Geneva interns for details and ideas about other activities for a student budget.

- FYI – cultural activities website: <http://www.ville-ge.ch/culture>; UN-related conferences and events: <http://www.unog.ch/News>; expatriates' social activities website: <http://www.glocals.com>

