



## **International Law**

**What would I do?** International law is broad in its conception and can be broken down into private and public sectors. In the private sector, specialists in international law may work in finance and trade divisions of multinational corporations. Familiarity with business essentials, as well as corporate law or intellectual property law would be helpful in this field. In the public international law, practitioners would work on cases that involve dealings between sovereign nations. Familiarity with comparative law or public international law would be most helpful for effective practice in this field. Both private and public international law are interdisciplinary in nature and would involve an understanding of the differences between common law and civil law systems across borders. (<https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/advising/law-school/fields-law/fields-law>)

**Where would I practice?** Public international law provides a limited range of job opportunities, particularly with **national governments** or **international institutions** or with **public interest bodies**. Private international law may offer more extensive employment opportunities, either through **law firms** or for **corporations, banks, or telecommunications firms**. (<http://www.lsac.org/jd/thinking-about-law-school/fields-of-law>)

**What types of cases would I handle?** (<https://www.hg.org/international-law.html>)

- International Customs
- Treaties
- Tariffs
- Legal Precedents of the International Court of Justice
- International Business Transactions
- Imports/Exports
- Offshore Banking

### **What schools in Florida specialize in this field of law?<sup>1</sup>**

School Name	Specialty Program(s) <sup>2</sup>
Ave Maria School of Law (Naples)	- <b>International Law and Human Rights Concentration</b> - <b>International Law Journal</b>
Florida Coastal School of Law (Jacksonville)	- <b>International and Comparative Law Certificate</b>
Florida State University College of Law (Tallahassee)	- <b>International Law Certificate</b>

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Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad Law Center (Davie)	- <b>International Law Concentration</b> - <b>International Practice Clinic</b> - <b>Martin A. Feinrider Summer Fellowship for International Human Rights</b>
Stetson University College of Law (Gulfport)	- <b>International Law Certificate of Concentration</b> - <b>Center for Excellence in International Law</b>
University of Florida, Frederic G. Levin College of Law (Gainesville)	- <b>International and Comparative Law Concentration and Certificate</b> - <b>International Law Externship</b> - <b>International Trade Law Program</b>
Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Tampa)	- <b>International Law Concentration</b> <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This is not an exhaustive list of Florida schools specializing in this field. ***Although these schools offer specialty programs in this field, this does not mean you are unable to gain exposure to this field at another law school not listed above.***

<sup>2</sup>Information obtained through school website and [officialguide.lsac.org](http://officialguide.lsac.org)

<sup>3</sup>This program is offered across WMU's regional campuses, contact the Tampa Bay, FL location to confirm its offering.

### What are these “specialty programs?”

Specialty Program	Definition
<b>Certificates</b>	Specialization certificates allow JD students to focus their elective courses, build substantive knowledge and relevant skills, and enhance their resumes. Though specializations are not required for graduation, they can provide a guiding structure for exploration of various fields of law. With a variety of courses to choose from within each field, students can customize their specialization to their particular area of interest. <a href="http://law.ggu.edu/academics/specialization-certificates/">(http://law.ggu.edu/academics/specialization-certificates/)</a>
<b>Clinics</b>	At many law schools, clinical pedagogy is well established and robust. Typically clinics are focused in areas of law – civil or criminal litigation, civil rights litigation, or representation of community organizations. These clinics involve “live” clients with active legal matters. They include a classroom component and close supervision by a clinical faculty member. <a href="http://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&amp;context=jel">http://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&amp;context=jel</a>

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<b>Concentrations</b>	<p>"While it is not the best comparison to make, a Concentration is similar to a major in undergraduate studies, in that a student with a specific interest in a field can do focused study in that field. A major difference though, is that students who graduate law school with a Concentration will have the same degree as those without a Concentration, a juris doctor, that will be viable in any area of law in which they wish to practice."</p> <p><a href="http://www.lls.edu/academics/concentrations/">(http://www.lls.edu/academics/concentrations/)</a></p>
<b>Externships</b>	<p>Today, accepted externship pedagogy involves faculty instruction in a classroom component to every externship opportunity, and some training for the practitioner supervising attorneys. Further, while externships used to include the equivalent of 3-5 credit hours of work outside the law school, an emerging form of externship involves the student spending the entire semester, and 15 credits, working onsite on an externship assignment.</p> <p><a href="http://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&amp;context=jel">http://digitalcommons.tourolaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1002&amp;context=jel</a></p>
<b>Practicum</b>	<p>In practicum classes law students get hands-on learning working under the supervision of attorneys and professors in a non-lawyering role as they work on cases and practica give students insight into a specific area of legal interest and a window into what it is like to practice in that area.</p> <p><a href="http://www.law.miami.edu/academics/externships-fellowships">http://www.law.miami.edu/academics/externships-fellowships</a></p>