The @WashULaw immersion coincides with the January intercession on campus at Washington University School of Law. @WashULaw students supplement their coursework with a one-credit elective course (see sample catalog below) and real-world experiences that bring the U.S. legal system to life. The following itinerary serves as an example and is subject to change.

Sunday, January 4:
6:00: Opening Dinner at Bar Italia

Monday, January 5:
9:00-11:30: Class
11:45: Tour of Washington University in St. Louis
12:30: Lunch at the Duck with @WashULaw Faculty
2:00: Visit to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
3:30: Visit to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
6:00: Dinner hosted by Associate Dean Michael Koby

Tuesday, January 6:
9:00-11:30: Class
2:00: Visit to the Missouri Circuit Court
3:30: Visit to the Old State Courthouse in St. Louis

Wednesday, January 7:
9:00-11:30: Class
2:00: Visit to the United States Attorney’s Office
3:30: Visit to the Federal Public Defender’s Office
6:00: Reception with Washington University Faculty and Alumni

Thursday, January 8:
9:00-11:30: Class
2:00: Visit to Bryan Cave LLC

Friday, January 9:
9:00-11:30: Class
2:00: Visit to Emerson Electric Company
6:00: Closing Reception Dinner in St. Louis
JANUARY 2015 ELECTIVE COURSES

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, Corporate Restructuring & Alternative Insolvency Models
This class provides an overview of the legal considerations and strategies necessary to address a variety of restructuring models, including chapter 11 bankruptcy, corporate restructuring, federal court receiverships, and Securities Investor Protection Corporation broker-dealer liquidations. Students will learn the fundamentals of each paradigm as well as the business aspects driving corporate restructurings. No prior bankruptcy or business experience is required.

Electronic Evidence in the Age of Cloud Computing
Computers and electronic devices have changed the way we communicate, and electronically stored information (“ESI”) is quickly changing the cost and dynamics of litigation. In this course we will review the basics of computer files, storage and retrieval, and computer forensics, and will examine what sample ESI looks like. We will then explore E-discovery, including the E-discovery rules, triggers and preservation, proportionality and cooperation, spoliation and sanctions. We close with a focus on the evidentiary aspects of ESI, including privilege and FRE Rule 502, and how rules such as authentication, relevance, prejudice, best evidence and hearsay apply in the electronic world.

Introduction to Law Firm Practice
Most law school graduates enter private practice. This course attempts to prepare them for some of the daily challenges they will encounter in such a setting by teaching them how law firms are structured, how they generate revenue and compensate lawyers, and how they develop business. It will also discuss issues such as what law firm’s value, how lawyers bill time, and how to deal with co-workers and clients. Teaching methods will include role-play and other creative techniques.

Private Equity Transactions
This course will examine from a practical perspective the issues and documentation arising in a typical private equity acquisition transaction using a mixture of lectures, cases and guest speakers. The course will begin with a basic introduction to the private equity industry, including the roles of the various business and legal participants, and will then focus on the structure, negotiation and documentation of a private equity investment transaction. Overall, the course is intended as a survey/introductory course rather than an in-depth analysis of any particular area of law or type of document. Time will be set aside for discussions on current events and careers in the private equity industry.
The Financial Crisis and the Regulatory Response
This course will explore the Financial Crisis of 2007-08, including its causes in order to understand the regulatory response. It will examine the weaknesses of regulatory framework and international organizations in place prior to the Financial Crisis and the evolution of this framework and these organizations in response to the Crisis. We will look at changes to the banking system, including increased capital and liquidity requirements, derivative reform, proprietary trading in deposit-taking institutions, “too big to fail,” resolution and recovery and shadow banks. We will focus on the impact and implications of heightened litigation/regulatory fines and the cost on banking institutions. Finally, we will discuss whether a financial crisis could happen again.

The Lawyer’s Role in Urban Revitalization: St. Louis as a Case Study
The problems of a struggling city are shaped by - and arguably can be addressed through - local government law, the structures of municipal institutions, private sector interests, community engagement, and the practicalities of politics. This course will use local government law to examine some of the institutional and public policy challenges facing St. Louis, and examine potential pathways to growth for the city. Each session will couple local government law doctrines with a particular “public problem” faced by St. Louis: inner city decline vs. suburban growth, economic development in a fragmented landscape, issues of inequity and inequality, and regional governance. It will put students in the position of serving as legal and policy advisers and, ultimately, decision makers with the goal of challenging students to think strategically about the trade-offs decision-makers face. A final, 5-7 page writing assignment will require students to analyze one specific public problem from the larger subset of course themes and apply local government law doctrines covered in class in developing possible solutions. Attendance is mandatory. Students will be expected to hold time for two afternoon site visits in St. Louis: Tuesday, January 6 from 1-4pm and Thursday, January 8 from 1-4pm. These site visits will be in addition to regular class time.