

Rules of the ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy 2009

I. Summer Course: information

One of ECSL's most successful activities is the ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy. This is organised by ESA with the support of a host university (1992 Messina (Italy), 1993 Toulouse (France), 1994 Granada (Spain), 1995 Aberdeen (United Kingdom), 1996 Leiden (The Netherlands), 1997 Rovaniemi (Finland), 1998 Brest (France), 1999 Geneva (Switzerland), 2000 Cologne (Germany), 2001 Nice (France), 2002 La Rochelle (France), 2003 Leuven (Belgium), 2004 Graz (Austria), 2005 Terni (Perugia, Italy), 2006 Noordwijk (The Netherlands), 2007 Noordwijk (The Netherlands), 2008 Genoa (Italy). The Summer Course attracts participants from an increasing number of universities.

During the two-weeks course students attend intensive lectures given by university professors and space professionals concerning the international legal framework of space activities. These include UN Resolutions, space treaties and other legal issues relevant to space applications such as the commercialisation of space activities, telecommunications, remote-sensing, launching states, intellectual property rights, etc.

During the course students have the opportunity to meet highly qualified experts, to learn from their experience and to visit space industries.

The main objective of the Summer Course is to stimulate students' interest in this particular field of international law and to provide them with a basic, solid knowledge upon which to build their professional career or carry out further academic research.

The 18th ECSL Summer Course on Space Law and Policy will take place at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (Faculdade de Direito da Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Campus de Campolide, 1099-032 Lisboa), Portugal, from August 31 to September 11, 2009.

II. Summer Course: General structure

The course starts on the first Monday at the end of August and lasts two weeks. Students arrive the day before the course starts, usually on a Sunday and leave the Saturday after the course ends.

Lectures take place at the Law Faculty of the host University. In general there are three to four lectures a day that last for an hour and a half each. Students have access to the library and computer labs. After the last lecture in the afternoon, students meet in their working groups in different study rooms.

The course is divided into three main parts.

First: a general introduction to space law to provide students with basic knowledge on the sources and principles of space law and international space organisations.

Second: lectures on a series of specific themes concerning the legal aspects of space applications and recent evolutions in space law, particularly in Europe.

Third: students, divided into working groups, focus, with the assistance of tutors who are former ECSL Summer Course students, on a given exercise (a negotiation, a mooted, etc); at the end of the course students have to present their work, defend the group position and negotiate in a simulation in which professors make up the panel.

Lectures are given by University professors, guest lecturers from ESA and other space institutes, as well as experts from the private sector.

Transportation

ECSL provides students and tutors with train or plane tickets to the host country. The students will have to buy their airplane or train tickets on their own; the ECSL will refund them according to the table hereafter and upon receipt of the originals and of the invoice of their payment.

Refund Policy

<200 euros - ECSL refund 100%

200-400 euros - ECSL refund 75%

400-600 euros - ECSL refund 50%

>600 euros - lump sum: 300 euros

Students older than 28 years, professionals and students not coming from an ESA Member State should be considered on a non-priority basis and should pay the tuition fees and the travel expenses.

Accommodation and food

All students and their tutors stay in double rooms at youth hostels selected by the host university. These are usually within a 15-minute-walking distance from the University. Information on accommodation is provided in advance.

Certificate of attendance

Attendance at lectures is compulsory and at the end of the course, a certificate of attendance will be awarded to students who have attended all the lectures and

participated in the working groups. Some Universities may give credits for attending the ECSL Summer Course.

III. Tuition fees

Students admitted to the course have to pay to ECSL, at their earliest convenience and no later than the date indicated by ECSL, €200 via a bank transfer or a cheque (cash is not accepted).

Bank transfer to:

Barclays Bank, Succursale Suffren, compte 01484830189, RIB 96, Guichet 62019,

Code Banque 30588, Att. ESA/ECSL

IBAN: FR76 3058 8620 1901 4848 3018 996

BIC: BARCFRPP

Tuition fees usually cover transport costs to the host University and back, plus accommodation for the duration of the course at a youth hostel, including breakfast.

IV. Insurance

Students and tutors admitted to the course are requested to send to ECSL written proof that they have a valid insurance for personal activities and injuries. Such risks will not be borne by ECSL or by the host university.

With regard to medical coverage, participants are advised to obtain in their home countries an E111 Form or any other form needed to ensure medical coverage in Europe.

V. Students Selection: Criteria

(as decided by 42nd ECSL Board Meeting (28/10/04))

Criteria for the selection of the ECSL Summer Course students:

1. Undergraduate, graduate or PhD students studying Law, Political Sciences (major in International Law & Organisation), Economics (with proven interest in the space sector)
2. Sound knowledge of International Public and Private Law, European Law, and some knowledge of space law

3. Maximum 45 students + 4 tutors

4. Age: Maximum 28

5. Students older than 28 years, professionals and students not coming from an ESA Member State should be considered on a non-priority basis and should pay the tuition fees and the travel expenses (social security regime).

6. Geographical distribution: 4 students per law Faculty; 10/12 Faculties in total, only if it is possible up to 4-5 students from non ESA Member States or States with whom ESA has established cooperation agreement; some more students might be admitted subject to the approval of the hosting university and to the availability of funds.

7. Good knowledge of English and/or French and working knowledge of the other language

8. Certificates by Faculty of Law and NPOC or by a Faculty of Law in absence of a NPOC.

The selection process should go through the ECSL National Points of Contact; perspective students should contact the relevant NPOC as soon as possible or the ECSL (melanie.vincent@esa.int).

A certain flexibility might be admitted upon the availability of funds and on the evaluation of individual situations.