



## Emphasis in International, Comparative & Foreign Law (ICF)

### 1. Admission

After their first year and before their final semester, or with approval in other circumstances, students may be admitted to the International, Comparative, and Foreign Law (“ICF”) Emphasis if their cumulative law school GPA is 2.7 or above. To graduate with the ICF Emphasis, students must have a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.7 and a minimum GPA within the emphasis area of 3.0.

### 2. Courses:

Student will have to take a total of 16 credit hours from the below mandatory and elective courses.

- a. **Required:** The following two mandatory classes must be taken:

**International Law** (3 hours)  
**Global Legal Systems** (3 hours)

The above classes will include consideration of ICF professional responsibility issues.

- b. **Electives:** The remaining hours to be satisfied from the following courses (note: not all below are offered every year):

**Conflict of Laws**  
**Immigration Law & Policy or Immigration Law & Process**  
**International Business Transactions**  
**International Human Rights**  
**International Taxation**  
**International Trade & Finance**  
**National Security Law**  
**Transnational Litigation & Arbitration**  
**Courses offered as part of an approved overseas experience** (only one approved overseas experience will count towards the emphasis)

**Other Courses** may be **approved** by the ICF advisor to count towards the Emphasis. Where a course includes a substantial component of ICF law, part of that course may count towards the 16 hour requirement with advance approval from the ICF advisor.

3. **Required Overseas Legal Experience**

This would include such experiences as:

The **Ireland, China, Oxford** or other law summer programs;  
or  
An **overseas Mini-Term** course (if offered); or  
Another experience approved in advance by the ICF advisor.

These experiences may constitute a “skills” component, depending on the specifics of the experience. The credits earned from **ONE** approved overseas experience may be counted towards the required 16 hours for the Emphasis.

4. **Required Writing Project:**

A paper satisfying the R&W requirement or an equivalent independent study writing project (including law review notes or comments) must be undertaken by writing on an ICF subject (subject to be approved by the ICF advisor).

This requirement may also be satisfied through participation on the Jessup International Moot Court Team or other equivalent international competition with approval of the ICF advisor.

Class papers do not satisfy this requirement, but may be expanded as an independent paper or the R&W paper, and with approval of the ICF advisor, the expanded paper may satisfy this requirement. Any credits earned through satisfaction of this writing requirement will **NOT** be counted towards the 16 hours.