



## Western's Global and Intercultural Engagement Honor

For Western Law students seeking to complete the Honor, all requirements must be completed during your JD (or combined JD) degree program. When completed, the Global and Intercultural Engagement Honor will be noted on your official Western transcript.

To be eligible for the Honor, students must have successfully accumulated a minimum of 100 points.

- A minimum of 20 points is required from Category 1.
- A minimum of 20 points is required from Category 2.

The remaining 60 points may be a combination from any of the categories 1-4.

In addition, students are also required to complete the capstone workshops (#5).

### 1. International or Intercultural Courses

- a. 10 points for each one term Law course.
- b. Requires at least 20 points (a minimum of two, one term courses), but no more than 50 points in this category.
- c. See attached list of approved Law courses.

### 2. International or Intercultural Volunteer placement or Internship

- a. Volunteer work or unpaid internship
  - i. with significant global or intercultural component.
- b. Must have at least 20 points but no more than 50 points in this category.
- c. 10-25 hours = 10 points
- d. 25-100 hours = 20 points
- e. 100+ hours = 30 points
- f. Possible Western Law options:
  - i. International Summer Law Internship Program (ISLIP)
    1. Internship is unpaid, students only receive a stipend.
  - ii. Exchange buddy program
    1. with good connection with visiting student and exchange events.
  - iii. Executive position with a Western Law student organization such as:
    1. International Law Association
    2. French Law Society
    3. Canada US Law Institute (CUSLI)
    4. Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights (CLAHR)
    5. LEVEL (formerly Canadian Lawyers Abroad)
  - iv. Participation in Western's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program
  - v. Volunteering during Western's International Week
  - vi. CLS working with clients in another language (e.g. French or Spanish)
  - vii. Any volunteer position that involves working with newcomers to Canada such as:
    1. Western International's English Conversation Leaders
    2. London's Cross Cultural Learners Center

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### **3. Foreign Language Learning and Proficiency**

- a. This category will accept learning acquired outside of Western Law degree.
- b. 10 points for each Western half year language course; 20 points for full year course.
- c. Maximum 50 points allowed for this category.
- d. Provide transcripts for completion of other language courses taken outside of Western:
  - i. Courses completed during previous undergrad degree.
  - ii. Proof of graduation from French Immersion secondary school.
  - iii. If previously lived abroad, a Certificate of English proficiency used when first applying to programs in Canada.
- e. Other ways to prove fluency in another language may be possible; contact Western International directly.

### **4. International Study or Work Experience**

- a. 10 points for a 3-8 week exchange/study course or paid work experience abroad.
- b. 20 points for experiences longer than 8 weeks.
- c. Experiences MUST occur during your Western JD program.
- d. Possible options:
  - i. Western Law exchange – no documentation required.
  - ii. Summer law course offered by another institution.
    1. Provide certificate or transcript.
    2. However, this will not count as credit to your Western Law JD degree.
  - iii. Paid summer work experience abroad which is sought out on one's own.
    1. Provide confirmation letter from employer.

### **5. Workshop on Global and Intercultural Competency**

- a. Capstone for this Honor program offered by Western's International Learning Office.
  - i. To be undertaken after the other four Categories have been completed.
- b. Includes two modules of 3 hours each.
  - i. Reading assignments and written reflection exercises are required prior to attending each module.
  - ii. Workshops will require participation and interaction with other students.

More information is available on Western's International Learning website at:  
[http://www.uwo.ca/international/learning/global\\_connections/honor/index.html](http://www.uwo.ca/international/learning/global_connections/honor/index.html)

This handout and the list of approved Law courses are posted to OWL at:

- Western Law International Programs
  - Resources
    - Global & Intercultural Engagement Honor

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