



The Columbia Summer Law Program

1 month of courses
covering the American Legal
System

JOIN OUR PROGRAM!



Date: July 2022



Location: Leiden, The Netherlands



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Join our long tradition of Columbia Summer Program!

For more than fifty years Columbia Law School has offered this Summer Program in American Law in collaboration with the law faculties of Amsterdam and Leiden Universities. The Program is held every summer, for the whole month of July, and alternates each year between Amsterdam and Leiden. This year the Program will be held in Leiden.

What does it entail?

The program is entirely taught by Columbia professors, and is designed to provide a general introduction to the **American legal system** for lawyers and other (legal) professionals, or (graduate) students interested in the program.

What do participants get by joining the program?

At the end of the Program, students are awarded a Certificate of Participation. If they wish to take a final examination, they may obtain 5 EC (European credits, ECTS) toward degrees at their home universities. For Dutch lawyers, participating in the program, it is possible to obtain NOvA credits accredited by the Dutch Bar Association.

For more information please check the website of the Bar Association: <http://regelgeving.advocatenorde.nl/content/hoofdstuk-4-vakbekwaamheid-v...>

More information [here](#)



The Program:

The program will be divided into two blocks:

- **Criminal Litigation** taught by Amber Baylor
- **Corporate Law** taught by Joshua Mitts
- **Contracts** taught by Ed Morrison
- **Transactional Practice** taught by Lynnise Pantin

- **Supreme Court Reform** taught by Thomas Schmidt
- **Litigation** taught by Kellen Funk
- **Jurisprudence** taught by Bernard Harcourt
- **Constitutional Law** taught by Ashraf Ahmed



Former CSP Participant Ivan Levy

Legal Manager at
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

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The Columbia Summer Program was a great opportunity to get immersed in American Law, meet with great peers and fantastic Columbia Professors.

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The curriculum



Criminal Litigation

First half of July taught by Amber Baylor



Amber Baylor is the founding director of the Criminal Law Clinic, which focuses on defense representation in local criminal charges. Her work centers on local criminal regulation and its impacts on communities targeted by intensive policing. Her scholarship continues on this theme, including “Criminalized Students, Reparations, and the Limits of Prospective Reform” and “Design Justice in Municipal Criminal Regulation.”

Corporate Law

First half of July taught by Josh Mitts



His primary focus is on informed trading in capital markets and related topics in law and finance. Mitts employs empirical methods, including statistical analysis and machine learning, for his research on short selling, securities lending, informed trading on cybersecurity breaches, information leakage and hedge fund activism, insider trading on corporate disclosures, and information transmission in financial markets.

The curriculum



Contracts

First half of July taught by Ed Morrison



Ed Morrison is an expert in corporate finance and restructuring, household finance and consumer bankruptcy, and contract law. He is co-editor of the Journal of Legal Studies. Morrison teaches Contracts, Bankruptcy Law, and Corporate Finance. He is co-director of Columbia University's Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy, and is faculty director of the Law School's Executive LL.M. Program.

Transactional Practice

First half of July taught by Lynnise Pantin



Lynnise Pantin '03 is the founding director of the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic. Students in the clinic develop lawyering skills as they provide legal services in a range of transactional, intellectual property, and governance matters to community organizations and low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs.

The curriculum



Constitutional Law

Second half of July taught by Ashraf Ahmed

Ashraf Ahmed is an Academic Fellow at Columbia Law School. He studies constitutional law, theory, and history, election law, and administrative law. He is especially interested in constitutional norms, the separation of powers, the nature of legal argument, and issues of equality and representation. His work draws on methods in democratic theory, philosophy, and intellectual history. He is currently working on a series of articles on constitutional conventions that comprise his dissertation, “The Conventional Constitution.”

Litigation

Second half of July taught by Kellen R. Funk



Kellen R. Funk is a legal historian with expertise in civil procedure and remedies. He has written on the history of civil litigation practices in the United States, the development and reform of the American bail system, and the juridical processes of churches and religious groups. Funk joined the Columbia Law faculty in 2018 after completing his Ph.D. in American history at Princeton University, where he was a Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellow.

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Jurisprudence

Second half of July taught by Bernard Harcourt



Bernard E. Harcourt is a distinguished critical theorist, legal advocate, and prolific writer and editor. In his books, articles, and teaching, his scholarship focuses on punishment practices and political economy, critical theory and praxis, and political protest. Harcourt is the founding director of the Initiative for a Just Society at the Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, which brings contemporary critical theory and practice to bear on current social problems.

Supreme Court Reform

Second half of July taught by Thomas Schmidt



Tom Schmidt is an Academic Fellow at Columbia Law School. His research focuses on federal courts; constitutional law, history, and theory; and the history of legal thought. Before joining Columbia, Tom practiced law for over six years, specializing in Supreme Court and appellate litigation. Tom has a B.A. from Yale University, an M.Phil. in Classics from the University of Cambridge, and a J.D. from Yale Law School.

Questions and Answers

- **Will I receive a certificate?**

Yes. By completing all compulsory courses, you will be eligible to receive a certificate at the end of the program.

- **Is Housing included in the price?**

Yes it is. Depending on whether you are a student or professional, you will be hosted in a dorm or studio.

- **In case of new COVID travel restrictions, will there be a hybrid option of program available?**

There will unfortunately be no hybrid option available, as the courses are made to be held in person.

- **How many participants partake in the CSP?**

There will be approx. 40 participants.

- **Are social events/gathering included in the program as well?**

Yes they are! We are planning on hosting both formal, as well as some informal gatherings, so you can meet your professors and fellow participants. More specific information regarding the itinerary shall be announced.

- **Until when can I complete my application? (For example if I do not have TOEFL/IELTS results yet) ?**

You can complete your application until the 30th of April.



**Former CSP Participant
Aimane Gannouf**

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The Columbia Summer Program presents its participants with a once in a lifetime opportunity to familiarise themselves with the core concepts of American Law, as taught by the amazing Columbia Law School faculty, whilst creating and developing bonds with other participants that will last a lifetime. I still reflect fondly on a month full of great discussions and laughter, and recommend anyone who is interested to participate in the Program.”



General Information



Practical Information

Tuition fees

- students € 4.150
- professionals € 5.000
- UL & UvA Students € 1.500

Contact

Do you still have questions?

Feel free to contact our CSP team via this email: csp@law.leidenuniv.nl

or consult our website:

<https://www.columbiasummerprogram.org/>

Covid Measurements and Refund policy

The CSP Team is fully aware of the uncertainties that come with planning the summer program in the midst of the pandemic. Thus, we want to specify that the following applies, in case the program has to be cancelled due to Covid. There shall be **no hybrid option**, as the program is designed specifically to be taught on campus, however we do have a refund policy. There will be **a full refund** in case we are forced to cancel the program **due to Covid**.

If however, the program **does** take place and you have to cancel due to personal circumstances, please email the program coordinators and we shall assess your situation accordingly. In this case, however, we cannot guarantee a full refund.



Requirements and Application Process



Practical Information

Starting with the **15th of January** we will be taking in applications and start the selection process. In order to apply, please visit our official website here and follow the instructions on the Application page. The application deadline is the **end of June**.

Requirements

Minimum required scores for an English Language Test *if necessary*:

TOEFL-test: minimum overall score 88

IELTS-test: minimum overall score 6,5

Other required documents:

- Certified and translated copy of university transcript of grades (preferably in English)
- Certified and translated copy of university diploma. If you have not yet graduated or if you have not received your diploma, an authenticated academic transcript of your grades will suffice (preferably in English)
- Motivation letter for the Summer Program
- Letter of recommendation from an employer or lecturer (in English)
- Copy of passport/identity card
- Recent photo (also used in practical guide)
- An up-to-date resume (curriculum vitae).

