

International Law Programs

Graduate Testimonials

"There are some things you can only comprehend through experience - talking with those doing the work, living in the environment, working in that area of law. Through conversations and visiting legal spaces, you see how international law is a different beast - some areas have more "teeth", more funding and more support than others. Each has its own challenges. What you take with you from the Castle program is invaluable knowledge you will simply never get without going. I am so grateful for this experience because, without it, I would have definitely made some mistakes on my career trajectory. It gave clarity and critical information to make important career decisions. If you hope to practice international law, find a way to get yourself to this program. You will be glad you did."

Constance Carriere-Prill, PIL 2023, Queen's

"The castle program is an amazing opportunity to learn about international law in either the business or public law streams, and to do something with your upcoming summer that will help you academically and professionally. Getting to see so much of Europe while doing summer courses was a really rewarding experience, and allowed all of us who took part in the program to form great friendships. The Castle allowed me to feel more confident going into my second year, travel around Europe with friends, and get meet very accomplished people with amazing academic and career advice. This program is extremely well run, and the people running it made the experience amazing for all of us."

Logan Dillon, IBL 2023, Queen's

"The Queen's International Law program was easily among the top highlights of my law school experience. Gaining invaluable exposure to international law, students get the opportunity to learn from incredible instructors and guest speakers, while making profound connections with peers in numerous unique settings."

Ryan Erdman, IBL 2022, Osgoode Hall

"The highlights of the International Business Law program for me were the several opportunities to challenge myself in practical advocacy and negotiation skills, like in the mock WTO negotiations. If you have any questions about the program, Gillian Ready is your best resource. With her boundless passion and knowledge, she helped me decide which stream was right for me."

Sam Fostaty, IBL 2022, Queen's Law

"I was a participant in the PIL at Bader as a mature student in the Master of Law program at Queen's. I thoroughly enjoyed my learning journey and was especially impressed with the caliber of instruction in the PIL program and the level of engagement demonstrated by every student. The professors in this program typically operate at a very senior level in their respective areas of International law and generously shared their lived experiences with us. The program is professionally run with considerable support for the individual needs of students. It most certainly ranks as the top experiential learning experiences that I have had, and I highly recommend it to anyone considering a career in international public or business law."

Lisa Fudge, PIL 2023, Queen's LLM

"The Bader program provided such a unique and unforgettable experience for our cohort of law students. In addition to learning from an exceptional group of instructors, the connections I have made through this program are invaluable. The visits to The Hague and Geneva stand out as just a couple of the many highlights from this experience. I would do it again in a heartbeat!"

Francesca Griffin, PIL 2023, Windsor

"I enrolled in the International Business Law program at Bader College this past summer. Looking back, this was a major highlight of my law school career so far. I was able to make new connections and see firsthand how the law operates in practice at institutions such as the World Trade Organization and major international law firms such as Sidley Austin. I also was able to secure a legal internship in the field of international business law because of the accreditation and the practical knowledge I gained from this program. With such a return on investment, I highly recommend the castle program to any student hoping to get an early leg up in their academic and professional career."

Iman Jaffari, IBL 2022, Queen's Law JD/MBA

"I arrived at the Castle completely unsure about the path my legal career would take. Two months later, I returned to Canada with a renewed self-confidence and sense of purpose. I cannot speak highly enough of the Public International Law Program, the instructors, and the guest speakers, who introduced me to this dynamic area of the law, and inspired me to pursue an international legal career."

Michael Watkins, PIL 2022, Osgoode Hall

"I chose to do this program because I had an interest in refugee and human rights law, and there are not many opportunities for 1L students interested in the social justice field, so it was the perfect option for me! I recommend this to anyone who thinks they may have the slightest interest in international law because the people you meet, the things you learn, and experiences you gain are truly priceless and will help you in whatever you do. The workload is definitely intense, but it was super interesting to see what we learnt in class applied in the real world during our field trips to The Hague and Geneva. And if you end up not liking the courses, at least you get to spend 2 months with Gillian, living in the countryside beside a castle! Can't recommend this program enough, you will be working the rest of your life, take advantage of 1L summer to do something different and interesting!"

Mylène Woehrlé, PIL 2023, Ottawa

"The Public International Law Program at Bader College is a unique opportunity that I would highly recommend to any law student. Classroom learning becomes an experience through incorporation of talented guest speakers, insightful teachers and visits to organizations that function daily within the international sphere."

Dylan Wong, PIL 2023, Queen's

"This experience has been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and probably the most meaningful thing I have ever done. The amount of personal growth I have gone through in this program is immeasurable, and for those interested in a career in international law, the connections are unparalleled."

2022 End-of Term Survey

"The BISC program is wonderful. This is a unique opportunity to hear from leading experts in international law - not to mention the beautiful setting! It allows students to explore the possibilities of a career in international law."

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"The program really exceeded my expectations and I'm leaving with some friends that I hope I have for life!"

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