

Partnership agreement between the UNIVERSITÄT KÖLN and the DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

The Law School of the University of Cologne (Germany) and the Duquesne University School of Law (Pittsburgh, PA) have been partners since 2000. Additionally, both universities are connected through a partnership agreement for the entire university. With more than six thousand law students, Cologne has the largest law faculty in all of Germany. The partnership is designed to foster educational and professional exchanges between the universities and the local professional communities alike. The partnership has been very successful, as Duquesne and Cologne students and faculty have been in regular exchange with one another over the past seven years.

In Cologne, Professor Dr. Heinz-Peter Mansel (Faculty Representative and University Representative) and Professor Dr. Stephan Hobe (Deputy Faculty Representative) cultivate the exchange. At Duquesne, Professor Dr. Kirk W. Junker is responsible for the relationship between the universities.

Homepage of the Duquesne University: www.duq.edu

Homepage of the Duquesne University School of Law: <http://www.law.duq.edu/>

Homepage of the University of Cologne: www.uni-koeln.de

Homepage of the Law School of the University of Cologne: <http://www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/www/index.shtml>

Exchange program

If you are interested in visiting Duquesne University School of Law or the University of Cologne School of Law, there are several possibilities.

1. LL.M for Foreign Lawyers

The Law School of the University of Cologne and the Law School of Duquesne University each offer an LL.M. Degree Program for foreign lawyers. The LL.M. program takes one year (two semesters) and concludes with the defense of a thesis.

All information about the *LL.M. for Foreign Lawyers Program* of **Duquesne University School of Law** is available at <http://www.law.duq.edu/Academics/AcaPgmLLM.html>. You can find a brochure about this program at http://www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/instipr/erasmus_llm/llm_progbroch06.pdf. The report of a Cologne LL.M. student's year at Duquesne University is online at www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/zib/pdf/Bericht%20Kaulen%20LLM%202006.doc.

Information about the LL.M program for foreign lawyers in *Cologne* is at <http://www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/www/studium/studiengaenge/llm.shtml>.

2. Semester abroad

Cologne students have the possibility to study for one or two semesters at Duquesne University. Similarly, Duquesne Students are very welcome to study at Cologne University for one or two semesters. The Faculty Representatives of each University are the responsible contact persons. A report about two Cologne students and their studies in Pittsburgh is available at <http://www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/zib/pdf/Erfahrungsbericht%20Austauschprogramm%20Duquesne%20University,%20USA.pdf>.

3. Internship in Pittsburgh

The Duquesne University School of Law aids Cologne students or Referendare with the search for a place for an internship. During such an internship, students get to know the American legal praxis. Dr. Kirk W. Junker and Professor Margaret K. Krasik are the contact persons at the Duquesne School of Law for the internship program. Professor Krasik directs the *Clinics Program* of the Duquesne School of Law. The internship is a typical program for U.S. students while studying law. They can choose between different internships such as work with a civil or criminal judge, work in the *public defender's office* or work pro bono for clients guided by a lawyer. The offerings are diverse (see: <http://www.law.duq.edu/Academics/AcaCln.html>). German students have the same possibilities. Depending on their stay in Pittsburgh and their personal preferences they can develop their own program. Such a program can also be undertaken during the Referendariats, especially the student's choice stage.

4. Research for a thesis

Cologne's Ph.D. students can visit the Duquesne University School of Law for research for a doctor thesis that has a connection to American law. The doctoral students have their own office in the law library and have free access to the online databases WestLaw and Lexis. The Duquesne professors are very approachable and happy to help the students in any way possible.

History of the partnership

This young university exchange program has its roots in the year 1998. The Rector of the University in Cologne Dr. Jens-Peter Meincke, followed an invitation of Dr. Heinz Machatzke and Richard White and visited Duquesne University. Dr. Machatzke, born in Germany, was the Dean of the Bayer School of Natural and Environmental Science for Bayer AG in 1998. Richard White, also a former staff member of Bayer AG, was at this time the chief executive officer of Duquesne's Board of Directors. During the visit of the Rector from the Cologne University to Pittsburgh, the idea to organize a

university exchange between Cologne and Duquesne was born. In 2000, the Duquesne School of Law Dean Nicholas P. Cafardi and Professors Robert D. Taylor and Kirk W. Junker and Cologne University Rector Meincke, as well as Professor Mansel met in Cologne and the foundations of a university exchange were built.

In the following year, then former Dean Professor Peter J. Tettinger from Cologne and former Dean Nicholas P. Cafardi from Duquesne signed a partnership agreement between the Law School of Cologne and the Duquesne University School of Law. The Pro-rector Professor Barbara Dauner-Lieb and Professor Stephan Hobe supported this project intensively. On May 4, 2001, Rector Meincke and Professor John E. Murry Jr., President of Duquesne University, signed an agreement for a comprehensive partnership between the entirety of both Universities.

In October 2003, Rector of the Cologne University Dr. Tassilo Küppers and Dr. Christine Wille of Cologne's foreign program office visited Duquesne University. President Charles J. Dougherty of the Duquesne University and Rector Küpper signed an addendum to the university exchange.

All of this work paid off in enabling substantive exchange between the universities on the whole and the law school faculties in particular. In the Autumn Semester of 2001, Professor Stephan Hobe came to Duquesne University School of Law as a visiting professor. Dean Cafardi, Professors Taylor, and Junker and the International Law Society welcomed Professor Hobe and provided him with an array of the flavors of Pittsburgh. In fall 2002, Professor Barbara Völmann-Stickelbrock visited Duquesne, at the invitation of the Wecht Institute, to deliver a paper at the Wecht Institute's annual symposium. While visiting, she also provided a guest lecture on legal process and procedure in the German System to Professor Robert S. Barker's legal process and procedure class. In the same year, Professor Junker and Professor Kenneth Gormley presented a paper at a symposium about the European Constitution, organized by Professor Hobe at the Cologne Law School. In the winter semester 2003, Professor Junker lectured as a guest professor at Cologne's International Master of Environmental Science program. During the spring of 2003, Dr. Sandra Wagner was a semester visitor to Duquesne's Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE), directed by Professor Daniel K. Donnelly. At the same time she gave guest lectures in environmental economics and European environmental regulation at the Duquesne University School of Law. In November 2004, the Duquesne University School of Law welcomed Professor Peter J. Tettinger. He was invited to present a paper about Federalism in Germany at the conference "*Federalism in the Americas... and Beyond...*" held at the Duquesne University School of Law.

Many Cologne students have been enrolled at the Duquesne University School of Law for one or two semesters and have had the possibility to participate in the usual American university life. Cologne Law students especially like the small classes and the personal atmosphere at Duquesne. Other Cologne students went to Pittsburgh for an internship at the public defender office, with a judge or in other places, organized through

Duquesne's clinic programs. Cologne Ph.D. students have travelled to the Duquesne University School of Law to conduct research in the large Duquesne law library.

Furthermore, since 2005, the Duquesne University School of Law offers an LL.M. for foreign lawyers program. The first LL.M. degree student ever to be enrolled in Duquesne's new program, Dorothee Kaulen, is also from Cologne. Other Cologne students are very interested in the program.

In the winter semester 2007/08, Matt Roy, a Duquesne J.D., has begun the LL.M. for foreign lawyers program at the Cologne Law School.

This very intensive exchange between the universities shows that professors and students are very interested to go abroad and to get to know other cultures and foreign scholarly work.

A very successful element of the partnership is the collaboration in Cologne's *International Master of Environmental Science (IMES)* program. This program was opened in fall 2003, while Professor Junker was teaching at Cologne University. After teaching IMES- students one semester he was asked to continue to teach on the IMES program. To discuss this idea, in the following summer, Professor Klaus Klein, from the *Institut für Biologie und ihre Didaktik* of the University of Cologne, visited Duquesne University. There, the Center for Environmental Research and Education (CERE) of Duquesne University and the Duquesne School of Law developed a blended learning system with online classes and live lectures. The Interim Director of the CERE, Robert D Volkmar, teaches a blended class for Cologne IMES students in Environmental Policy. Additionally, Professor Junker offers blended courses in environmental law— in the winter semester in Comparative Environmental Law and in the summer semester in International Environmental Law. This means that he teaches in Cologne twice per year for two weeks to complement the online portion of the courses. Additionally, Professors Paul M. King and Volkmar from the CERE have taught summer courses to the IMES students in Cologne. Professors Junker and Volkmar have been advisers for many theses in IMES as well. In the academic year 2006-2007, two Cologne IMES students visited Duquesne University to complete their master theses guided by Duquesne Professors.

For further information about IMES: www.uni-koeln.de/imes.

About Duquesne University and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Duquesne University is a private catholic university in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Twenty-six full-time and sixty-five adjunct professors supervise and teach about 700 J.D. students at the Law School. U.S.-students get the title "J.D." (*juris doctor*) after three years of the full-time study of law. This title allows the students to take the state bar examination. Before one is admitted to law school, one must first study four years as an undergraduate to receive a bachelor's degree (BA or BS, similar to the Bologna system) and then take the law school admission test (LSAT).

The atmosphere is very friendly among the law school students. The professors supervise the students personally. The open-door policy allows students to reach their professors at any time. The comprehensive law library invites students to stay and study. The students are welcome to use the computers at the law library. However, most American students use their own laptop computers which they can take to classes to make notes during lectures. Wireless LAN internet connection is accessible throughout the entire law school.

Duquesne University is situated directly downtown and can be reached easily with public transportation. Public transportation (tram or bus) can be used throughout the day. Many American students own a car and use it to drive to the university.

Pittsburgh is full of life and is the home of two other large universities and many colleges. The city is surrounded by three rivers, situated close to the Appalachian Mountains and has many green areas. In winter, the temperature is often below freezing and there is snow. Skiing is possible within a one hour drive from Pittsburgh. In summer, it is warmer than in Cologne. The most beautiful time in Pittsburgh is probably in the autumn, when the temperatures are very agreeable and the leaves of all the trees are magnificently colored.

The inhabitants of Pittsburgh are very interested in sports. The Pittsburgh football team, the “Steelers” won the Super Bowl in 2006 for the 5th time. Pittsburgh is the home of a professional ice hockey team, the “Penguins,” and of a professional baseball team, the “Pirates,” whose stadium was voted the best professional baseball stadium in the United States. The artist Andy Warhol was born in Pittsburgh and to honor this artist, Pittsburgh has a Warhol museum. In Pittsburgh there are many other art and science museums. The opera, the world-class Pittsburgh symphony, the ballet and the theatre invite one to visit. Pittsburgh is a good start for weekend trips to the cities of New York, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Toronto and to Niagara Falls. Often, one can find cheap flights, trains or buses from Pittsburgh to these places.

More information about Pittsburgh is available at <http://www.pittsburgh.net/> .

Practical tips for Duquesne visitors

Visa (for German citizen):

If you are more than 90 days in the United States of America, or if you are in the United States for a purpose other than holidays, you need a visa. You get the visa at the U.S. embassy in Frankfurt or Berlin. One can go there personally and provide all the necessary information, but first, one needs to make an appointment. It will take approximately 4 weeks to get such an appointment. After the appointment at the U.S. embassy, it takes about 2 weeks to get the visa by mail. All actual and necessary

information can be found at the homepage of the U.S. embassy. <http://www.us-botschaft.de/germany-ger/visa/index.html> .

Money:

It is expensive to transfer money to the United States of America through a bank account. Traveler's checks are generally accepted everywhere. A simple system is to open an account at a German bank that cooperates with an American bank like the Deutsche Bank. Accounts at Deutsche Bank allow one to get U.S. dollars without paying an extra fee at the money machines operated by the Bank of America. At Duquesne University there is an office of the Pittsburgh PNC Bank (in the student union building). This bank welcomes foreign students to open a bank account (without social security number).

Housing:

Foreign students are welcome to live on the campus of Duquesne University in the dormitories. In the dormitories live mostly undergraduate students (18-22 years old). The rooms are most often designed to be shared with another student. There are no cooking facilities, but the Duquesne University offers different kinds of food. The stay in a dormitory is expensive, but easy for a short stay in Pittsburgh. More information is available at <http://www.studentlife.duq.edu/index.html>).

For a longer stay in Pittsburgh, it is nice to live in the South Side, a young and vibrant part of Pittsburgh. From there one can walk to the university in about 15-20 minutes. Other nice parts are Shadyside and Squirrel Hill. These parts of Pittsburgh are safe and many busses bring one to the university in about 20 minutes.

If you are looking for a room or an apartment, the internet is very helpful. See, for example: <http://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/>. Also the Duquesne University homepage offers available rooms or apartments. See: <http://www.commuteraffairs.duq.edu/housinginformation.html>. At the university one can also find information about rooms and apartments at the black board.

The rent for a room, depending from the location and the size, starts at about 350 dollars per month. A single apartment is more expensive.

Actual cost:

A semester abroad or research at Duquesne University or the Cologne University is usually free of charge. The charge for the LL.M. program can be found at the homepage about the programs. The living costs per month in Pittsburgh are about 1,000 dollars. Study books are very expensive in the United States (often about 100 dollars or more for each law book.) But often one can find used books in the book store of the university. Beside that, one can also use the books in the library.

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Cologne student reports about their experiences at Duquesne:

You can find at <http://www.uni-koeln.de/jur-fak/zib/International/Usa/index.shtml> .

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