A Fletcher education is highly customizable, and each student may decide on a different academic trajectory to suit his or her own professional and academic goals. To get a better sense of how these individual curricular decisions can play out, we asked recent students in their final semester to talk about their goals, their classes, and the decisions made during their Fletcher career.

Pre-Fletcher Experience:
Prior to starting at Fletcher, I worked for three years in political polling and consulting in Washington, DC where I provided qualitative and quantitative research to non-profits, advocacy organizations, political campaigns, and corporations. I graduated from Middlebury College in 2011 with a BA in International Studies and a minor in French.

Fields of Study:
1. Public International Law
2. Human Security

Capstone Project
Offensive peacekeeping mandates and the protection of civilians
I’m writing my capstone about robust peacekeeping and protection of civilians in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Post-Fletcher Professional Goals:
I hope to work in an NGO or non-profit in human rights advocacy or humanitarian law.

Curriculum Overview

Semester One
- Data Analysis and Statistical Methods
- International Legal Order
- International Organizations
- Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies

I took 3 legal classes this semester, all of which I enjoyed immensely, particularly International Legal Order with Professor Glennon which was one of my favorite classes at Fletcher. Statistics rounded out my semester.

Semester Two
- Europe and the World (.5 credit)
- U.S.-European Relations (.5 credit)
- Public International Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- Dev Econ: Macro Perspectives

Public International Law is the second course of the core curriculum of the Public International Law field of study, and I enjoyed taking this along with International Humanitarian Law, which helped lead to my summer internship.

Summer Internship
Over the summer I interned at the Center for Civilians in Conflict in Washington, DC, where I worked with protection of civilian issues in Africa, particularly in peace operations. This was a fantastic opportunity to apply my knowledge from International Organizations, as well as my law courses, including Public International Law and International Humanitarian Law.

**Semester Three**
- Art & Science of Statecraft
- Gender, Culture, & Conflict in Complex Humanitarian Emergencies
- Strategizing for Human Rights (Harvard Kennedy School)
- Foundations of Financial Accounting and Corporate Finance

I branched out this semester and gained practical skills, particularly in the human rights course I took at Harvard and in Corporate Finance. I also took the core course of the Human Security Concentration, which built on some of my knowledge from my summer internship.

**Semester Four**
- Lobbying (Harvard January Term)
- The Historian’s Art
- GIS for International Applications
- Peace Operations
- Immigration Law: Policy and Social Change (Harvard Law School)

I continued to gain more practical skills this semester through my HKS January term course on lobbying as well as GIS. I’ve been able to tie my interests in humanitarian law and protection of civilians in conflict to my final projects for GIS and Peace Operations. I also finally had the opportunity to take a course at Harvard Law School.