

Section de common law Common Law Section

## **Puerto Rico Exchange Application Form**

Completed applications for the Puerto Rico Exchange must be submitted to <u>clawacad@uottawa.ca</u> no later than 12:00 noon E.S.T on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Given Name(s)	Surname	ID	Email Address

Course I am applying for (choose one):

FEMINA RICO - CML 4137 JA ARTE RICO - CML 4137 JB

If not selected, would you like to be considered for the other course offered? Yes No

## Undertaking

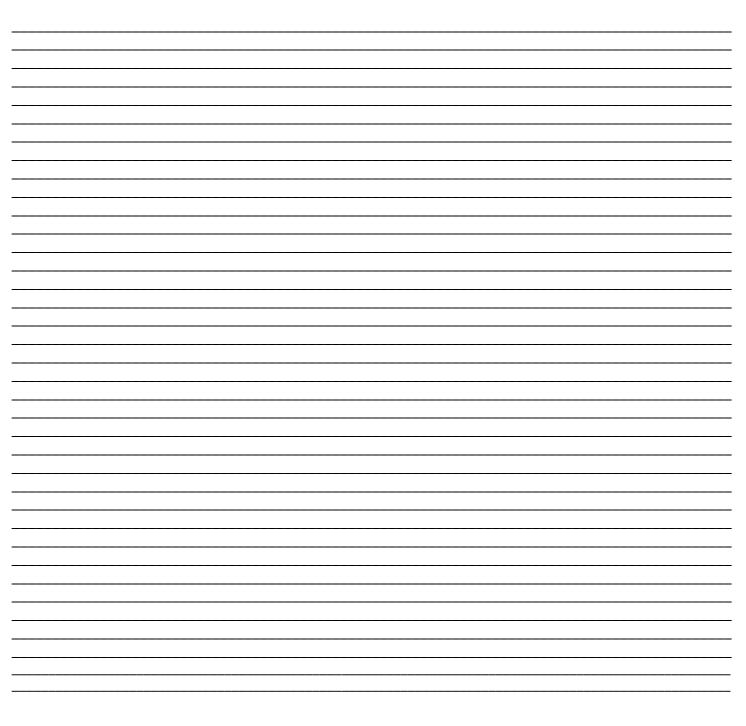
In recognition of the difficult logistics and other challenges associated with organizing an international exchange program for 36 students, and in consideration of the many other students who were not offered a spot, this application includes my undertaking that I am committed to remaining enrolled in the course and participating in its various extracurricular activities. Having read the basic information provided about the Puerto Rico Exchange on the page following my personal statement, I understand the associated obligations and have a sense of the costs that I will be undertaking. I know that I will only be permitted to drop this course based on compelling and compassionate grounds or for medical reasons.

My signature below reflects my commitment to the Puerto Rico Exchange and signifies my promise to remain enrolled in the course if selected.

Student Signature	Date

## **Personal Statement**

In a statement of 500 words or less, please indicate the reasons why you wish to enroll in the course selected above.



## **Basic Information about the Puerto Rico Exchange**

The Puerto Rico Exchange is part of the January Term program at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. This year, it consists of two course offerings:

- CML 4137 JA Femina-Rico with Prof. Backhouse,
- CML 4137 JB Arte-Rico with Prof. Chloé Georas.

Enrollment and completion of any one of these courses fulfills the January Term requirement.

As an exchange course, each of these two classes will consist of an equal number of students from the University of Ottawa and from *Universidad de Puerto Rico* (roughly 24 students per course). The three weeks of the course will take place in Puerto Rico.

Though not part of the exchange program, many uOttawa students will elect to stay in Puerto Rico for vacation during the break week that follows the completion of January Term.

All students enrolled in the Puerto Rico exchange will participate in a number of social, legal and cultural extra-curricular activities. This exchange is not for the weary. Both courses are intellectually and academically demanding and, along with the additional extra-curricular activities, will result in significant time and energy demands during the three-week period.

Students participating in the program incur all costs associated with transportation and accommodation, nutrition and entertainment. Flights to Puerto Rico vary each year but are generally in the range of \$700-\$800 cdn. Accommodations also vary—especially depending on how many people are sharing —often in the range of \$300-\$600 cdn. Food and entertainment prices are roughly equivalent but priced in US dollars. Students tend to incur various additional out of pocket expenses for entertainment and recreational activities—especially if they stay on for vacation. Invariably, students tend to underbudget and over-spend. Such is the nature of spending time in a tropical paradise!

Additional questions will be answered at an information session held by Prof. Backhouse at the beginning of the school term. It is strongly recommended that you do not purchase flights or make travel plans until after this information session.

Unlike other courses, there is no add/drop period. If spots open up, they will be assigned to people on a wait list maintained by the Common Law Student Center. All students who applied but were not initially selected will automatically be added to the wait list. Be sure that you want to participate in this program before you apply because, in doing so, you are committing to be enrolled if selected and may not drop the course except for compelling and compassionate grounds or for medical reasons.