



Dual Degree and Semester Abroad Programs in Prague, Czech Republic at Charles University

Prague stands at the crossroads of Europe: where East meets West and the past meets the present. It is a city of present day political excitement and historical imagery. Now is an exciting time to study in Prague, as students from around the world are drawn to this vibrant and beautiful city to experience firsthand its reemergence as one of the leading centers of culture throughout Europe.

Institutional Overview- Charles University

The oldest university in Central Europe, [Universitas Carolina Pragensis](#), was founded in 1348 by the Czech King and Roman Emperor Charles IV. Pursuant to the papal bull of Pope Clement VI issued in 1347, the law faculty was one of the original four granted the right to confer degrees. Charles University enjoys an international reputation for high quality teaching and research and is considered the premier university in Central Europe.

Dual-Degree LLM Program

NSU Law has a Semester Abroad and Dual-Degree Agreement with Charles University. NSU Law dual-degree students attend classes at Charles University during the Winter semester of their second year (Phase I) to study civil law courses that count toward the JD degree at NSU Law and an LLM degree from Charles University in International Human Rights Law and Protection of Environment or The Law and Business in the Czech Republic and Central Europe. Following graduation from NSU Law, students return to Charles University (Phase II) for one semester of classes followed by an extra semester to complete a thesis, which can be done at a distance, to obtain the LLM degree. Foreign language fluency is not required.

Semester Abroad Program

NSU Law students can attend classes in Charles University for one semester during their Winter semester of their second year or Fall semester of their third year to study civil law. Courses completed at Charles University count toward the NSU Law degree. Foreign language fluency is not required.

Educational Objectives

- Learn about a foreign legal and cultural system.
- Have a greater understanding of diverse cultures and legal systems in order to represent clients who either are from a diverse cultural background or are doing business with a foreign country more effectively.
- Raise awareness and obtain a different perspective of global legal issues by viewing the world through a new lens.
- Increase self-awareness by living in a foreign country.
- Interact with lawyers and students in order to become part of a global legal community.

Application

Second year NSU Law students must successfully complete the Selected Topics in Czech/EU Law class taught during the first three weeks of the Fall semester. The class is taught in English. A maximum of five NSU Law students can be selected each year to study at Charles University based on performance in the Selected Topics class, overall academic performance at NSU Law, and an interview with the Associate Dean of International Programs and the Associate Director of International Programs. Last year, three NSU Law students studied at Charles University.

Upon acceptance, the student will be required to fill out a study abroad request that includes a written plan defining the educational objectives a student seeks to achieve during the period of study abroad.

Calendar

FALL SEMESTER: generally the first week of October until right before the Christmas holiday. NSU Law students will be able to finish all required courses and exams in time to begin the Winter semester on the NSU campus.

WINTER SEMESTER: generally the first week of March until mid-June, depending on exam schedules.

Courses

NSU students at Charles University have taken the following list of courses. NSU students generally receive 13-16 credits for work completed at Charles University based on class selection. Classes will be transferred in as pass/fail credits and will not count in the NSU Law GPA.

LAW AND BUSINESS IN CZECH REPUBLIC AND CENTRAL EUROPE CLASSES

Business and Commercial Law
Fundamentals of Private Law for Business and the Judicial Protection of Rights
Private International Law and International Business Transactions
EU Internal Market Freedoms and Competition Law
International Economic Law
EU Law
European Contract and Tort Law
Public Regulatory Policy: An Economic Perspective
Social Rights and their Protection
Comparative Private Law
Public Law Regulation of Business Activities
Intellectual Property Law
Introduction to Financial law

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

Theory and Practice of Public International Law
International and European Environmental Law and Policy
Introduction to International Human Rights Law
The European System of Human Rights Protection
Czech Environmental Law
Development of Supranational Integration and European Law
EU Law
Selected Topics from the Theory of Human Rights
Human Rights and Environmental Protection
Protection of Fundamental Rights from Perspective of Czech and European Constitutionalism
International and European Migration Law
The International Protection of Minorities
Economic Tools of Environmental Law in Austria and in the European Union

Registration

Students will be registered into the NSU and Charles University systems. Before departure, students meet with the Associate Director Programs and Associate Dean of International Programs at NSU Law for counseling regarding course selection and credits. Upon arrival at Charles University, students will meet with David Kohout for assistance with registration at Charles University into the classes.

Cancellations

Because you are taking classes at an established foreign university, it is not likely that your semester abroad program will be cancelled. In the event that is, you will be informed in a timely manner that the semester abroad program is no longer available.

Program Costs

NSU students are charged full day tuition during Semester Abroad and Phase I Dual Degree semesters. NSU students in Phase II of the Dual Degree pay a reduced tuition, currently \$4,000 to NSU and \$2,000 to Charles University for the length of Phase II, broken into two to three semesters. Refunds are consistent with NSU and NSU Law Policy:

<http://nsulaw.nova.edu/intranet/students/student-services/documents/TUITIONREFUNDPOLICY.pdf>. Additional student fees may apply at both NSU and Charles University.

Cost of Living

Estimated cost of living in Prague:

Housing: \$500-\$1,500/month

Roundtrip Flight: \$1,400

Transportation: student's monthly pass to use public transportation in Prague: \$25

Books & Supplies \$500.00

Miscellaneous costs: \$2,000/semester

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for the semester abroad and dual degree programs. The estimated financial aid budget will take into consideration the different dates of attendance, cost of living, and airfare. You must meet with the financial aid office located in student services before leaving if you want to receive financial aid.

Housing

NSU Law does not provide housing. Charles University offers dormitory housing to its students. It is not mandatory to stay there but all previous NSU Law students who have studied in Prague have stayed in the dorms. Public transportation is good and the law school is centrally located so there are opportunities for apartment rentals.

Health Insurance

Students must provide proof of health insurance coverage for their program in Charles University.

Visa

Students must secure a student visa prior to departure from the United States. NSU will provide students a letter of admission from Charles University, which is necessary for the visa application. Students should begin the application process immediately after the receiving the letter to ensure proper time requirements of the visa. NSU students that live in Miami can apply through the Czech embassy in Washington DC.

http://www.mzv.cz/washington/en/consular_information/long_term_student_visa.html

International Travel Registration Program

NSU students studying abroad must complete both the NSU Travel Registration process and the U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler registration. Links to both can be found here:

<http://www.nova.edu/internationalaffairs/travelreg/index.html>

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

Levels of accessibility vary from country to country. Any NSU Law student with a disability will meet with the Associate Director of International Programs and our contacts at Charles University prior to committing to attend the program to discuss accessibility issues on a school, city, and country level.

State Department Travel Information

It is your responsibility to refer to the U.S. Department of State and read the Consular Information for the foreign country where you will be studying abroad and to keep abreast of any warnings issued by the State Department during your visit. Students are strongly advised to also read warnings for any other countries they plan to visit. Warnings are available at

www.travel.state.gov

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