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The Summer Institute in Transnational Law and Practice was developed by the University of Washington School of Law — one of the world's leading centers for innovative teaching and research on international, comparative, and U.S. law. The two week institute is held in early September each year and provides legal professionals and researchers from all over the world a strong foundation in the structure, culture and thinking of the U.S. legal system and practice.

With today's global legal practice and policies, legal professionals need a sophisticated understanding of legal and regulatory systems beyond their own. For international practitioners seeking professional development, the Summer Institute provides an excellent overview of the American legal system and practice.

For international students planning to undertake law studies in the U.S., the program provides the foundation and skills needed to successfully complete their studies in any challenging U.S. law school environment. Students trained in a civil-law legal system particularly benefit from the introduction to the structure of legal reasoning in the U.S. common law system, and from the opportunity to refine both oral and written communication skills in English within the U.S. legal context.

Core Topics

The Institute program focuses on three areas — Introduction to the American Legal System and Practice in a comparative setting, Legal Skills and Methodology, and Legal English. Sample topics include introduction to constitutional law and branches of government, criminal and civil court systems and procedures, alternative dispute resolution, and legal analysis in the U.S. common law system.

Through U.S. law school-style instruction and small-group tutorials, participants familiarize themselves with the foundations of the U.S. legal system and methods of legal analysis practiced in the U.S. Sessions are taught by law faculty, practitioners, and reference librarians who are experienced in cross-cultural communication. Institute participants also visit state and federal courts and agencies, visit one of Seattle's largest law firms, and enjoy social events in the beautiful University of Washington campus and around Seattle.

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Participants say:

"I would definitely recommend this program to my colleagues; I gained excellent knowledge of the U.S. legal system and education."

"It was a great program, especially for students from civil law countries as an overview of the common law system. I enjoyed it very much."

"I am glad I attended the Institute. I find that what I had learned is helping me a lot during my study in the LL.M. program."

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