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UM School of Law launches global program

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The University of Miami School of Law is scheduled to launch their latest program, LawWithoutWalls, on Saturday, Jan. 15 in London, England. The program brings together 23 students from six law schools in the US, England and China through video conferencing and structured collaboration.

The program pairs up students from around the world to work together and create a solution to a controversial legal topic. The course will use Adobe Connect, a web-based virtual meeting application to carry-out the semester.

“The reason law schools haven't done it before is because they never had to,” said Dean Patricia D. White. “With the technological advances, globalization and deregulation, the law schools of today have to change.”

After being paired up, students will research and analyze their topic, then spend the semester interviewing experts in the field, conducting intensive research and working toward a solution to their specific issue. The course will culminate with the LawWithoutWalls' ConPosium in April 2011 where students will present their “Project of Worth.”

“LawWithoutWalls is anything but a typical law school class,” said Associate Professor Michele DeStefano Beardslee, LawWithoutWalls founder. “It's a new way of learning, collaborating, interacting and affecting change.”

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