It is one of the very rare part-time programs that attracts people on the job. The melting pot of students with various origins and backgrounds was amazing.

Georg M Kordges, Student
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The Sydney Law School will deliver another exciting Sydney Law School in Europe program in 2010. Now in its eleventh successful year, the program will offer units of study in plain English in legal writing, advanced obligations and remedies and international structured finance. The program will be conducted at prestigious university locations in Cambridge and London. Each unit is taught intensively over 5 days, with assessment, either an exam or essay completed within one-two months of the classes.

The program is designed to allow Sydney Law School students the opportunity to complete part of their studies in an international setting and engage in comparative international study. The program also gives European students the opportunity to combine study in Europe with study in Australia and for Australian graduates working in Europe to continue their postgraduate studies. The units are also available to practising lawyers as legal professional development.

Each unit is as demanding as it is rewarding, owing to the strong commitment of the Sydney Law School to deliver units of study in Europe. Units are taught exclusively by academics from our faculty together with specialists from the United Kingdom and Europe, ensuring that each subject has a strong comparative element and relevance for practice.

Students completing units of study in the Sydney Law School in Europe benefit from learning in diverse locations in Europe. Classes are capped at 20 students, which allows for interactive discussion and personal tuition but also maximises the opportunity for students to network with other students from various legal backgrounds and countries. There are also opportunities for social and cultural excursions during the program including some optional side trips to places of interest.

The distinct features of this program are:

- Cutting edge commercial units taught by international experts in their chosen field.
- Locations in prestigious universities including the University of Cambridge and the British Institute for International and Comparative Law in London.
- The chance to combine overseas travel with legal professional development.
- An opportunity to network with other lawyers internationally.

The Program Director is Professor Barbara McDonald. If you have any questions about this program, please contact: B.McDonald@usyd.edu.au

It’s a fantastic program and it definitely makes the University of Sydney stand apart from other postgraduate programs.

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www.law.usyd.edu.au/parsons/slse

Important Dates
• Applications should be made at least 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the unit. To ensure a place it is best to enrol early.
• All tuition fees should be paid at least 8 weeks prior to the commencement of the unit.
• You must withdraw at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the unit to receive a full refund of tuition fees.

Unit of Study Dates
LAWS6950 Plain English in Legal Writing - Cambridge
24-25 & 27-28 May 2010

LAWS6947 Advanced Obligations and Remedies - Cambridge
9-10 & 12-13 July 2010

LAWS6942 International Structured Finance Law & Practice - London
2-3 & 6-7 September 2010

Timetable
Classes commence at 10am on the first day and finish at 5pm. Classes on the other days may begin at 9am and finish earlier than 5pm, by arrangement with the lecturer.
Classes on the fourth and last day commence at 9am and finish at 2pm.
Units of Study in 2010

All units of study are available to currently enrolled Sydney Law School Postgraduate students, including non-lawyers, subject to approval by the Program Director. Units are also open to lawyers for enrolment by way of legal professional development. Please note that some units may have assumed knowledge, pre-requisite, co-requisite or any other requirements that must be met prior to enrolment. Please contact the Law School directly for details. The following units of study will be offered in 2010 as part of the Sydney Law School in Europe program.

LAWS6950 Plain English in Legal Writing

Emeritus Professor Peter Butt, Sydney Law School with Richard Castle and Rowan Russell, Mallesons Stephen Jaques

This unit looks at the role of plain English in legal writing, with particular emphasis on contract drafting, property documents, statutes, and advice-writing. It examines the reasons for the “traditional” style of legal writing, the research into the advantages and disadvantages of plain English, and the techniques for writing law in plain English. Topics include the assumptions behind using plain English in law, the problems with terms of art and judicially-defined words and phrases, the causes of ambiguities in legal documents, and aspects of document design. There are no formal prerequisites, but students will be expected to have proficiency in English and prior exposure to legal studies.

Timetable: 24-25 & 27-28 May 2010
Location: Robinson College, University of Cambridge
Assessment: 1 x 4000 word research assignment (40%); 1 x substantial drafting exercise, approximately 4000 words (40%); class participation, including drafting assignments (20%)
Accommodation: Please visit the Sydney Law School in Europe Website for a range of options
LAWS6947 Advanced Obligations & Remedies


Professor Barbara McDonald and Professor Elisabeth Peden, Sydney Law School with guest lecturers from the Cambridge Law Faculty.

This unit will explore a number of contentious issues arising in the law of civil obligations and remedies. It will revise and build on the fundamentals in the areas of torts, contracts and equity and place particular emphasis on the interaction of these three fields of the law. Particular topics and problems will involve issues of:

- causation and scope of liability;
- controlling liability by contract;
- tort duties to third parties to contracts;
- assessing loss;
- duties of good faith;
- fiduciary duties and conflicts.

The unit will also include a number of guest lecturers, to be announced. Please check the website for further information.

Timetable: 9-10 & 12-13 July 2010
Location: Gonville & Caius College, and the Møller Centre, University of Cambridge
Assessment: Class participation (30%) and take home exam or 7000 word essay (70%)
Accommodation: There is student accommodation available at Gonville & Caius College and at the Møller Centre which can only be booked through Sydney Law School. Please visit the Sydney Law School in Europe website for details

LAWS6942 International Structured Finance Law & Practice


JJ de Vries Robbé, Netherlands
Development Bank FMO

This unit addresses international finance law and practice in the face of the credit crunch. It covers derivatives, various types of notes, securitisation and fund structures, both from a structuring and documentation perspective. Major developments in credit crunch litigation (putting these instruments to the test) are addressed. Actual transactions are discussed, with a focus on practice in developing markets. The aim of the course is to provide candidates with hands-on tools to further their legal career.

Timetable: 2-3 & 6-7 September 2010
Location: British Institute for International and Comparative Law, London
Assessment: Class participation (10%) and Research paper (essay, 8,000 words, on a topic approved by the course coordinator) (90%)
Accommodation: Please visit the Sydney Law School in Europe Website for a range of options
Academic Profiles

Emeritus Professor Peter Butt, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

www.law.usyd.edu.au/about/staff/PeterButt/index.shtml

Peter Butt is Emeritus Professor of Law at Sydney Law School with almost 30 years’ experience of teaching and legal practice. Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws (First Class Honours) and Doctor of Laws from the University of Sydney. He is admitted as a legal practitioner (Australia) and is an honorary member of the Inner Temple (UK). Peter was a founding director of the Centre for Plain Legal Language at the University of Sydney. He lectures to lawyers and students in legal drafting. He has drafted land registration statutes for a number of countries. He has also given seminars in the techniques of plain language in many countries, including the United States, Canada, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Australia. His clients include leading law firms and important government bodies. He is a regular contributor to the “Australian Law Journal”. Peter’s books include “Modern Legal Drafting” (now in its 2nd edition, published by Cambridge University Press), “The Elements of Drafting” (10th edition), Land Law (now in its 5th edition) and “Contract for Sale of Land” (now in its 2nd edition). Peter is also co-editor of “Butterworths Australian Legal Dictionary”.

Professor Barbara McDonald, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney

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Barbara McDonald is a Professor at Sydney Law School, University of Sydney. She currently teaches in the areas of Torts, Equity, Torts and Contracts II and Media Law in the undergraduate programme, and Law of Obligations, Legal Reasoning and Common Law Systems, and Joint and Proportionate Liability in the postgraduate programme. She is currently the Director of the Faculty’s Sydney Law School in Europe programme which conducts courses in London and Cambridge. Her research interests include liability for negligence, tort law and reform, negligence, professional and fiduciary liability and remedies and compensation for injury and loss.
Professor Elisabeth Peden,  
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Elisabeth Peden is Professor of Law at Sydney Law School, University of Sydney. She currently teaches in the areas of Advanced Contracts, Contractual Damages, Contract Law and Litigation. Her research interests include Art Law, Contract Law, Evidence and Personal Property. She joined the Faculty of Law in 1999. She is an editor of the Commercial Law Quarterly, and the book review editor of the Journal of Contract Law. She is admitted and practises as a barrister. She has written a number of books and articles, and presented papers in the areas of commercial law, contract and evidence.

JJ de Vries Robbé, Netherlands Development Bank FMO

JJ de Vries Robbé is senior counsel at the Netherlands Development Bank. His experience in international finance has been earned in private practice in top-tier law firms in both The Netherlands and Australia, as well as through service as in-house counsel in investment banking in both countries. His practice comprises debt capital markets, funds, derivatives and project finance, with a particular interest in credit derivatives and microfinance. JJ lectures on securitisation, derivatives and development finance, at the universities of Amsterdam, Melbourne and Sydney. He has published extensively on structured finance. His most recent books are “Securitization Law and Practice in the Face of the Credit Crunch”, 2008, and “Structured Finance, On from the Credit Crunch: The Road to Recovery”, 2009, both published by Kluwer Law International (International Banking & Finance Law Series).

You actually have the full time to devote to the course (unlike when you’re juggling work commitments at the same time). It was also a good experience to interact with students from other jurisdictions and Australian ex-pat law students

Aldona Baranowski, Student
Program Information

Admission Requirements for the LLM degree

Admission requirements are those of the University of Sydney. To enrol in a LLM degree applicants must have a law degree or equivalent at a sufficient level from a recognised institution. Sydney Law School does offer a number of interdisciplinary degrees and diplomas, where a law degree is not required. Postgraduate students in all of these programs may apply to the Program Co-ordinator for permission to enrol in one of the Sydney Law School in Europe units.

How to Apply

Application forms and relevant documentation should be received at least eight weeks prior to commencement of the first unit that you wish to undertake. The completed form must be accompanied by an original or certified copy of your academic transcript(s) plus a certified English translation and proof of English language proficiency (if applicable). Examples of acceptable certification include those from an agent of the University of Sydney, the issuing university, or an Australian embassy official.

Please note:
Students need to complete eight units in order to obtain an LLM. International students intending to study in Sydney on a student visa will need to enrol on a full-time basis (four units of study per semester). Some students can complete an Independent Research Project in lieu of one unit.

Application Form

The application form is available as a word document from the Sydney Law School in Europe website: http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/coursework/docs_pdfs/SLSE_Application_Form.doc

Completed application forms must be returned to: Postgraduate Team Leader (Sydney Law School in Europe) Sydney Law School (F10) University of Sydney NSW 2006 Australia

English Language Requirements

If you have undertaken your previous studies in a language other than English, you will need to demonstrate English language proficiency before admission to the LLM program is confirmed. The following tests and scores satisfy the Sydney Law School's English language requirements for entry to postgraduate programs:

1. IELTS
   overall band score of 7.0, with no less than 6.0 in any component.

2. TOEFL
   Paper Test: 600 plus TWE (Test of Written English) = 4.5
   Computer Based Test = 250 plus a score of 4.5 in the Essay writing component
   Internet Based Test = 100 with a minimum of 21 in the Writing section

Scores more than two years old cannot be accepted.
Legal Professional Development

All units in the Sydney Law School in Europe program can be taken as legal professional development (LPD). Continuing Legal Education is a requirement of the Law Society of New South Wales. Practising solicitors are required to obtain 10 units of MCLE annually in order to maintain registration as a legal practitioner. Continuing Professional Development is also a requirement of the New South Wales Bar Association. Barristers are required to accrue 10 points each practising certificate year. Seminars, courses and units of study offered under Sydney’s LPD Program meet the necessary requirements of both the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association in relation to their individual members.

Sydney Law School Postgraduate Students

All units in the Sydney Law School in Europe program can be taken by currently enrolled Sydney Law School postgraduate students including non-lawyers, subject to approval by the Sydney Law School in Europe Program Director and the Program Co-ordinator of the student's degree program.

Single Unit Enrolment

You can enrol in Sydney Law School in Europe units on a single unit or non-award basis if you do not wish to commit to a Masters or Graduate Diploma. You can continue to add units via this method and, provided you meet the relevant requirements, you can also qualify for a Graduate Diploma or Masters of you so wish.

Cross-Faculty and Non-Degree enrolment

Students enrolled in a postgraduate award course in another faculty of The University of Sydney and other non-Law Faculty students wishing to participate in the Sydney Law School in Europe program are required to enrol in the Law Postgraduate Non-degree program (JK000) and will be charged the relevant Sydney Law School in Europe fees. Tuition fees must be paid upfront at the time of enrolment and cannot be deferred through the HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP schemes.

Course Materials

Reading Materials are available either in hard-copy format or online via the Library e-Reserve Collection (at the discretion of the lecturer) at http://opac.library.usyd.edu.au/search/r. Course outlines, handouts and important announcements may be available via the Web Course Tools site for each unit https://learn-on-line.ce.usyd.edu.au/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct. Candidates enrolled in intensive units will be notified of the availability of the WebCT site via their USYD e-mail address.

Enrolled students will be notified by their lecturer of the availability of reading materials via their assigned University e-mail address prior to commencement of a unit. It is therefore important to finalise your enrolment and payment for the unit at least 8 weeks prior to the first class.

Contact Hours and Teaching

The Sydney Law School in Europe is an intensive program. The units offered in Europe are normally taught over four days, usually from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The class times may vary by arrangement with the class after the first day (for instance to allow for an earlier finish on the final day). The teaching method used can vary between units from lecture to seminar style. Classes are capped at 20 students to allow for interactive discussion and participation.

Assessment

The assessment will vary for each unit of study. Assessment can include a take-home exam or an essay. The majority of units will have some assessment based on class participation. Further details regarding the assessment for each unit will be clearly outlined in the unit of study outline. The final assessment is usually completed in the weeks following each unit.

I really enjoyed the comparative aspect between Australian and European Law. The lecturer was very learned and enthusiastic about the topic and happy to engage us in discussion.

Nancy Taco, Student
Tuition Fees and Accommodation Information

Tuition Fees
The tuition fee rate for units taught in Europe is AUD $3,630 per unit in 2010. All students are charged at the same fee rate.

Fee-Help
FEE-HELP enables eligible postgraduate coursework students enrolling in an award course to obtain a loan from the Commonwealth Government to cover all or part of their tuition fees incurred. Please visit the following website for further information: http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/

The Request for FEE-HELP assistance form will be made available to students upon request. Please ensure that you provide your tax file number or a certificate from the ATO stating that you have applied for one when you enrol. You will not be able to participate in FEE-HELP without your tax file number.

Payment Methods
Payment can be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or bank draft. Payment by bank draft should be in Australian dollars (AUD), made payable to the University of Sydney, and be drawn from a bank that has a branch in Australia. Payment should be made at least eight weeks prior to commencement of each unit.

Cross-Faculty and Non-Degree enrolment
Students enrolled in a postgraduate award course in another faculty of The University of Sydney and other non-Law Faculty students wishing to participate in the Sydney Law School in Europe must pay their tuition fees upfront at the time of enrolment and cannot be deferred through the HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP schemes.

Course Cancellation and Refund Policy
Students who wish to withdraw from a unit of study offered as part of the Sydney Law School in Europe program will be reimbursed 100% of the tuition fee if the Sydney Law School receives notification at least 4 weeks prior to unit commencement. Notification must be received by completion of the Withdrawal Request Form which is available as a word document from the Sydney Law School in Europe website:

No refund is payable to students if notification of withdrawal is received less than 4 weeks prior to commencement of the unit or if a student fails to officially withdraw from a unit of study.

Travel and Accommodation
Students should make their own travel arrangements, including obtaining a visa (if applicable). For some units, student accommodation will be available at the venue. Please refer to the Sydney Law School in Europe website for further details. Where accommodation is not available at the venue, a list of recommended accommodation options will be listed on the Sydney Law School in Europe website.
Program Organiser
Sydney Law School, University of Sydney, Australia

The University of Sydney, founded in 1850, is Australia's first university, and has an international reputation for outstanding teaching, as a centre of research excellence and as an active and engaged community leader. Teaching and research are conducted through 16 faculties and more than 70 research Centres and Institutes. Sydney University has over 46,000 student enrolments in 2008, 22% of which are International students. The Sydney Law School was established in 1855 and has made a significant contribution to the Australian judiciary, politics and public life. Many of its graduates have become leaders in their fields including four prime ministers of Australia, a president of the World Bank and Chief Justices of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of NSW.

Program Venues

Gonville and Caius College & Robinson College, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Gonville and Caius College
Commonly referred to as Caius (pronounced Keys), Gonville and Caius College is at the centre of University life in Cambridge. Situated in the very centre of town – moments away from the market square, a few minutes walk from the University Library and ideally placed for all the University faculties. It caters to more than 500 undergraduates, over 250 graduate students, 100 Fellows (supervisors, lecturers and researchers) and almost 200 staff.

Robinson College
Robinson is one of the colleges of the University of Cambridge. It was founded with a donation by the entrepreneur and philanthropist Sir David Robinson. It now has 80 Fellows, and around 400 undergraduate and 100 graduate students. The college centres around the large tranquil garden and lake.

British Institute for International and Comparative Law, London, United Kingdom
The British Institute of International and Comparative Law was founded in 1958 and is one of the leading independent research centres for international and comparative law in the world. Its high quality research projects, seminars and publications encompass almost all areas of public and private international law, comparative law and European law, and it is at the forefront of discussions on the many contemporary issues of international and comparative law. The Institute is situated in the heart of Bloomsbury in central London.

Møller Centre, Cambridge, United Kingdom
The Møller Centre is a dedicated, residential executive training and conference centre in Cambridge which forms part of Churchill College, University of Cambridge.

Other Venues in previous years have included University College London and the Faculty of Law, Humboldt University, Berlin.
The most enjoyable unit in about 10 years of being a professional student

Scott Avery, Student