

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY Masters of Law (LL.M) in International Criminal Law

RECOMMENDATION

Case Western Reserve University requests approval for a new Masters of Law in International Criminal Law degree. This program clearly meets Chancellor's standards for graduate degree programs. The Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted unanimous approval for the new program. There were no substantive concerns raised in the review.

Request: Case Western Reserve University's School of Law requests approval for a new Masters of Law (LL.M) in International Criminal Law.

Program Purpose/Mission: The proposed new degree for an LL.M in International Criminal Law will provide students who hold a degree in Law with an in-depth knowledge of international criminal law and procedure, international humanitarian law, and national security law, and will equip them to practice international criminal law before international tribunals and national courts. The proposed program would seek to enroll recent law school graduates from American and foreign law schools, and practicing American and foreign prosecutors and defense attorneys, who are seeking to transition into the field of International Criminal Law.

Employment opportunities include positions with the Chambers, Prosecution, Defense and Registry at the five international war crimes tribunals; international organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) working in the area of transitional justice; and government agencies such as the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs, Department of Justice Office of Special Investigations, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Military Commissions, and State Department Office of War Crimes Issues. The proposed program may attract attorneys who already have positions in these institutions, who seek a specialized LL.M to help with internal advancement. The program may also attract attorneys who wish to be prosecutors or defense counsel in domestic cases involving terrorism, war crimes or international narcotics trafficking.

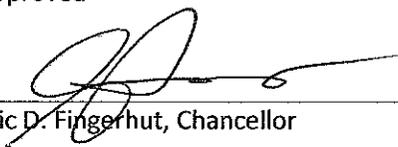
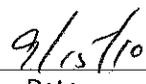
Enrollments: The CWRU School of Law estimates an enrollment of five to ten mostly American students per year.

Curriculum: The proposed program is a one-year Masters program, but it would also be available on a part-time basis over two years. To receive the degree, LL.M students must take 24 credit hours in international criminal law-related courses at CWRU. In addition, the LL.M students must complete either a major writing project, as part of one of the labs or seminars or a supervised independent research project in conjunction with one of the other international criminal law-related courses. Students may choose to participate in the CWRU Law School's "International Tribunal Externship" program at one of five international war crimes tribunals in lieu of taking twelve credit hours of courses. The externship is highly structured and provides supervised hands-on experience for six JD students. To take advantage of this unique opportunity, interested LL.M students must apply in the fall semester of their third year and be accepted as an intern by a tribunal.

Faculty, Facilities and Resources: CWRU does not anticipate a need for additional faculty, facilities or administrative staff for this program. Existing faculty and staff resources and building facilities will have no problem accommodating the 5-10 additional students coming into the proposed International Criminal Law LL.M program. With an estimated enrollment of 5 students at \$40,000 per year, the International Criminal Law LL.M program will bring in as much as \$200,000 in additional revenue per year. Some of that revenue will be used for scholarships for those in the International Criminal Law program, for example, for a Distinguished Jurist in Residence. The funds also will support administrative expenses.

Need for the Program: With the proliferation of war crimes tribunals, and the growing number of major war crimes and terrorism prosecutions around the world, International Criminal Law has become one of the fastest growing and highest profile areas of international law. In contrast to Human Rights Law, for which there are now several notable LL.M programs in the United States and abroad, there are at present only a handful of LL.M programs around the world devoted to International Criminal Law. There are no other institutions in the State of Ohio with programs in this area. The only American law school that currently offers an LL.M in "International Criminal Law and Justice" is Franklin Pierce Law Center located in New Hampshire. Based on the reviewer comments of the proposed Program Development Plan (PDP), the proposed program does not compete with other existing programs at other academic institutions in Ohio.

End of Comment Period: September 2, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

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Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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