

## Fall Program ABA Disclosures

### IX. Disclosures

The following information must be disclosed when program information is initially made available to prospective students (i.e., on the program website, in the initial announcement or brochure, and in any communication sent directly to prospective students):

1. Dates, location(s), description of the program, and anticipated enrollment:

*Pepperdine's 2021 London Fall Program is a full fall semester in London. The Fall Semester in London begins on August 16 (arrival date), orientation and classes start on August 23, 2021 and the semester ends on Friday, December 17, 2021 including exams. (The School of Law cancelled the 2020 program due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, and its plans for 2021 are contingent on conditions and national policies related to the pandemic.)*

*Since the inception of the London Program in 1981, students from Pepperdine and other American law schools have enjoyed what is often referred to as "their best law school experience" -- studying law at Pepperdine in London. Pepperdine Law School's International Program in London has been approved by the American Bar Association. Pepperdine Caruso School of Law offers a fall semester program in London at our own London facility. The Pepperdine London House is located in the attractive South Kensington area of London. Pepperdine's Fall London Program is run and operated solely by Pepperdine Caruso School of Law and not in conjunction, partnership, or through the use of another educational institution.*

*The program also includes a number of cultural and legal-related outings and trips designed to enhance the educational experience. All students will come away from their London experience with knowledge of the British political and legal system as well as an appreciation for the culture. To that end, the Fall program offers lectures on the British political and English legal systems, a walking tour of the Inns of Court including Middle Temple and a visit to Parliament. Students studying in the Fall will additionally visit a Magistrate's Court or the Commercial Court, as well as one of the main Crown courts hearing criminal cases, plus the Royal Courts of Justice.*

*In the Fall 2021 program, we expect that up to 50 students from Pepperdine University School of Law and other American law schools will reside in London and take courses from a full-time faculty member who also serves as the director of the program, as well as a number of London-based barristers, solicitors, and faculty members from London area law programs.*

*Students may enroll in one or more of the terms but may not, under ABA guidelines, take more than one-third of their total law school units in overseas programs.*

*The program is structured so that students may complete certain core American law requirements while enriching their legal education with a variety of elective international and comparative law courses.*

2. The nature of the relationship with the foreign institution, if any, other than the provision of facilities and minimal services:

*The Pepperdine Caruso School of Law operates the Fall London Program itself exclusively and not in conjunction, partnership, or through the use of another educational institution.*

3. The number of students who participated in the program the previous year from the sponsoring law school(s) and the number from other schools (if the program is open to other students):

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions the decision was taken to cancel the Fall 2020 London Program. The last semester in residence in London was the Fall 2019 program when there were 28 students including 4 students visiting from other law schools.*

4. If the program is not limited to students from U.S. law schools, the countries likely to be represented and the expected number of students from those countries:

*The Program is limited to students from U.S. law schools.*

5. Description of each course and number of credit hours:

***Law 803. Corporations (3)***

*A study of the basic principles of the legal concept of the corporate entity, including the theory and practice of corporate structure and distribution of powers and duties among shareholders, directors, and officers.*

***Law 1662. Admiralty and Law of the Sea (2-3)***

*This course surveys the substantive and procedural aspects of maritime law in the United States. Topics include admiralty jurisdiction and procedure, choice of law, carriage of goods by sea, charter parties, maritime torts, collision, maritime liens, and salvage. Additional topics include an introduction to international law of the sea and piracy*

***Law 1972. Human Rights (2)***

*This course will address certain rights that should be afforded all people in order to assure that they are treated as "humans," both in time of peace and war. Those rights may include human rights such as free speech, the right to worship, and the right to live as and where one wishes;*

*political rights, such as the right to vote and to fair treatment in the courts; economic rights, such as the right to a minimum standard of living, and various other topics, such as torture and capital punishment. The course will also focus on domestic, regional, and international enforcement mechanisms.*

***Law 2133. International Investment Disputes (2 units)***

*This course addresses the treaty-based systems established to allow foreign direct investors and host states to arbitrate disputes arising from alleged breaches of international law. In addition to examining the major treaties affecting the field, the course will survey the many important doctrines bearing on tribunal jurisdictions, claim admissibility, and the enforcement of awards against a state. Matters of process design will also be considered.*

***Law 372. International Commercial Arbitration (2 units)***

*This course provides a comprehensive overview of international arbitration law and practice. Topics explored include the making and enforcement of arbitration agreements; the selection and appointment of the arbitral tribunal; preliminary proceedings, including procedural orders and interim relief; the arbitration hearing; and the making and enforcement of the arbitral award. Particular attention is paid to the enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards, the role of the New York Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and other treaties, and their interplay with national laws as a backdrop for private arbitration agreements.*

***Law 1762. European Union Law (3 units)***

*Financial and trading rules of the European Union (EU), within the general context of the different legal systems of its member states. First the course will attempt to distinguish between the two contrasting legal traditions of the common law and civil law within the Common Market. Second, it will consider in detail the reasons for the creation of the European Union and its present institutional structure. The final part of the course will be devoted to a study of the substantive trading and financial laws in force in the EU.*

***Law 8. Moot Court–International (1 unit)***

*Students in the London program may earn one unit credit for participating in the London Moot Program. Students attend a series of lectures, visit English courts, take part in an advocacy class given by barristers, participate in an internal “moot-off” competition, review video-taped feedback, and moot against one of the four English Inns of Court or English law schools.*

***Law 360. Clinical Law–International (1-4 units)***

*Students in the London program may earn one unit credit (two units with prior approval by director) for participating in the London Clinical Program. Students attend a series of lectures,*

*visit English courts, keep a weekly journal, and complete a minimum of 52.5 hours (1 unit) work in their clinical placement. Past placements include American law firms, Barristers chambers, Solicitors firms, human rights organizations, and the Department of Justice at the U.S. Embassy in London.*

6. Schedule of classes with days and times for each class:

*The schedule of classes with days and times for each class will be provided during the Spring term.*

7. Requirements for student performance and grading method:

*All courses in the London Program are subject to the School of Law's Academic Policies for JD courses. As is customary in law schools, grading is based largely on the final examination in each course, except for skills training courses and courses which require substantial research and writing. Final examinations are graded anonymously, with students using examination numbers instead of names on their examinations. Midterm examinations may be given in any course. Professors have discretion to make a small adjustment to the final grade based on factors which include, but are not limited to, quality of preparation and recitation, attendance, and willingness to participate in discussion. The law school permits students to take the essay portions of final examinations on student laptop computers. The software program for the taking of such examinations is provided by the school. With the exception of take-home examinations, students may not take examinations on laptop computers using any program other than the proprietary program approved by the school.*

**Grading**

*Letter grades are used with a typical upper division median of B+. The following numerical weights are assigned to letter grades:*

**Grade Weight**

*A+ 4.33*

*A 4.00*

*A- 3.67*

*B+ 3.33*

*B 3.00*

*B- 2.67*

*C+ 2.33*

*C 2.00*

C- 1.67  
D+ 1.33  
D 1.00  
D- 0.67  
F 0.00

8. Enrollment limitations on any courses offered and criteria for enrollment, including prerequisites:

*There are no prerequisites and no limit on enrollment except for International Moot Court which is capped at 24, and International Clinical Law, an externship field placement course, which is subject to availability and is highly competitive. In the past, 90% of students who have applied for a clinical have been able to participate but some may not obtain their first choice of placement.*

9. A statement that acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken in the program, including externships and other clinical offerings, is subject to determination by the student's home school:

*Visiting students must have permission from the academic dean or associate dean of their school attesting to their being in good standing and agreeing to accept the units earned in transfer. The acceptance of course credit or grade is subject to the discretion of the visiting student's home school.*

10. Descriptive biographies of program director:

***Professor Robert Anderson***

*Robert Anderson received his JD from New York University School of Law in 2000, and was associated with Sullivan & Cromwell LLP from 2000 to 2003 where his practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and financial institutions regulation. In 2008, he received his PhD in Political Science at Stanford University, where his fields included American Politics, Political Organizations, and Political Methodology (Statistics). Professor Anderson's primary research interests are corporate and securities law, positive political theory of the judiciary, and quantitative and empirical approaches to law. In particular, he has worked extensively on modeling judicial behavior and developing computational and empirical techniques for analyzing corporate transactions and corporate governance.*

11. Descriptive biographies, including academic credentials and experience, of each faculty member responsible for teaching a course or any portion of a course:

*The biography of current faculty members is found on the Law School's London Program web page under [Faculty & Administration](#)*

12. Name, address, telephone, e-mail and where applicable, fax number of an informed contact person at (each of) the sponsoring law school(s):

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13. Complete statement of all tuition, fees, anticipated living costs, and other expected expenses:

*Fall 2019 Tuition: \*\$28,750 (\*2019 rate which is subject to change for Fall 2021 and will be updated when available)*

*Activity Fee: \$2,800*

*Housing (approximately \$450 or £365 pounds sterling per week): Total \$8,000 minimum*

*Estimated Personal Expenses: \$4,250*

*Books: \$600*

*Transportation (R/T Los Angeles to London): \$1,800*

*Board (depending on how often you eat out): \$4,000*

*Student Body Association Fee: \$30*

*Health Insurance: \$1,292*

14. Description and location of classrooms and administrative offices:

*Classes are held at Pepperdine University's London House at 56 Prince's Gate, London, SW7 2PG which is located in the South Kensington area of London. The Administrative offices are located there as well.*

15. The extent to which the country, city, and facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities:

*Pepperdine University welcomes students with disabilities who are otherwise qualified for the London program. In compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, the University does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Students should recognize that those laws do not apply to public buildings and other facilities in England and the rest of Europe and many are not configured to accommodate disabilities. The Pepperdine London Center is accessible to disabled students even though access may be somewhat difficult. A portable ramp for wheelchair access can be arranged. There is a small elevator giving access to the upper floors of the building although it will not accommodate a wheelchair. Wherever possible, it is the policy of the university to reasonably accommodate the needs of those persons having disabilities. Such disabilities should be made known to the Malibu Director of International Programs in advance so that appropriate arrangements, where possible, can be made.*

16. Circumstances under which the program is subject to cancellation, how cancellation will be communicated to the students; what arrangements will be made in the event of cancellation, and information about any prior cancellations, if any:

*The London program is subject to cancellation, without prior notice, based upon financial exigency or if fewer than ten students have enrolled in the program fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the term. In that event, students will be contacted by email and the deposits paid by students will be fully refunded.*

17. U.S State Department Travel Warnings or Alerts:

*a) The latest information and warnings about overseas travel can be found on the US State Department web site. If, prior to the commencement of the program, a Travel Warning or Alert is issued by the U.S. State Department for the country in which the program is conducted, all students who have confirmed their acceptance with a deposit will be notified promptly by email and will be given an opportunity to withdraw from the program.*

*b) If, during the course of a program, a U.S. State Department Travel Warning or Alert is issued for the country in which the program is conducted, all enrolled students will be notified by email of the warning, as well as receiving International SOS notifications, and given an opportunity to withdraw from the program.*

## 18. International Travel Support

*Pepperdine partners with International SOS, a travel security assistance provider. Staff and students are required to sign in and log any University related international travel on their profiles and students are required to log any individual overseas travel during their semester in London. Support is available from any International SOS 24-hour assistance center via telephone or through the ISOS smart phone assistance app.*

## 19. Refund policy in the event of student withdrawal as permitted in paragraph 16, or program cancellation or termination:

*In the event that students withdraw as permitted in 1 and 17 above, or if the program is terminated, the students will be refunded fees paid, except for that portion of the activity fee that has been utilized prior to the date of withdrawal or termination.*

*University operating expenses and student charges are planned on an annual basis. Refund policies for withdrawals for reasons other than those specified in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18, above, have been established in recognition of both the University's advance commitment to operating expenses and a spirit of fairness for students who find it necessary to discontinue the use of University services. The policies for students who leave the program due to dismissal and suspension are the same as for those who leave due to voluntary withdrawal.*

*The refund policies are found in the Law School's academic catalog, in the section on financial information which can be found [here](#).*

### **Tuition**

*Consideration for refund of tuition requires written notice from the student to the Records Office of the student's intention to drop a course or withdraw from the University. The date this notice is received by the Records Office is the effective date for determining the refund amount according to the schedule below. Students may drop classes without tuition penalty during the add/drop period only. Students withdrawing from courses after the add/drop period are subject to the partial refund policies listed below for the fall and spring semesters.*

*Through the add/drop period (first two weeks) . . . . . 100% less \$150*

*During the third week.. . . . . 75%*

*During the fourth week. . . . . 50%*

*During the fifth week . . . . . 25%*

*After the fifth week ... . . . . 0*



*This refund schedule will be applied to the maximum number of units in which a student was enrolled if the student withdraws or is dismissed any time after the add/drop period.*

20. Description of the housing made available by the program (see criterion V.I.F.):

*Students arrange for their own housing during the Fall Semester due to the economic benefits derived from sharing flats. Pepperdine makes available information on student housing providers and provides general guidance on finding housing in London. Additionally, before students arrive in London they will receive information compiled with input by former students regarding apartment locations and letting (leasing) agencies. Students are encouraged to arrive in London at least one week before classes begin to allow adequate time to look for housing and to acclimate to new surroundings. Those needing temporary housing while looking for a place to live will be sent recommendations closer to the beginning of term. Students reserve a space and pay the provider directly. Most students find housing through real estate agencies and private landlords, although increasingly students are using AirBnB for some or all of the duration of their stay, and a few elect to stay in specialised student housing. There are a number of options available, and we are always happy to answer questions and give advice.*