



THE
AMERICAN
Semester

★ LAW: COMPARATIVE CONTRACTS

SUMMER SHORT COURSE JULY 3-23, 2016

- ★ A 12-session survey of contract law, practical negotiation skills, and comparative theory.
- ★ Combine and examine the questions of why, what, and how that lie beneath contracts.
- ★ Cover questions such as:
 - o What is the connection between human dignity, freedom, and the ability to make legally enforceable promises?
 - o What do James Bond, Star Wars, aboriginal Trobriand Islanders, and speed limits in Michigan, the Norther Territory, and Lithuania have in common?
 - o Should a court enforce a contract requiring a consumer to pay \$3,500 merely for posting a negative review about bad customer service online?

- ★ Students will learn how to communicate about contracts with attorneys and business people from different cultures and backgrounds.
- ★ There will also be a chance to apply new knowledge gained in the course to negotiate and draft a simple contract in a (relatively) competitive exercise with peers and/or nationals from other cultures.

Weekend Excursions:

- July 4th: Independence Day activities
- Weekend #1: Niagara Falls
- Weekend #2: Chicago
- July 22nd: Graduation Banquet

Class will generally be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

Each program will have scheduled academic excursions during a weekday to an organization relevant to their studies (i.e. local schools, conferences, etc.)

Students will live on MSU's campus at Owen Hall (<http://liveon.msu.edu/rivertrail/owen>) and make new American and international friends from Australia and parts of Europe. A meal plan is included.

Examples of other scheduled activities for the afternoon or evenings during the week are:

- ★ Local festivals, concerts or sporting events
- ★ Shopping Trips
- ★ Beach/Pool and BBQ
- ★ MSU's Demmer Shooting Range

When students arrive on campus, they will attend a welcome reception. At the end of the program, a special graduation banquet will take place.

The American Semester Program

The American Semester Program (ASP) provides a non-degree international education experience through which students can take courses in a large research-intensive American university as a compliment to undergraduate degree studies at their home institution.



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