SUMMER PROGRAM

- See historic international trials, and meet with judges and advocates
- Understand how global justice is shaped by local conflict and the search for peace
- Engage in interactive workshops with lawyers and law students from all corners of the world
- Discover the cultural riches found in Holland and throughout Europe
- Explore the personal impact of international law and human rights
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About Brandeis University

Brandeis University is a community of scholars and students united by their commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and its transmission from generation to generation. As a research university, Brandeis is dedicated to the advancement of the humanities, arts and social, natural and physical sciences.

As a liberal arts college, Brandeis affirms the importance of a broad and critical education in enriching the lives of students and preparing them for full participation in a changing society, capable of promoting their own welfare, yet remaining deeply concerned about the welfare of others.

Partnerships

The program is a collaboration between Brandeis University and the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies and the Law Faculty at Leiden University.

Find Out More

For program fees, application deadlines and procedures, a list of former participants, housing, FAQs and more, please visit us on the web. If you would like to speak with a program representative, please call the Office of Study Abroad.
Applications are reviewed on a rolling admissions deadline, provided spaces are still available. Visit go.brandeis.edu/hague for more information.

Program Application

Academics
Students on the program take two courses over the six-week session for a total of eight credits. Courses are taught in English and supervised by a Brandeis faculty member, who accompanies the group and shares teaching responsibilities with guest faculty from Leiden University. The two courses are jointly developed by programs in Legal Studies and International and Global Studies at Brandeis University.

The Spirit of International Law
Taught in The Hague, this course provides a broad survey of international law—how it aspires to peace, justice, and human rights; and how it meets the hard realities of a complex world. Building on direct contact with international tribunals, the course considers social, cultural, political, and economic factors shaping global justice, along with the impact of legal values on nations, regions, and communities.

Advocacy in the International Criminal Court
After setting the historical and critical framework for international criminal law, this course features intensive workshops with advocates and officials of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, in cooperation with Leiden University. Sessions will include moot court exercises and discussions with judges from the major international tribunals.

Credit Transfer
Students will receive an official Brandeis University transcript after the successful completion of the program. Credits earned are transferable only at the discretion of your college or university. Please note that many schools require prior approval in order to transfer credits earned through study abroad.

Academic Partner
The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University is the dissemination of knowledge on all fields of international law through high quality training courses, lectures, seminars, summer school programs, and yearly conferences.

Faculty Leadership
Richard Gaskins holds the Proskauer Chair in Law and Social Welfare at Brandeis University, where he directs the Legal Studies Program, and teaches in the interdepartmental program in International and Global Studies. An expert on comparative law and social policy, he has won multiple Fulbright awards for research in New Zealand. In 2011 he received Brandeis University’s Neubauer Award for excellence in teaching and mentoring. As Academic Program Director for Brandeis in The Hague, Professor Gaskins coordinates the academic partnership with Leiden University.

Program Dates
Late May – Mid July

Eligibility
The admissions committee strives to accept students who are the best possible match for the program. Both Brandeis and non-Brandeis students from all majors and minors are encouraged to apply. Interest in human rights and international law should be demonstrated by a commitment to varied academic work, research, internships, and other volunteer work both on and off the home institution’s campus.

Students from outside Brandeis bring valuable diversity to the program and are encouraged to apply. The Hague programs have welcomed students from Albion College, Amherst College, Colby College, Tufts University, the University of Michigan, and Wellesley College. Meet with your college or university's study abroad advisors, academic advisors, and faculty to assist in program selection and preparation.

“This program is for students from any academic major who are passionate about global peace and justice—and willing to direct their passion to rigorous academic study and practical action. Along with advanced studies in human rights, international law and post-conflict reconciliation, students are able to test out new skills in the learning laboratories of The Hague, home to international courts and global NGOs. This gracious Dutch city and the nearby university town of Leiden provide a stimulating cultural experience, and a convenient law for exploring other parts of Europe.”

–Professor Richard Gaskins, Academic Program Director