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It is a great pleasure to introduce you to the Columbus School of Law’s Comparative and International Law Institute. Contemporary globalization, with its worldwide impact on trade, politics, economy, communication, development of technology and many other areas of life, brings fundamental changes to every society. The phenomenon intensifies the need for lawyers with an appropriate comparative background competent to effectively advise clients on the laws of more than one country. Globalization now requires attorneys to understand crucial legal issues in many contexts, international, regional or domestic. It is especially important for lawyers pursuing a career in international trade and business.

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— Rett R. Ludwikowski

Specialized Coursework
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CILI curriculum required courses
Public International Law
Legal Externship: Becoming an International Lawyer

One of three required
Comparative Law
Law of the European Union
Comparative Constitutional Law

One of three required:
Comparative and International Trade
International Business Transactions
International Economic Regulation

Two required electives
Students may choose from all international course offerings to fulfill the elective course requirements. Electives are not limited to those listed, and additional courses are introduced to the curriculum on a rotating basis.

Comparative Law Seminar: Political Violence
Immigration Law and Policy
International Criminal Law
International and Comparative Taxation
International Environmental Law
International Intellectual Property Law
International Human Rights Law
International Securities Regulation
International Regulation of Telecommunications
Introduction to International Arbitration and Mediation
Legal Issues of the Middle East Peace Process
Maritime Law
National Security Law and Policy Seminar

Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities
International Business and Trade Summer Law Program, Cracow, Poland
International Human Rights Summer Law Program, Rome, Italy
Vis International Moot Court
Jessup Cup Moot Court Competition
International Law Students Association

Recent Legal Externship Placements
American Bar Association’s Central and Eastern European Law Initiative
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World Bank

How to Apply
Students should submit an application for admission to the Institute along with their application to the Columbus School of Law. Information and an application form can be found at http://www.law.edu/clinics/institutes/instituteapps.cfm.

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