A wide range of course offerings and Virginia’s faculty — prominent in areas such as immigration law, international human rights, environmental policy, comparative constitutional law and international business — make UVA's international and national security law program one of the strongest in the nation.

Foreign professors regularly come to the Law School to teach seminars on topics such as European Union law and comparative law, and students may take select courses at the neighboring Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School.

Center for National Security Law

Established in 1981, the Center for National Security Law promotes interdisciplinary advanced research, scholarship and education about legal issues affecting U.S. national security. The center brings scholars from around the globe to the Law School for conferences, symposia and lectures, and sponsors a yearly National Security Institute for government officials and scholars.

Center for Oceans Law and Policy

The Center for Oceans Law and Policy promotes rational management of the world's oceans and coastal and polar areas through teaching, research and discussion on public policy issues relating to ocean resources.

Courses and Seminars

Admiralty
An American Half-Century
Anti-Terrorism, Law and the Role of Intelligence
Antitrust in the Global Economy
Building the Rule of Law
Climate Change: Science, Markets and Policy

Commercial Sales Transactions: Domestic and International
Comparative Constitutional Design
Current Issues in U.S. and International Patent Law
Emerging Markets: Principles and Practice
EU Taxation
European Company Law

European Union Law
Foreign Relations Law
French Public and Private Law
Global Health Law and Policy
Globalization and Private Dispute Resolution
Government Secrecy
Human Rights Study
Project Immigration Law
Intelligence Law Reform

International and Foreign Legal Research
International Arbitration
International Banking Transactions
International Business Negotiation
International Civil Litigation
International Criminal Law
International Environmental Law
International Financial Regulation
International Human Rights
International Human Rights Litigation
International Intellectual Property
International Investment Arbitration
International Law
International Law and the Use of Force
International Law in National Legal Systems
International Taxation
International Tax Practicum
Israel Business Law and Innovation
Law of Armed Conflict
Law of Treaties
Laws of War: Contemporary Debate
Legal and Policy Issues of the Indochina War
Military Law

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JOSHUA LEFEBVRE ’19, RACHEL GALLAGHER ’19, CHELSEA SCISM ’19 and AVIVA SCHAFFER ’18 received the 2017 MONROE LEIGH FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL LAW to fund their summer jobs. Gallagher worked in Myanmar to fund their summer jobs. Lefebvre worked with the U.S. Department of State's Office of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Criminal Division. Schaffer worked with the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition, and Scism worked with the Department of Defense’s Office of the Chief Prosecutor of the Office of Military Commissions, on the prosecution of war crimes.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
Second- and third-year students have access to eight international exchange programs: Bucerius Law School (Germany), Instituto de Empresa (Madrid), Melbourne Law School (Australia), Seoul National University (South Korea), Tel Aviv University Law School (Israel), University of Auckland (New Zealand), University of Sydney (Australia), Waseda University (Tokyo).

Third-year students may also obtain a dual degree from Sciences Po/Paris. Students completing the program will receive a J.D. from the Law School and a French law degree, entitling them to sit for the French bar exam. Students also may initiate their own study-abroad program at a foreign university law school or law department for one semester.

JANUARY TERM ABROAD
The Law School offers courses in Paris and Tel Aviv, Israel, during the January term over winter break.

SEMESTER ABROAD
Students may spend a semester abroad in a supervised setting combining academic legal research and work experience. Past projects have examined judicial reform in Argentina and the strategy of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

EXTERNAL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS
Virginia offers external collaborative programs in public international law with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE
War and Peace: New Thinking About the Causes of War

CLINICS
Immigration Law Clinic
International Human Rights Law Clinic

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

JOHN BASSETT
MOORE SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
The J.B. Moore Society of International Law is the oldest continuously published, student-edited law review in the United States devoted exclusively to the fields of public and private international law. It is the most frequently cited student-edited journal of international and comparative law, and the third-most-frequently cited student-edited specialty journal of any kind.

HUMAN RIGHTS STUDY PROJECT
Each year, project members travel abroad to study and report on human rights issues in a country of their choosing. Past teams have traveled to Colombia, Myanmar, Egypt, Cuba, Sierra Leone, Madagascar and China.

GULARDI NURBINTORO LL.M. ’14, who is completing his S.J.D. at UVA Law, will clerk at the International Court of Justice, the primary judicial branch of the United Nations, starting in the fall of 2017. He will take part in the International Court of Justice University Traineeship Program as the Law School’s inaugural JOHN AND DUDLEY MACFARLANE FELLOW. The award comes with a $55,000 stipend to assist with travel and living expenses. The Law School is one of a small group of leading academic institutions worldwide invited annually to submit candidates for the traineeship program.

These courses represent the 2015–16 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.