MEMORANDUM

TO: LL.M. Students
FROM: Richard Schneider
Associate Dean of International Affairs
RE: 2013-2014 Registration for Courses
DATE: April 16, 2013

REQUIRED COURSES

Attached are the forms and information you will need to register for the courses to qualify for your LL.M. degree. **You must complete 24 semester hours of course work in order to graduate.** Most of your courses will be regular J.D. courses but there are a few courses especially designed for LL.M. students. Please consult the list of all courses available on the Law School website so that you can make your choices (see under Links below).

LL.M. students are required to take **Legal Writing and Research for International Lawyers** for two credit hours in the fall semester. You will also be enrolled in the two-credit hour **Introduction to American Law** course that meets during the fall semester. Introduction to American Law (2 hours) does not yet appear on the class schedule as the meeting times are still being arranged. We will contact you as soon as the times are available but they will be convenient for all of you.

You have a **Thesis Option/Seminar Paper Writing Requirement** that must provide at least two credit hours. Each LL.M. student must fulfill this writing requirement either by completing: (1) a faculty-supervised, two-credit-hour thesis on an independent study basis; or (2) a significant research/writing project in conjunction with a course or seminar carrying at least two credit hours. The thesis course is usually taken on a pass/fail basis. However, with the permission of the instructor, the thesis can be graded. The LL.M. thesis is not listed on the course schedule since it is an independent study course.

**Scholarly Writing for International Lawyers** is a spring semester course (2 hours) that is required for students electing the thesis track. The objective of the course is to continue the writing and research focus of the fall semester writing course and help enrolled students with work on their thesis. The course will look at legal writing in a scholarly context to help students who want to publish their work. Students pursuing the seminar paper track are not allowed to take the course.

**Students who have selected the thesis track** and who are required to enroll in the Scholarly Writing for International Lawyers course (2 hours) must select sixteen (16) credit hours of additional course work.
Students electing the seminar track in lieu of a thesis must enroll in a paper-based seminar course worth at least two (2) credit hours and eighteen (18) hours of additional credits. A list of the paper-based seminar courses is also attached.

Required credit hours for the Seminar Paper Option:

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Apart from your required courses, you should register for courses amounting to at least nine or ten credit hours for fall semester and then nine or ten credit hours for spring semester. You must carry at least nine course hours per semester to comply with U.S. Immigration Service regulations to maintain your status as a full time F-1 student.

The only additional requirement in selecting these optional courses is that you must select at least three (3) credit hours from courses that are part of the Law School’s first-year J.D. curriculum. Courses in the first-year J.D. curriculum are listed and described on the Law School website at http://law.wfu.edu/academics/degree/jd/. The first-year courses are listed as well on the top of the document called “Courses Offered 2013-2014” (http://registrar.law.wfu.edu/files/2013/04/courses-offered-2013-2014.pdf). You can choose a first-year course that matches your interests. Your Legal Writing and Research course does not count toward this requirement. If you are interested in taking contracts to satisfy this requirement, there will be a special contracts class for LL.M. students offered during the spring semester. It will combine aspects of Contracts I and Contracts II that the J.D. students take. You will not be able to take a first-year contracts course other than the special one offered in the spring. LL.M. students may choose all of their other courses based on their own professional interests and needs.

You will not be able to register for classes for the spring semester until October. To give you an idea of what will be offered in the spring 2014 semester, however, enclosed is a copy of the course schedule for the spring 2013 semester. Obviously the times and teaching professors will differ for the 2013-2014 academic year, but these listings may help you in selecting courses.

NEW YORK BAR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

If you are thinking about taking the New York State Bar Examination after completing the LL.M. program, you will need to register for specific courses to meet the requirements of NY Board
of Law Examiners (BOLE). Applicants must pursue the following coursework during their LL.M. program to be eligible to sit for the Examination:

- Professional Responsibility (2 credits)
- Legal Research and Writing for International Lawyers (2 credits)
- Introduction to American Law (2 credits)
- *At least six (6) credits in other courses in subjects tested on the NY Bar examination, where a principal focus of the courses includes material contained in the Content Outline for the New York State bar examination published by the State Board of Law Examiners (http://www.nybarexam.org/Docs/CONTENT%20OUTLINE%20%28revised%20May%20202010%29.pdf)

*Here is a list of basic courses that could be used to meet this requirement:

- Agency
- Antitrust
- Appellate Advocacy
- Banking law
- Business Drafting LAWR
- Business Organizations
- Civil Procedure
- Constitutional Law
- Contracts
- Contracts and Commercial Transactions LAWR
- Criminal Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Criminal Procedure
- Decedents Estates and Trusts
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Legal Writing for Judicial Chambers LAWR
- Legal Analysis, Writing and Research I
- Legal Analysis, Writing and Research II
- Litigation Drafting
- Property
- Sales, Leases, Transactions and International Sales
- Secured Transactions
- Torts

For more information, you should read the NY BOLE’s Foreign Legal Education handbook at http://www.nybarexam.org/Foreign/ForeignLegalEducation.htm.

**HOW TO REGISTER**

You should immediately make your course selections and e-mail them to Allysen Mahaffey at mahaffar@wfu.edu. Send the names, times, and section numbers of the courses you have selected, and Allysen will send them to the Registrar. To make it easier for you, we have included a document in which you can write down your course selections and submit them to Allysen. You may make changes until the tenth (10th) day after classes begin.

The deadline to drop or add a course without the professor’s permission via WIN for the fall 2013 semester is **12:00 midnight, Friday, August 31st**. Students who require personal assistance with this process must complete their drop/add no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 31st.
BABCOCK GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Our LL.M. students are also eligible to select up to 3 credit hours of courses from the Babcock Graduate School of Management as either audited courses or for credit toward the LL.M. degree with my approval. I have included Babcock’s course listings, but you may also access their website at http://www.mba.wfu.edu. If you wish to enroll in a particular course in the Business School, you should notify Allysen Mahaffey as soon as possible so that she can make special arrangements to reserve a spot for you. Students who would like to take a course or courses in the Babcock Graduate School of Management must obtain and complete a separate registration form from the Law School Registrar’s Office and obtain the required signatures.

**URGENT**

**Again, it is urgent** that you e-mail your course selections to Allysen Mahaffey at mahaffar@wfu.edu as soon as possible so that we can reserve places in the classes for you. Call or e-mail Allysen with any question that you might have.

cc: LL.M. Faculty Advisors
    Associate Dean Suzanne Reynolds
    LeAnn Steele, Registrar
    Patricia Martin, Assistant Registrar

Links:
- Fall 2013 course schedule: http://registrar.law.wfu.edu/files/2010/10/ScheduleFall.pdf
- Course Descriptions: http://llm.law.wfu.edu/academics/full-course-listing/

Attachments:
- Thesis / Seminar Paper Option
- Paper-based seminar courses
- Babcock MBA courses