

# Faculty Regulations for Exchange Term

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## 1. Availability

1.1 A full-time law student from the University of Victoria may enroll in the law faculty of another university and complete courses from that law faculty for **7 to 8 units** of credit towards his/her/their University of Victoria JD or JD/JID degree provided the conditions prescribed by the regulations are met.

1.2 Where there is an approved exchange agreement in place, the credit will be designated on the University of Victoria transcript as LAW 352 Exchange Law Term. Where there is no such agreement in place, individual student proposals will be dealt with on a letter of permission basis.

## 2. Conditions of Exchange

2.1 A sub-committee of the International Committee, which will include the Dean or Dean's designate, will select students for exchange terms under exchange term agreements between the University of Victoria Faculty of Law and other law schools.

2.2 The Dean or Dean's designate must also approve **the specific program** of student work at the partner institutions for credit to be given for that work towards the University of Victoria JD or JD/JID degree.

2.3 When approving proposals for a student's specific program of work during an exchange, the Dean or Dean's designate will abide by the guidelines set by the Office of the Registrar in determining the equivalent University of Victoria unit value for each course proposed to be taken at the partner institution.

2.4 The Office of the Registrar will normally require that the same number of instructional hours be provided in the course at the partner institution as would be required at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law in a course for the equivalent unit value. For some partner institutions, study hours and group work also count as instructional hours.

2.5 No student will receive credit from courses taken at another law school towards their University of Victoria law degree for more units than the equivalent University of Victoria unit value for those courses as determined by the Office of the Registrar under paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4.

2.6 **A student may apply to enroll in up to two exchange terms.** However, in deciding whether to permit a student to undertake a second exchange term the sub-committee will take into account: (a) the limited availability of exchange terms; (b) whether the student has also taken other term programs in the Faculty of Law; (c) whether the student has taken courses in other faculties at the University of Victoria; and (d) whether enrolling in two exchange terms would provide the student with sufficient common law and Canadian content.

2.7 Students taking courses for credit towards their University of Victoria JD or JD/JID degree at another university must complete **a minimum two years of legal education at the University of Victoria**, not including the time spent at the other university, in order to receive their degree from the University of Victoria.

2.8 Students working towards their JD/JID degree must meet all of the credit requirements of the JD/JID program. Approval of exchanges for such students will be done by the sub-committee of the International Committee in collaboration with the Director of Indigenous Initiatives and the JD/JID Director or their designate.

### **3. Academic Matters**

3.1 Students completing units for credit at other universities will receive block credits on their University of Victoria transcript as evaluated by the Office of the Registrar. Students completing the Exchange Law Term will receive a **Pass/Fail grade for that work on their University of Victoria transcript.**

3.2 Students taking units for credit at other universities or completing the Exchange Law Term will be bound by the rules of the other university with respect to grading and grade appeals with respect to those units of coursework.

3.3 Where a student is enrolled in the Exchange Law Term and is taking the equivalent of 7.0 units or more at another university, the student will normally be required to pass all the units taken to receive credit for the term.

3.4 If a student enrolled in the Exchange Law Term does not pass all the units for which the student is enrolled, the Dean or Dean's designate may exercise discretion and permit the student to receive credit for a lesser number of units, equivalent to the units passed by the student.

### **4. Funding**

4.1 Normally, the cost of pursuing courses for credit at other universities will be the responsibility of the student.

4.2 The Dean will make efforts to establish mutual waivers of tuition for any exchange programs which are approved by the International Committee under a general agreement with another university.

4.3 The Dean and the Faculty will explore avenues of funding through scholarships to assist students to pursue their studies at other universities under this program.