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SUNY Buffalo Law launches double LL.M. program for international students with the Catholic University of Lyon

Continuing to develop its presence in global legal education, SUNY Buffalo Law School has announced a new program by which international students can earn two master of laws degrees – one in Buffalo and one in Lyon, France.

The Double LL.M. program, scheduled to begin this fall, is in conjunction with the private Catholic University of Lyon (Université Catholique de Lyon or UCL), in east-central France. Students will enroll in UCL's master of laws program in inter-

national business law and study there during the fall semester, then come to Buffalo for the spring semester as part of the Law School's general LL.M. program.

The Buffalo seg-

ment begins with an intensive January course that introduces students to the U.S. legal system. At the end of the spring semester, they graduate with a master of laws degree from each institution.

The program builds on the strengths of both schools, not least of which is their locations. Lyon is in the heart of Europe, providing students with easy access to international and European institutions. Situated on the international border with Canada, Buffalo is at the crossroads of an internationally ranked research university and



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a vibrant midsize legal community.

Students in the program will benefit from exposure to different perspectives on law. With only a handful of exceptions, LL.M. students at SUNY Buffalo Law are in classes with students in the J.D. program, and they have access to nearly all of the Law School's curriculum. In addition, students will gain the valuable experience of living and studying in both France and New York, and begin to learn how to network across professional communities in the global marketplace.

The Double LL.M. program builds on SUNY Buffalo Law School's existing programs for international students, including general and criminal master of laws programs and a program in which internationally trained lawyers can earn the J.D. in two years.

All law students at SUNY Buffalo also enjoy study-abroad opportunities, including Thailand, New Zealand and Glasgow, Scotland.

Says SUNY Buffalo Law **Dean Makau W. Mutua**: “Buffalo has long been a center for innovative, international legal education, and we are most pleased to build on this tradition with Lyon. It will be a wonderful and valuable experience for students.”



Lyon is in the heart of Europe, providing students with easy access to international and European institutions. Above, Louis XIV's statue in Place Bellecour in Lyon's main shopping and restaurant area.