Survey of Swiss Law
Summer 2012

Course

This course will explore various aspects of Swiss, European, and international law, surveying a broad range of subjects. The course will be taught with instructors from Switzerland and include visits to institutions.

Objectives include: 1) understanding of basic aspects of the Swiss legal system; 2) better comprehension of the significance of different sources of international, European, and Swiss law; and 3) improved understanding of the lawyer’s operations in foreign jurisdictions.

Administrative Items

Classes: Students must be available to meet pursuant to the Swiss program calendar.

Class Performance: Regular, punctual class attendance and participation are course requirements. Attendance also includes visits to institutions around Switzerland. Evaluations from Swiss instructors on class performance can affect course grades.

Grading: Final grades will be based upon a final examination.

Text and Other Materials: Any reading material will be assigned throughout the course by instructors for individual class sessions.

Contact Information: My e-mail address is krosen@law.ua.edu.

Recording Devices: The use of recording devices is prohibited without my prior permission.

Accommodations: Students with disabilities or special needs are encouraged to contact Chad Tindol, Associate Dean for Students/Academic Services, at 205-348-6557 (ctindol@law.ua.edu) so that any individual needs for support services can be evaluated and accommodated in a timely manner. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as well.
Survey Sessions

- Introduction to Swiss Law
- Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland in Lausanne
- Institutions of Berne including Swiss Parliament
- Federalism
- Human Rights
- Criminal Sanctions
- Grosshof Prison
- Switzerland and the European Union
- Tort Law
- United States Mission in Geneva
- United Nations in Geneva