

St. Petersburg

Summer Law Institute



Travel Dates: June 30 - July 26, 2008

The St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute (formerly administered by the [Cleveland-Marshall College of Law](#)) presents English-speaking law students with the rare opportunity to study international and comparative law in the historic cities of [Novgorod](#) and [St. Petersburg, Russia](#). Russian law students will also attend the Summer Law Institute, many of whom will reside with their American counterparts.

Participating students will earn a total of 5 credit hours toward their law degrees (subject to any policies adopted by their particular law schools). The program will begin in [Novgorod](#), a historic center of international trade located between [Moscow](#) and [St. Petersburg](#), with arrivals expected Monday, June 30 and classes Tuesday, July 1. On Saturday, July 5 students will head to [St. Petersburg](#) for the remainder of the program. During the four weeks, lectures will provide an introduction into Russian law and focus on diverse areas of comparative and international law (see [proposed course content areas](#)).

The St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute is sponsored by the [University of Arkansas School of Law](#), [Cleveland-Marshall College of Law](#) and the [University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law](#). The Summer Law Institute represents a continuing educational relationship between the U.S. schools, the [St. Petersburg State University Law Faculty](#) and the [Novgorod State University Law Faculty](#) that has endured since 1993, through some of the most momentous times in Russia's ongoing transformation.

For more information, check-out the Program's website
<http://studyabroad.uark.edu/1447.htm>

Proposed Course Content Areas

Introduction to Russian Law taught by Valentina Grohotova from Novgorod State University. This unit will be an examination of the sources of law, the court system, the legal profession, criminal and civil procedures in Russia, and will also provide an overview of constitutional law and the protection of civil rights in Russia.

International Arbitration taught by Valeri Musin from St. Petersburg State University. This unit will examine methods and procedures of resolving international commercial disputes in non-judicial proceedings. Issues to be discussed include: United Nations and national laws; arbitration clauses; place and language of hearings; documentary evidence and expert witnesses at hearings; enforcement of awards.

Comparative Civil Litigation taught by Professor Steven H. Steinglass from Cleveland State University. This unit will examine selected issues in comparative civil litigation by looking at the system of civil litigation in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia. The course will identify the most salient features of each of these systems and examine such issues as the role and selection of judges, the American civil jury, discovery, summary adjudication, and fee-shifting.

Comparative Legal Ethics taught by Professor Howard Brill from the University of Arkansas. This unit will examine selected issues under the American, Russian, and European Union ethical standards. Issues include: admission to practice, confidentiality, fraud on the court, forbidden fruits, unauthorized practice of law, multi-disciplinary practice, disciplinary enforcement. Techniques include situational role playing and informal arguments.

Comparative Religious Freedom taught by Professor Alan Weinstein from Cleveland State University. This unit will use the constitutional and statutory protections for religious freedom in the United States as the lens through which to view how other countries have -- or have not -- sought to protect religious freedom for individuals and institutions. The course will examine both the *formal* protection of religious freedom, as articulated in constitutions and statutes, and the *functional* protection of that freedom as it is actually practiced in the countries studied. Examples will be taken from countries with divergent approaches to the issue of religious freedom, including: countries that do not have an official "state" religion;; countries that do have an official "state" religion; and countries that have an official – or unofficial-- policy that is antagonistic to religion.

International Criminal Law taught by Professor Linda Carter from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. The focus is the study of violations of the laws and customs of war, crimes against humanity, and genocide. The study of these crimes will include an examination of the forums in which the cases are adjudicated, including the historical basis in the post-World War II Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals and a study of the current tribunals created by the United Nations for crimes committed in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda. The structure and jurisdiction of the new permanent International Criminal Court will also be covered. The topics will include the jurisdiction of the international tribunals; the substantive crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes; theories of responsibility; defenses; the blending of civil law and common law legal systems; the current debate about the definition of genocide; and the multiple forums in which international crimes are adjudicated.

Comparative Anti Trust taught by Professor Phillip Norvell from the University of Arkansas and will focus on the development of the law of monopoly under Section two of the Sherman Act with a comparison of the European Union and Russian Federation Monopoly Law.