

Study Abroad in Lisbon, Portugal:
PLA4830 COMPARATIVE LEGAL SYSTEMS

Syllabus
Summer 2019
Study Abroad
Course dates: May 16-July 10, 2019

St. Pete/Gibbs Campus: 6:00-8:40 p.m., Wednesdays,
May 16-June 13
Lisbon, Portugal: Monday through Friday June 14-27, 2019
Final exam: July 1-July 10, 2019

Course Description:

This course provides an examination of various legal traditions and systems of the world. International law and transboundary issues will be discussed. Substantive and procedural laws will be examined.

Course Objectives:

Welcome to PLA4830. As your instructor it is my goal that you learn the following from this course.

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess common law systems by:

- a. identifying the political entities that employ a common law legal system and how they were developed in that political entity.
- b. describing how each studied political entity employs the common law system.
- c. explaining the differences and similarities with other common law political entities.
- d. explaining the basic criminal and civil substantive and procedural laws of each common law political entity.

2. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess civil law systems by:

- a. identifying the political entities that employ a civil law legal system and how they were developed in that political entity.
- b. describing how each studied political entity employs the civil law system.
- c. explaining the differences and similarities with other civil law political entities.
- d. explaining the differences and similarities with other civil law political entities.

3. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess Islamic legal systems by:

- a. identifying the political entities that employ an Islamic legal system and how they were developed in that political entity.
- b. describing how each studied political entity employs the Islamic legal system.
- c. explaining the differences and similarities with other Islamic legal system political entities.
- d. explaining the basic criminal and civil substantive and procedural laws of each Islamic legal system political entity.

4. The student will demonstrate an understanding of the basic substantive and procedural principles of political entities which possess tribal law systems by:

- a. identifying the political entities that employ a tribal custom legal systems and how they were developed in that political entity.
- b. describing how each studied political entity employs the tribal custom legal systems.
- c. explaining the differences and similarities with other tribal custom legal systems.
- d. explaining the criminal and civil substantive and procedural laws of each tribal custom legal systems.

1. Define the American legal system and differentiate various court systems, the dispute resolution process and civil and criminal laws and the implications of each. (To take place at St. Petersburg College)
2. Define Portuguese law and its legal system, tribal law/common law as well as the European Union and explain the differences between both as well as the manner in which the EU has affected doing business in Portugal.
3. Analyze various aspects of contract law, labor law, employment compensation and benefits law, as well as worker protection law, agency and immigration law. (Both at SPC and Lisbon).
4. Evaluate and synthesize the basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess common law systems, (Both at SPC and Lisbon)
5. Delineating between basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess civil law systems and identifying their effect on political and business relations. (Both at SPC and Lisbon)
6. Delineating between basic substantive and procedural principals of political entities which possess European legal systems and identifying their effect on political and business relations. (Lisbon)

TENTATIVE WEEKLY CLASS AND ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Week #	Class Date	Chapter Title/Projects	Reading Assignment Reg. Text Custom Text	Written Assignment	Points	Assignment Due Date
1	May 16	American Legal System and Process, including dispute resolution and	Assigned Reading Materials found in week 1 folder			
1		United States Constitution and Civil and Criminal Law	Assigned Reading Materials found in week 1 folder			
1		QUIZZES		Complete Quiz 1 and Syllabus Quiz	20 5	Sun. 5/19/19
1		Post to this Week's Discussion Forum	See Discussion Forum	All students post to the discussion forum	10 Per Discussion	Initial post by Thurs. and response post by Sun.
2	May 23	Introduction to the European Union and Portugal's Legal System	Assigned Reading Materials found in week 2 folder	Complete writing assignment See Dropbox	20	Tues. 5/28/19 (Due to holiday weekend)
2		QUIZ II		Complete quiz!	10	Tues. 5/28/19
2		Discussion Forum	See Discussion Forum	Post to this week's discussion forum	10 Per Discussion	Initial post by Thurs. and response post by Tues. due to the holiday
3	May 30	Contracts 101, an overview of both U.S. and international laws	Assigned Reading Materials found in week 3 folder	Legal System	25	Sun. 6/2/19

				Analysis Paper		
3		Travel Preparation Study Abroad Presentation				
3		QUIZ III		Complete quiz!	20	Sun. 6/2/19
4		International Policies Affecting Business and Travel Abroad	Assigned Readings found in Week 4 folder	Prepare to Leave		
Module	Date	Activity	Location	Contact Hours	Assignment	
PORTUGAL portion of course						

5	June 17 8:30	Class begins in Portugal Meeting and tour of U.S. Embassy	Introduction to U.S./Portugal relations, political climate and policy	3		
5	June 18	Meeting and tour of Ministry of Justice	Portugal legal system and its history (U.S. & EU relations from Portugal's perspective; current issues)	3.5		
5	1– 4:30 p.m.	Class time	Discuss & Analyze (political and business relations)	3.5		
6	June 19 8:30 a.m.	Ministry of Justice meeting and tour of Clerk's office regarding criminal court	Guest Speaker and tour of Criminal Clerk of Courts for Lisbon			
6	1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Class time	Discuss and analyze			
7	June 20 8:30 a.m.	Ministry of Justice meeting and tour of Clerk's office regarding civil court including Portugal's alternative dispute resolution and Peace Court	Guest Speaker and tour of Civil Clerk of Courts for Lisbon			
7	1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Class time	Discuss & Analyze			

8	June 21 9:00 a.m.	Tour and meeting at Intellectual Property Association Intellectual	Portugal's Intellectual Property Court and issues relating to intellectual property rights and business	3		
8	1 p.m.- 3 p.m.	Class time	Discuss & Analyze	2		
9	June 22 Saturday 9:30 a.m.	Obidos excursion – day				
9	June 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Bus or trolley to Mosteiro Dos Jeronimos				
	June 24 8:30 a.m.	Business visits: Visit 2 local businesses, included topics economic, GATT, and political climate of Europe				
	1 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.	Class time				
10	June 25 9:00 a.m.	Meeting and tour of police station –	General laws of Portugal and Anti- terrorism laws	3		
10	1 p.m.	Class time				
11	June 26 9:00 a.m.	Meeting with U.S. officials regarding Anti-Terrorism efforts				
11	1 p.m.	Class time				
	June 26 Last Day of Class	Customs laws; import and export of goods and technology	US Commercial services.			
12		Farewell dinner...				
12	June 27- 30	Weekend trip to Estoril or Peniche with surf lesson				
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12	July 1– July 10	Online Final Exam			100	7/10/19
Fri- Sunday	August 11	Presentations of Study Abroad Experience			100	8/15/19
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