SLU Law has signed a cooperative agreement with the University of Bern, Switzerland, allowing students to study at that university during the fall semester of their third year. Coordinated through the Center for International and Comparative Law, this program is open only to students of Saint Louis University School of Law.

The program offers many courses in English, so students do not need to be proficient in a foreign language although some knowledge of German or French may enhance the students’ experience in Bern. Students with adequate command of French or German, however, may also take law courses taught in German at The University of Bern or in French at Bern’s sister university, The University of Fribourg. If a student is interested in courses taught in French or German, they must meet with Professor Stephen Thaman, the faculty advisor to the program. His contact information is noted below.

CREDITS

The maximum number of credits that SLU Law will grant for this program is 14 transfer credits. These credits will not factor into the student’s G.P.A. but will be reported as letter grades on their SLU Law transcript.

FINANCES

Students enrolled in the semester abroad program at the University of Bern remain students of Saint Louis University. Tuition and fees (other than travel and living expenses) are paid to Saint Louis University. Saint Louis University students studying in Switzerland do not pay tuition or program-related fees to the University of Bern. Law School scholarships and other forms of financial aid remain available to the students studying in Switzerland. In other words, Saint Louis University law students finance their semester in Switzerland in the exact same way they would finance a semester in Saint Louis. Students bear incidental expenses, including airfare and ground transportation, lodging, meals, medical insurance, and so forth. Students must purchase health insurance coverage from Saint Louis University for their study abroad program period.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

For more information about fall semester study at the University of Bern, please contact Assistant Director Ira H. Trako or (314) 977-2792. Applications for the Fall program should be submitted no later than March 11th of that year.
APPLICATION FOR STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BERN, SWITZERLAND

Last Name    First Name    Middle Initial    Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr

Banner Number    Local Phone Number    E-mail Address

School Address    City    State    Zip Code

Permanent Address    City    State    Zip Code

Date of birth    Place of Birth: City    State    Country

Citizenship:  O U.S. Citizen  O Non-U.S. Citizen  Country of citizenship: ______________

Non-U.S. Citizens only:  Are you a Permanent Resident Alien?  O Yes  O No
If yes, please attach a copy of your permanent resident card, including the front and back sides.

LANGUAGE BACKGROUND

While students attending the program will not need to speak a foreign language to attend because there are several courses offered in English, students who are fluent in German or French may take courses in the program offered in those languages.

What is your primary language?  ________________________

Note: You must have sufficient command of the French language to be considered for this semester abroad program

Secondary Language #1 ____________________________ Conversational   Written
(choose one)  O Fluent  O Strong  O Marginal
(choose one)  O Fluent  O Strong  O Marginal

Secondary Language #2 ____________________________ Conversational   Written
(choose one)  O Fluent  O Strong  O Marginal
(choose one)  O Fluent  O Strong  O Marginal

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

In case of emergency please contact:

___________________  _______________ ___________________  (_______)_________________
Last Name   First Name  Relationship to Applicant  Phone

______________________ ______________           _______  ________________
Address   City    State    Zip Code

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE APPROVAL—SCHOOL OF LAW
The signature below certifies that based on this student's study abroad program and Financial Aid Consortium Agreement (please check and complete Option A or Option B):

□ Option A: This student will not be eligible to receive/will not be borrowing any university, federal or state student aid programs during their Study Abroad enrollment period. Upon the student's return to Saint Louis University School of Law for the _______________ semester, the student will be eligible for aid, contingent on FAFSA filing by March 1 and meeting renewal eligibility requirements.

Notes:

□ Option B: This student will be eligible to receive the following federal/state student aid programs for their Study Abroad enrollment period. Upon the student's return to Saint Louis University School of Law for the _______________ semester, the student will be for eligible aid, contingent on FAFSA filing by March 1 and meeting renewal eligibility requirements. Note: A Financial Aid Consortium form is required to receive aid for a study abroad program.

Notes:

Financial Aid Coordinator                  □ Approved    Date
School of Law                                □ Not Approved

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES APPROVAL
Students who are interested in participating in the University of Bern Semester in Switzerland must obtain preliminary authorization from the departments listed on this sheet and provide the documentation it requests.

Year in School: 1st 2nd 3rd O Full-time O Part-time Cumulative GPA __________ Credit Hours Completed __________

The Following Approve or Do Not Approve this Proposal:

Assistant Director                  □ Approved    Date
Center for International and Comparative Law □ Not Approved

Assistant Dean of Students                  □ Approved    Date
□ Not Approved
STUDENT SIGNATURE AND CONFIRMATION

My signature below indicates that:

1. I have confirmed with the University’s Bursar’s Office that my account is in good standing.

2. I have already taken _______ total credit hours outside of SLU Law

3. I understand I will receive a maximum of 14 credits from SLU Law for this program.

4. I understand this program’s courses will be reported on my transcript with letter grades but will not be factored into my G.P.A.

Signature of Student _______________________________ Date _______________________________

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS PROPOSAL

My signature below indicates that I have attached to this proposal the following required documents and wish to be considered for this semester program:

_____ Current Resume

_____ Transcript (unofficial transcript from Banner is acceptable)

_____ Signed Statement of Understanding, Responsibility and Risk (available on Web site and in Student Services)

_____ Signed International Insurance Application Form (available on Web site and in Student Services)

_____ Signed Health Information Form (available on Web site and in Student Services)

_____ Signed International Student ID Card Application with passport-sized photograph (available on Web site and in Student Services; (photograph can be purchased at International Services Center)

_____ Copy of Passport

Signature of Student _______________________________ Date _______________________________