

PROGRAMME D'ÉCHANGE RAPPORT DE FIN DE SÉJOUR

Ce rapport de fin de séjour est obligatoire et doit être rendu avant le 1 février 2017.

Nous vous sommes reconnaissants pour vos commentaires ; Ils permettront aux futurs étudiants de préparer leur programme d'échange.

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Quel est votre programme d'études à l'Institut ? **Master in International Law**

Dans quelle université partenaire avez-vous effectué votre séjour d'échange ? **UCLA School of Law**

Durant quel semestre (ex Automne 2015) ? **Automne 2017**

Veuillez préciser vos dates de séjour sur place (arrivée et départ) : **08/08/2017 - 20/12/2017**

Quels étaient vos objectifs en choisissant des études au sein de cette université ?

Quel cours avez-vous suivi sur place ? **U.S. Law in Global Context; Cybersecurity Law and Policy; Contemporary Issues Facing the International Criminal Court; Leadership and the Law**

De manière globale, comment évaluez-vous les cours suivis ?

Excellent

Bon

Moyen

Mauvais

Sans opinion

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser: **Overall all my classes and professors were really interesting and enriching. I took various classes from different levels, some first year, second**

year, as well as third year classes. Accordingly the format of the classes was also quite different. In one class (Cybersecurity Law and Policy) we were for instance about 50 students, whereas in an another one (Current issues facing the ICC) we were just about 6 students. Therefore the type of teaching and discussion was quite different, although always based on a significant amount of readings and class discussions. Most of my classes were with american JD students, and I was astonished by the quality of the debates, although most of them had no background in international law. I actually found it both destabilizing and refreshing, as I found myself arguing on things that would seem obvious to any lawyer with an international law background, but were not for american students, and I found extremely interesting to have their point of view on many basic concepts and theories. Professors often served more as moderator in the discussions, but most of them were available after class for discussions and were always very helpful. As a final word, the law school, although it possesses a decent international law component, is clearly not as focused as the Institute and equal in terms of quality. It can be frustrating at times, but over one semester it is also refreshing and is the opportunity to escape the bubble of international law, although it is of course enjoyable and reassuring to go back to Geneva afterwards.

Comment évaluez-vous les aspects suivants ?

	Excellent	Bon	Moyen	Mauvais	Sans opinion
Intérêt et pertinence des cours suivis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualité pédagogique des enseignants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualité de l'accueil administratif des étudiants d'échange	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Qualité de la vie étudiante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser :

Adding to the previous question, I would simply mention that the curriculum is extremely broad, which is very exciting since you get to pick classes such as entertainment law, constitutional law, sport law, or even entrepreneurship, in addition to the international law courses we would get at the Institute. Even though as far as I'm concerned, I preferred to focus on international law.

Regarding the quality of the administration, here again it was outstanding. The administrative staff is always available, especially the international office, very quick, friendly, and helpful. This is so for academic issues as well as personal.

Turning to quality of life, it is obviously very very different from Geneva, and from Europe in general. The first few weeks were difficult as L.A. was for me the biggest city I've lived in, and getting around was a real hassle. The metro lines do not go

through westwood where UCLA is located, and the bus networks is made of different companies, with different lines, different fares, all quite confusing. Shopping is also not very convenient without a car, as all the shops are usually concentrated in the same areas or shopping centre. Therefore it was always quite an expedition to go shopping. Apart from that however, the quality of life on campus is excellent, as the campus seems like a giant forest/park in the middle of which stand a few (beautiful) university buildings. The weather also helps as L.A. is sunny and warm every single day of the year, including in November and December, where the temperature rarely goes below 20° C. The campus is also located only 30 minutes from Santa Monica and its beach (by bus or cycling, depending on traffic). On the other side, Hollywood is only between 30 and 45 minutes by bus (depending on traffic again). Overall the Californian quality of life is definitely not a myth and once I was settled and used to the traffic and the poor bus system, I very much enjoyed it.

De manière globale, comment qualifiez-vous les services offerts par l'université d'accueil ?

- Excellents
- Bons
- Moyens
- Mauvais
- Sans opinion

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser : As one of the biggest and most renowned American university, UCLA has all the services I could dream of. The health service is very good and accessible. The sport facilities and activities are impressive. There are about 4 different massive gyms spread across the campus, along with Olympic swimming pools, as well as a "recreation" area, with open air swimming pools, deckchairs, tennis courts and so on. There are also thousands of events going on on or outside campus throughout the semester. From sport events to concerts, conferences etc. The fact that the university is multidisciplinary, as opposed to the Institute, is also very interesting and I got to attend scientific conferences etc. Finally, coming back to the studies, the libraries are also pretty good, with very convenient opening hours and an amazing staff, especially the law library, which is staffed with librarians and lawyers to whom you can ask virtually everything.

Avez-vous effectué une activité extracurriculaire durant votre séjour d'échange ?

- Activité associative au sein de l'université d'accueil

- Activité associative à l'extérieur de l'université d'accueil
- Stage rémunéré
- Stage non-rémunéré
- Emploi

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez préciser : I was remotely involved with a handful of student associations, although I did not have particular responsibilities. However, I would stress that the student community is tremendously vibrant, both within the law school and outside, and you will find hundreds and student societies, ranging from the ski club (because yes, you can ski in California) to the Art and Law society.

Pourriez-vous détailler des éléments de vie quotidienne utiles aux futurs étudiants (par exemple logement, coût de la vie, conseils particuliers) : The most important thing to know is that if L.A. as a whole is probably average in terms of living expenses for a big american city, Westwood, where UCLA is located, is extremely expensive. The closest one is to the campus, the more expensive it gets. It is also very common to share rooms. For instance, I was living about 20 minutes cycling from the Law School, in a shared room, for 850\$, which was a (very) good deal I found one month after I got there, and after staying first in another shared room on campus, and then in the living room of a shared apartment (for 700\$ a month). Most rooms close to campus will be shared and ranging from 800 to 1.000\$ a month. The further away you get, the most "affordable" it becomes. Therefore, you can find a single room for about 1.200\$ if you're willing to live a few miles away from the university and commute, although commuting is most of the time not that convenient. There are of course exceptions and I know of some people who found single rooms for this price very close to the campus. But in general, be prepared to pay even more than in Geneva. I would also recommend living as close as possible to campus in order to enjoy a genuine student experience, especially as Westwood is a very nice area. Santa Monica and West Hollywood can also be considered, although it can be a bit far already. The food is also probably as expensive as in Switzerland, although the quality at a price equal to what you would pay in Geneva, is generally much lower. The exception is for eating out, where prices are in general much lower than in Geneva, although you have to bear in mind that all the advertised prices never include taxes and tips. A menu at 8\$ will therefore often turn out to be around up to 12\$. Regarding the food on campus, it is fairly expensive and, although there is a wide variety of different restaurants (Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, burgers etc.), there are few "healthy" options, the best therefore remains to cook for yourself, although the price of fresh vegetables is pretty high and a lunch you will cook for yourself will often be as expensive as a burger in the campus food court.

De manière globale, comment qualifieriez-vous votre expérience de séjour d'échange ?

Excellent

- Bonne
- Moyenne
- Mauvaise
- Sans opinion

Si vous le souhaitez, veuillez ajouter ci-après des recommandations ou des points qui n'ont pas été abordés: Studying in UCLA and living in LA was an incredible experience, certainly very different from the life in Geneva and at the Institute. Overall I think one semester is a good format, and by the end you will have a pretty good picture of the upsides and downsides of living and studying in the US (or at least in California). I also got to travel around in California as well as in Mexico and on the East Coast (including for a short trip to New York for a conference, with the trip and my stay there being funded by the UCLA promise institute for Human Rights), which was very interesting. In conclusion the experience was very enriching both on the study side, as well as cultural and personal. UCLA Law, compared to other US universities I had the chance to visit during my stay, such as Berkely, Stanford, Harvard, Columbia and NYU, also has a very specific mindset and an amazing community, extremely open minded, easy-going and fairly laid-back, which does not impair the high quality and demanding nature of the academic experience but just make it even more enjoyable. I therefore highly recommend going on exchange there.