



THE HAGUE A TO Z: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PROGRAM WEBSITE

The majority of program information can be found on the [program website](#).

PROGRAM CALENDAR AND CLASS SCHEDULE

The program calendar and class schedule are published when the program opens for applications. Both are subject to change, and when changes occur, students who have applied to the program receive notifications via e-mail of those changes. Please check periodically to ensure you know what is planned, where you need to be, and when you need to be there. Many events, especially field trips, are mandatory components of the program, and you need to be prepared. You can also find the date of the final exams on both documents.

You MUST arrive in time for the mandatory Orientation on Sunday, June 30 from 6-6:45pm in the Social Hub classroom. You may check-in at The Social Hub after 10:00am in The Hague. You may depart after class ends Thursday, July 25, but the actual check-out time is on Friday, July 26.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENTS:

To be eligible for the Hague program you need to have completed your 1L year, be in good standing, and have a minimum GPA of 2.25. If you meet these criteria, you may complete the online application. It is not necessary to pay your program deposit at the time you start your application; however, paying your program deposit will secure your spot in the program. You will not be accepted into the program until you have paid your program deposit.

NON-STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW STUDENTS:

We welcome your applications and participation in our program! Our programs are richer for having students from other law schools in them, and no admission preference is given to Stetson University College of Law students. Most schools will require you to submit paperwork to them in advance of committing to our program, so you may need to start with your home institution first.

The criteria for non-Stetson University College of Law students are 1) completion of your 1L year, 2) be in good standing with your home institution, and 3) currently attend an ABA-approved law school. Your home institution will likely have a minimum GPA requirement, so you will want to check with them to be sure you meet their criteria as well.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- 1) **Official Transcripts** – Please send an official law school transcript to the following address:

International Programs Office
Stetson University College of Law
1401 61st St S
Gulfport FL 33707

- 2) **Letter of good standing** – Please send an official law school letter of good standing to the address shown above.

Note: If you are an attorney or are a law student from another country, please contact the Office of International Programs at international@law.stetson.edu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application deadline is March 15. If the program is not full, it may be possible that we can extend this deadline into mid-April. However, this program is popular, and if you are truly interested, you should sign up for the program to receive notifications if the program begins to fill with deposits before the application deadline.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY/OBLIGATION

After April 1, 2023 you are financially responsible for the program in its entirety. This includes the cost of tuition, housing, fees, and any other costs Stetson University College of Law has incurred on your behalf. Should you withdraw after April 1, you are still financially obligated for these costs.

FINANCIAL AID

All of our programs are eligible for financial aid. The aid covers items listed in the Student Budget posted on the program website. Please contact your financial aid office when you commit to the program so you can complete the additional required paperwork necessary to facilitate the processing of your financial aid package for this program (and there *will* be additional paperwork!).

The e-mail address for the Stetson University College of Law Financial Aid Office is finaid@law.stetson.edu. Should you have further questions, or need to send a consortium agreement, please contact them directly.

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

Please read this Agreement prior to digitally signing it. You will be held to the standards asserted in this document, and you should know what it is to which you are agreeing.

PASSPORTS

Yes, you will need one. You are also required to provide your passport information in your application, complete with a copy of the photo page of your passport. **Please be sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months past the return date of your travel – this follows U.S. State Department guidance as many countries require this.** Better safe than sorry!

TRAVEL ITINERARY

We ask that you provide us with your flight into and out of The Hague. You can fly into the **Schiphol International Airport** in Amsterdam (it is the closest) or Rotterdam. The Hague is approximately 30 minutes from the Amsterdam airport by train.

NON-STETSON STUDENTS ONLY: TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Located in your study abroad application, please print out and complete the Transcript Request Form and return the form to Stetson's Office of International Programs. We need this on file to send your Stetson University College of Law transcript to your home institution when the program is over. Please send this form before you depart the U.S. To request any additional transcripts: https://secure.studentclearinghouse.org/tsorder/faces/TranscriptOrder?_afLoop=917950468677201&_afWindowMode=0&_adf.ctrl-state=vb6eu7fwr_4#firstload.

BEFORE YOU GO

STETSON E-MAIL ACCOUNTS FOR NON-STETSON STUDENTS

Non-Stetson students will receive Stetson e-mail credentials from Stetson's International Programs Office. Please set this e-mail up and ensure that it is working prior to leaving for the program. You will need these credentials for several reasons:

- 1) To pay your invoice online;
- 2) To access wifi in The Hague classroom;
- 3) To take your exams; and
- 4) To access your grades.

PAY YOUR ACCOUNT BALANCE

Your account balance must be paid prior to your departure from the U.S. If you encounter issues with financial aid availability with your school, please let Stetson's International Programs Office/Business Office know as soon as possible so we can work with you. Late payments incur late fees that start at \$200!

REGISTER FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (STEP)

We strongly encourage everyone to enroll in the U.S. Department of State's STEP program. It takes about 2 minutes and puts you on their notification list while you are overseas. Their definition of the program: "The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate."

Please see the STEP Enrollment page (<https://step.state.gov/step/>) for more information, and please do take the time to register your trip with them.

Below is the address of the program you need to register in STEP:

[THE SOCIAL HUB](#)

Hoefkade 9
2526 BN, The Hague
The Netherlands
Tel: +011 31 70 7621000

NOTIFY YOUR BANK AND CREDIT CARD PROVIDERS

Let your financial institutions know that you will be traveling abroad as many of them will disable your card as soon as you start using it overseas if they are not aware of your travel plans.

CURRENCY

The Hague uses the Euro. If you use an ATM there, you will receive Euros. Getting local currency prior to departure for The Hague is encouraged. You can use credit cards there, which is also encouraged, as credit cards can be cancelled and replaced if lost or stolen, whereas cash cannot.

We suggest using a credit card that does not charge a foreign transaction fee. **Depending on your budget, you should plan to have approximately \$200 USD total converted into local currency.**

PACK YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT CARD

In your program packet, you will receive your program t-shirt and emergency contact card. Please be sure to carry your emergency contact card on you at all times during the program. This card speaks for you should you not be able to speak for yourself.

COST

Budget wisely. Communal kitchens are available at the Social Hub. If you eat out for every meal, you will quickly spend a lot of money. However, being prepared before you go and managing your expectations will make your trip more enjoyable. There is a Starbucks close to the Social Hub, as well as a fantastic grocery stores and lots of delis with fresh breads and fruits. Buy groceries and save \$\$\$.

Some examples of the cost of living in The Hague are as follows:

Basic lunchtime menu (including a drink) in the business district – €19 USD

Combo meal in a fast food restaurant (Big Mac Meal or similar) – €11 USD

2 liters of Coca-Cola -- €3.05 USD

Basic dinner for two in a neighborhood pub -- €46 USD

Dinner for two at an Italian restaurant in the expat area including appetizers, main course, wine, and dessert -- €89 USD

<https://www.expakistan.com/cost-of-living/the-hague>

VALUABLES

Students are encouraged to leave important, meaningful/sentimental, and valuable items at home. Not every place you travel overseas will have a safe in which to keep your valuables, and items that are sentimental (family heirlooms, etc.) are irreplaceable.

We want you to have a memory of an amazing educational and travel experience, rather than a memory of when you lost something expensive or near and dear to your heart.

ADAPTERS V. CONVERTERS

Voltage in Europe is 220, much higher than the 110 voltage in the United States. You should bring plug adapters or converters and batteries to operate your equipment. While U.S.-purchased hair dryers will operate in the Netherlands, they frequently “burn-out” or “trip” electrical breakers. You are encouraged to purchase a 220-volt hair dryer when you arrive in the Netherlands. It may also be possible to find a dual-voltage hair dryer in the U.S.

Please note that there is a difference between an adapter and a converter. The adapter allows you to plug your US plug into a EU outlet - but it does NOT change the voltage. A converter will change the voltage. Converters tend to be more expensive, and honestly, it's cheaper to buy a dual voltage hairdryer most times.

Be sure that whatever you are using with the adapter, e.g. laptop, phone, hairdryer, etc. is DUAL VOLTAGE. If it is not dual voltage, you will fry the item you are plugging into the outlet.

Most electronics are dual-voltage (Macs, iPhones, etc.), but **please check to be sure before you plug in with an adapter.** If your appliance is dual-voltage, an adapter is all you need - something that allows your plug to fit into the wall.

ON THE GROUND

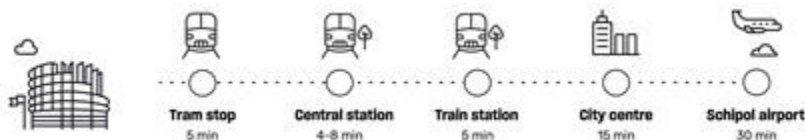
TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO THE HAGUE AND TO THE ISS

Trains run every 30 minutes from Amsterdam to The Hague and cost approximately €10-12 per ticket. The train station in Schiphol airport is located under the airport main lobby. Tickets can be purchased at a kiosk or at the ticket counter.

Taxis will cost approximately \$15 USD from the central train station in The Hague to The Social Hub. Try sharing to save money – split the cost!

ACCESSIBLE LOCATION

The Hague is easily accessible from our well-connected location. By public transport, taxi, on foot or with a bike – you'll arrive on time, every time.



THE SOCIAL HUB – HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

All students participating in the Hague program are required to stay in our program housing. NO EXCEPTIONS. Students may bring family members, should they wish to do so and will need to select a housing choice that accommodates their needs. Please advise our office if you intend to bring family members, as an application will need to be completed and approved by the Director of International and Graduate Programs.

It may be possible to check-in to your room upon your arrival at The Social Hub on Sunday, June 30 before 10:00am, but it is not guaranteed (it depends if the rooms are available) – but they will let you store your luggage there. Following is the address and website for The Social Hub:

[THE SOCIAL HUB](#)

Hoefkade 9
2526 BN, The Hague
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Tel: +011 31 70 7621000

All the rooms in The Social Hub are single rooms with private baths. The Social Hub is located within walking distance from the downtown city center, right across from the **Hollands Spoor train station**.



All housing is assigned in the order of application

to the program (including payment of the deposit). To reserve housing through Stetson, the program deposit of \$300 must be received by Stetson no later than **March 1**. Once a housing reservation has been accepted, it is not subject to cancellation.

→When you're arriving by train, get off at **Den Haag Hollandspoor (HS) Station**. To get there by tram from The Hague Central Station, you can take either tram 2, 6, 9 or 17. From Hollandspoor (HS), The Social Hub is a short walk down Stationsweg, turning left into Hoefkade at the first intersection.

→From Schiphol, take an Intercity train to **Den Haag Hollandspoor (HS) Station**. From there, The Social Hub is a short walk down Stationsweg, turning left into Hoefkade at the first intersection.

If arriving earlier or leaving later you must make arrangements directly with The Social Hub. You will be responsible for any additional costs. Stetson University College of Law is able to arrange for special rates for student housing during the program due to the number of rooms involved, and the length of our stay. The College of Law will not arrange for you to stay for additional nights before, or after, the program, so you must contact The Social Hub directly to make your own arrangements for any extra days. However, you will be responsible for any additional charges, and you should be aware that the rates may be higher than those available during the program.

CLASSROOM

All classes are held at The Social Hub (see address above in Housing Accommodations), The Hague.

ACCESSIBILITY

Not every building in The Netherlands is accessible, but most are, and the Netherlands makes great efforts to provide accessible transportation. We do our best to assist anyone who may need assistance, so if you have accessibility needs, please let the Office of International Programs know as early as possible for planning purposes.

YOUR RESIDENT DIRECTOR

The Resident Director is responsible for ensuring that the plans for the program run smoothly. This ranges from coordinating with buses getting students to/from field trips to being on call in the event that someone is sick or injured. If you experience travel delays in arriving to the program, be sure to let your Resident Director know. **Your Emergency Contact Card lists all the Resident Directors with their cell #'s.**

ORIENTATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION

The mandatory orientation introduces students to the Resident Director and sets the parameters and expectations for the program. **Please be sure to arrive in time for the orientation on June 30, 2024 at 6 pm.** It takes approximately 30 minutes to get from the airport to The Social Hub once you are on the train from Amsterdam.

ATTENDANCE AND FIELD TRIP POLICY

The official attendance policy will be provided to you closer to the start date, but students are required to be in class every minute of the first and last days of classes. Students can miss no more than one hour and twenty minutes of days 2 and 3. Students who miss time on the first or last day or exceed the maximum allowable time for absence on days 2 or 3 will not be eligible to sit for the final exam for the course that week.

Students are also required to attend all mandatory field trips. Those who miss required field trips will not be eligible to sit for the final exam for the course offered that week. Please refer to the [Class and Field-Trip Attendance in Study-Abroad Programs policy](#).

ATTIRE

Classroom attire should be similar to what you wear to class normally on campus. **Field trips, such as our trip to the International Criminal Court will require that you wear court attire.**

INSURANCE

All participants are required to have the Stetson-provided [Travel Accident insurance \(CHUBBS\)](#). This insurance covers travel accidental illness or injury. Do NOT cancel your regular health insurance. This insurance is also not rental coverage should you rent a car or bike; you would be best to purchase the insurance offered through the rental company. Our strongest recommendation, however, is to use public transportation whenever possible.

Should you seek medical assistance during the trip, you will need to pay for the visit and any prescriptions upfront, and then submit a claim with those receipts. You do not need to sign up for this insurance as you will be covered as a participant in the program for the program dates.

The insurance provided is NOT travel insurance and does NOT cover lost or stolen items or cancelled airline tickets.

FITNESS CENTER

The Social Hub has a gym for guests – 24/7 access. There are several parks nearby for jogging as well.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Laundry facilities are on-site at The Social Hub and are free (included in reservation).

GROCERY STORES

One of the main, chain grocery stores in The Hague is called Albert Heijn, which is a short walk from the Social Hub. But, there are plenty of other, smaller grocery stores around. Please check out the [Yelp list of the Best 10 Grocery Stores in The Hague](#).

ACADEMICS

COURSE MATERIALS

No books are required for this program. All course materials are posted on CANVAS and you will receive an invitation to join CANVAS through your Stetson email account.

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS (ACADEMIC)

If you are requesting ADA Accommodation(s), ESL Testing Modification(s), or both, you must submit your request through Accommodate software. The [Accessibility Resources](#) webpage (www.stetson.edu/law/accessibility/register-request.php) has additional information you will need to review to register with the ADA Coordinator, create your Accommodate Student Portal Account, and submit your requests.

- If you are requesting an ADA Accommodation or ESL Testing Modification for the first time at Stetson Law, you must create your Accommodate student account by submitting a new student request through the Accommodate Public Registration Page (https://law-stetson-accommodate.symlicity.com/public_accommodation/).
- If you are renewing an ADA Accommodation or ESL Testing Modification Request from a prior semester, you already have an Accommodate student account. Simply visit the Accommodate Student Portal (<https://law-stetson-accommodate.symlicity.com/>) to access and manage your requests. Use your Stetson Credentials to login.
- If you have further questions, please contact the ADA Coordinator at ada@law.stetson.edu.

Please remember that time is of the essence; all ADA Accommodation and ESL Testing Modification requests must be renewed each semester prior to being implemented. No retroactive academic adjustments will be granted.

EXAMS

You will have four, one-hour, take-home exams sent to you via e-mail to your Stetson e-mail account. These exams will be sent to you on **Monday, July 1, 2024 at approximately 10 am EST**. You will have until **Monday, August 8, 2024** to take and upload your four exams to our Registrar's Office. **If your exam is not uploaded by the deadline, you will receive a "zero."**

AFTER THE PROGRAM

COURSE AND PROGRAM EVALUATIONS

Students will be given course evaluations on the last day of class for each course taken during the program.

Program evaluations will be done electronically and anonymously, at the end of the program. We encourage your constructive feedback as we strive to continually improve our programs. If something works, tell us, and if it does not, please tell us that too. Suggestions are also welcome!

GRADES

You will be able to view them through your [My.Stetson](#) account. All students receive Stetson numerical grades; however, non-Stetson students' grades will be reflected as P/F on their home institution's transcript. Please check with your respective institution for clarification as some partner schools transfer the actual grades.

For non-Stetson students who submitted their Transcript Request Forms by **July 15**, your transcripts will be mailed, free of charge, to your home institution shortly after all of the grades are in. If you did not submit your form on time, you will need to order your transcript directly from:

https://secure.studentclearinghouse.org/tsorder/faces/TranscriptOrder?_afLoop=917950468677201&_afWindowMode=0&_adf.curl-state=vb6eu7fwr_4#firstload.

FINAL NOTES

We strive to provide all of our students with not just an educational opportunity, but also with a cultural experience that will remain with them long after they finish our program and earn their credits. For this reason, we wish to offer a few final thoughts to help make this experience the best one possible for all participants.

- 1) Not all students are on the same journey; be respectful of each other's individual journeys. Some may be there to pick up extra credits in a short amount of time; some may be goal-driven to be in The Hague; some may just want to get away.
- 2) The Hague is much like the United States, but it is NOT the United States. Many amenities there will be just like what you can expect here in the U.S., but if something is not "just like here," take it for what it is – a cultural difference/experience. Be prepared for the differences.
- 3) Keep an open mind. Speak with the locals and be a good ambassador for all Americans and for Stetson University College of Law as well.
- 4) Expect a lot of walking. Please be sure to bring comfortable shoes and clothing.
- 5) Be aware of your surroundings, particularly when you are walking alone after dark.

- 6) Watch your valuables carefully. Beware of pickpockets; they often work in teams; one distracting, the other taking your valuables. Avoid putting valuable items in outside pockets that are easy targets for thieves.
- 7) Send a scanned copy of the passport to your email so that you can always access an online version of it in case it is lost or stolen. Keep a photocopy of your passport in a safe place.
- 8) Do not carry your passport or wallet in a backpack. These are easy targets for thieves, especially in crowded areas.
- 9) Be aware of airlines' limits to the weight and number of bags.
- 10) Bring clothes you can mix and match. Bring at least one outfit of business attire for court visits.
- 11) Bring around 100€ from the States for your first expenses before you can obtain Euro onsite.

!! ENJOY DEN HAAG !!

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