Study Abroad
While many law students choose the familiar summer associate route after spring classes let out, others opt for international legal experiences. Fordham Law sponsors four summer study abroad programs—in Ghana, Korea, Ireland, and Colombia—and sponsors a dozen more programs during the academic year.

Alumna Alena Herklotz—Class of 2006 and the Executive Director of the Fordham-Ghana Summer Law Program—explains that participating students intern with Ghanaian Supreme Court Justices, top private lawyers, and leading human rights advocates. “Ghana is a very exciting place to be,” she says. “It’s a regional center of international business and enterprise, it’s rich in history, and it’s rising to prominence as a leader in West Africa. In an increasingly global world and legal profession, this kind of international experience is invaluable.”

Alumnus Greg Mantych, Class of 2014, learned of Fordham’s international summer study programs during orientation and decided to participate in the Ghana program because it struck him as different and unique. “While the chance to study law internationally is, in and of itself, an experience,” Mantych explains, “I thought studying law in such a drastically different environment than New York City would only further expand my view of the legal system.”

Which is, precisely, the point. All Fordham Law’s study abroad programs create opportunities to study international and comparative law in an entirely new culture and legal system, while simultaneously witnessing the path and development of democracy firsthand. “Learning and working effectively in a new legal system and culture requires flexibility, adaptability, perseverance, and sensitivity,” Herklotz points out. “These are all skills that serve students well as future lawyers and leaders.”

Despite—or perhaps because of—the oceanic distance between our far-flung partner countries and our New York campus, Fordham Law’s study abroad programs provide future lawyers with rich legal experiences that rival any offered by a high-powered Manhattan firm.