



**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 three 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.tjssl.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.** Professor Tiefenbrun's email address is [susant@tjssl.edu](mailto:susant@tjssl.edu), and her office phone number is (619) 961-4318. You can also leave completed enrollment forms and related materials with a faculty assistant.

2. The Certificate Application Requirement:

Candidates for the Certificate in Global Legal Studies must submit to the Center Director an application Form after completing two semesters at TJSL. Certificate Application Forms are available online. Completed forms must be submitted to the Director of the CGLS, Professor Susan Tiefenbrun. Professor Tiefenbrun will pass along Certificate candidates' names to the Registrar, who will confirm whether a candidate is on track with regard to units earned, the GPA, and the writing requirement. Students must report their attendance at CGLS events on an Events Attendance Log.

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

### 3. 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/tjssl.edu/global-legal-studies> . Candidates must report and summarize their activities when applying for the Certificate.

### 4. 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, Professor Tiefenbrun, 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.

### 5. The Units Requirement:

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

- **MINIMUM OF 8 COURSE-UNITS AT TJSL THROUGH ELIGIBLE CLASSES including up to 4 credits taken in the Nice Program and/or 4 credits in the China Program**

Courses taken in the TJSL Summer Program in Nice, France (directed by TJSL Professor Susan Tiefenbrun) and or the TJSL China Program may be taken to fulfill the 8 course-credit requirement, but the grade must be obtained by the candidate from the TJSL professors of the Nice and China Programs.

- **MAXIMUM OF 4 UNITS EARNED AT TJSL THROUGH NON-CLASSROOM WORK OR NON-TJSL UNITS (OTHER THAN THE NICE PROGRAM)**

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.

- *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, moot court, 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.

○ *NON-TJSL UNITS:*

**Approved and Eligible non-TJSL units** include **no more than 4 units** of 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.

6. 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):**

Admiralty Law  
American Indian Law  
Antitrust Law & Trade Regulation  
Art & Cultural Property Law Seminar  
Business Contract Drafting: Int'l Sales Agreement  
China's Legal Concepts & Legal Evolution  
Chinese Legal System & Recent Reforms  
Comparative Antitrust Law  
Comparative Biotechnology Law  
Comparative Constitutional Law  
Comparative Family Law  
Comparative Health Law & Bioethics  
Comparative Jurisprudence through Law & Literature  
Comparative Law  
Comparative Negotiation Strategies  
Comparative Sales  
Comparative Trial Advocacy  
European Union Law  
Global Justice, Self-Determination & the Law  
Globalization & the Workplace  
Green Technology, Climate Change & IP Law

Immigration Law  
Int'l Aspects of doing Business in China  
Int'l Business & White Collar Crime  
Int'l Criminal Law  
Int'l Family Law  
Int'l Human Rights Law  
Int'l Human Rights, Sex Trafficking & Child Soldiering  
Int'l Intellectual Property  
Int'l Internet Law & Arbitration  
Int'l Law  
Int'l Law & the Humanities  
Int'l Sports Law  
Int'l Trade & Developing Countries  
Int'l Tax  
Int'l of Issue in Int'l Criminal Law  
Int'l & Comparative Drug Control  
Int'l Environmental Law  
Int'l Intellectual Property  
Int'l Intellectual Property  
Int'l Sports Law  
Int'l Trade & Finance Law  
Mandarin Chinese for Lawyers  
Reconciling Cultural Diversity & Free Trade  
Refugee & Asylum Law  
Universite de Bourgogne France Exchange

#### 7. 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.