



Graduate and International Programs

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

FOR STUDENTS NOT RECEIVING A DEGREE FROM WASHU LAW



- **MEETING WITH YOUR ADVISOR**

Exchange students must meet with their academic advisor, Assistant Dean, Jeanne Heil-Chapdelaine, after arrival in St. Louis but no later than the end of the first week of classes. Students may place an appointment directly on her [calendar](#).

- **COURSE REGISTRATION**

All exchange students will receive an email before their semester of matriculation with the date for registering for classes. Students are strongly advised to register on this date and not to wait. Delaying course registration will severely limit a student's course options later and may result in them being placed on long waitlists for courses. Students should contact Dean Heil-Chapdelaine for any questions or issues related to course registration.

- **ENROLLMENT**

Students must always remain enrolled in a minimum of 9 units during their semester exchange. Failure to abide by this university requirement will have negative visa consequences. Students may not enroll in non-law courses.

- **TEXTBOOKS**

Textbooks for courses can be expensive and can be as high as \$1500 per year. Students should plan their finances accordingly.

- **CHECK-IN**

Students must check in at the Graduate and International Programs Office upon arrival. More details about this requirement will be disbursed to students closer to the time.

• J-1 VISA STATUS

Exchange students who are not U.S. citizens must apply for the J-1 visa. No other visa is acceptable for international students who wish to study on exchange in the U.S.

If you intend to study in the U.S. in J-1 status, you may not engage in studies in the U.S. until you have done one of the following:

- Entered the U.S. with an active WashU issued DS-2019, and a J-1 entry visa (Note: citizens of Canada or Bermuda only need the DS-2019);
- Received an I-797A approval for a change of status to J-1 status; or
- Transferred your J-1 status to Washington University from another U.S. educational institution.

• CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

If the home university requires that WashU Law complete a certificate of attendance for a student, the student should drop off the form at the front desk in the Graduate and International Programs Office and the form will be processed after a review period of 5–7 days. If there is a hold on the student's record, the processing of the form will be delayed until the issue has been resolved. Note: the university may place a 'hold' on a student's account or 'lock it' for non-compliance with a requirement related to immunizations, mandatory training, etc.

