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1. Special courses for exchange students

1.1 Introduction courses

Introduction to German civil law for exchange students	
21 199 - Einführung in das deutsche Zivilrecht für Austauschstudierende	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week winter AND summer Language: German	This class provides international students with an overview of the principles of German private law. Through case discussions, students become acquainted with the concepts of the General Part of the German Civil Code (BGB), contracts, unjust enrichment and delict, and property. Other related topics will be dealt with occasionally. Students should be prepared to contribute insights from the legal systems of their home countries which allow comparisons between those legal systems and the German one.

Introduction to German public law for exchange students	
21 299 - Einführung in das deutsche öffentliche Recht für Austauschstudierende	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week winter AND summer Language: German	This course is designed to give international students an overview of German public law. The emphasis is on German constitutional law (system of government, protection of human rights). The main doctrines of administrative law are also discussed, including law of administrative procedure.

1.2. Courses taught in English (summer semester 2025)

European convention on human rights 21 681	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Language: English	The course deals with European human rights theory, selected human rights guarantees such as the prohibition of inhuman and degrading treatment, freedom of expression or the protection of private life, and the functioning of the European Court of Human Rights.
Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities 21 687	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Language: English	The course introduces major concepts and provisions of the CRPD such as the prohibition of discrimination, the obligation to provide reasonable accommodation, accessibility, inclusiveness and participation. Moreover, the course considers implementation and monitoring mechanisms, which exist both on the domestic and on the international level. Special attention will be paid to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its practice.
Transnational human rights protection 21 682	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Level: advanced Language: English	The course deals with established structures and current developments in the field of human rights. National human rights provisions will be used as a point of reference as well as transnational. In addition, it will also deal with mechanisms of human rights protection that transcend the national context but are not part of the global or regional systems.

Climate change law and litigation 36 290	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Language: English	The first part of the course gives an overview of and an introduction to international climate change law. In the second half of the course different climate litigation cases from around the world are presented and discussed.

Law and Borders: The construction and meaning of borders for international migration 21 684	
ECTS credits: Individual agreement Type: seminar 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Language: English	The course offers an overview of contemporary border issues in Europe which come into tensions with legal aspects of migration. It introduces the relevant regulations and explores the multidimensional issues experienced by individuals along borders and how they are affected by the law or conversely impact the law.

Introduction to Indian Constitutional Law 21 207	
ECTS credits: 5 Type: lecture 2 hours/week Summer 2025 Language: English	The content of the course covers the essential features of the Indian Constitution. It will also discuss the historical background and the colonial impact on the existing constitutional frameworks. In addition, it will deal with the Indian constitutional landmark cases to highlight the proactive role of the Indian Judiciary in achieving modern legal transformation.

2. Core courses

2.1. Civil law

Basic Course in BGB (German Civil Code) I 21 101 – Grundkurs BGB I	
ECTS credits: 12 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 6 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course is the Introduction to the general rules of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) (§§ 1-240 BGB). It is a basis on which further civil law lectures are built upon.

Basic Course in BGB (German Civil Code) II 21 101 – Grundkurs BGB II	
ECTS credits: 12 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 6 hours/week, summer Language: German	This lecture builds upon the lecture Basic Course in BGB (German Civil Code). It deals with the general law of obligations (Allgemeines Schuldrecht (§§ 241-432 BGB)) using the example of purchases (§§ 433-479 BGB)

Law of contracts 21 104 – Schuldrecht I: Vertragliche Schuldverhältnisse	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 4 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course deals with different types of contracts and the special part of the law of obligations. It focuses on the characteristics of the different types of contracts and how they differ from one another.

Legal obligations 21 103 – Schuldrecht II: Gesetzliche Schuldverhältnisse	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 4 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course deals with three elementary fields of law from the BGB: tort law (especially §§ 823 ff. BGB), general law of compensatory damages (§§ 249 ff. BGB) and enrichment law (§§ 812 ff. BGB)

Note:

Tutorials (Konversationsübungen) are offered to accompany these lectures (summer and winter). These are taught by assistants and deal with case studies. We highly recommend students attend these tutorials in addition to the lectures (2hrs/week, 4 credits). Weekly attendance is necessary to complete a tutorial.

Property law 21 107 - Sachenrecht	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2 nd year course 4 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course builds on the civil law courses above. It deals with the property law of movable and immovable property. The course focuses on property acquisition, the relationship between owner and possessor, and property's use to secure credit.

Commercial law and business organizations 21 109 - Handels- und Gesellschaftsrecht	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 3rd year course 4 hours/week, winter Language: German	The first part of this course deals with the main features of commercial law, the commercial register, the prokura and other types of agency as well as general regulations on mercantile transactions and mercantile sale (§§ 343 - 382 HGB). The second part deals with the law of partnerships. The last part of the lecture expands on the main features of the law governing companies with limited liability (GmbH).

Civil procedure law I: Contentious proceeding 21 115 - Zivilprozessrecht I: Erkenntnisverfahren	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 4 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course expands on the exam-relevant rules applying to lawsuits. It teaches the rules of procedures in civil courts.

Civil procedure law II: Law of enforcement 21 106 - Zivilprozessrecht II: Zwangsvollstreckungsrecht	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 2 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course expands on the exam-relevant subjects of enforcement of court orders and foreclosure.

Advanced German Civil Law 21 211 – BGB-Vertiefung (1-3 Buch)	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture Level: 4th year course (7 semester of study) 2 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course further elaborates on the basic rules of German civil law, i.e. the general principles of civil law and the law of contracts and obligations.

Family law and law of succession 21 111 – Familien- und Erbrecht	
Law of succession (Erbrecht) ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 3rd year course 3 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course focuses on the law of succession, e.g. the validity of wills, the different means offered to the testator or the rights of the beneficiaries of a bequest. Basics of family law like the rights of spouses will also be taught.

Labour law - law of the employment relationship 21 108 - Arbeitsrecht	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 4 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course offers an overview over German labour regulations, from a historic perspective to employment protection and rules on wages.

2.2. Public law

Fundamental Rights 21 250 - Grundrechte	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 4 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course deals with the fundamental rights of the German Basic Law (<i>Grundgesetz</i>). The general doctrines of fundamental rights and namely different protective dimensions are dealt with, as well as specific fundamental rights and their enforcement through the constitutional complaint procedure at the Federal Constitutional Court (<i>Bundesverfassungsgericht</i>).

Law of state organization 21 201 - Staatsorganisationsrecht	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 3 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course deals with the organization of the German state as described in the German constitution. Topics include procedures in the German parliament (<i>Bundestag</i>), the rights and responsibilities of the states (<i>Länder</i>) and different federal institutions.

Note:

For both lectures, tutorials (Konversationsübungen) are offered. These are taught by assistants and deal with case studies. We highly recommend students attend these tutorials in addition to the lectures (2hrs/week, 4 credits). Weekly attendance is necessary to complete a tutorial.

Exercises in public law for beginners 21 202 - Übungen im öffentlichen Recht für Anfänger	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 1 hours/week, winter AND summer Language: German	The exercise class gives students practice in constitutional law cases with case discussions, class exercises and term papers. Previous knowledge of constitutional rights is needed and students must also attend the lecture in law of state organization simultaneously. The course certificate requires a term paper and class exercises graded with at least 4 points (sufficient).

Administrative law I: General administrative law and law of administrative court procedure 21 203 - Verwaltungsrecht I: Allgemeines Verwaltungsrecht und Verwaltungsprozessrecht	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 4 hours/week, winter AND summer Language: German	This course deals with the fundamental rules of administrative law, in particular with the doctrine of administrative acts, and with the law of administrative court procedure.

Administrative law II including police and security law 21 204 - Verwaltungsrecht II mit Polizei- und Sicherheitsrecht	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 4 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course builds upon the basics of German public law and focuses on the rights and responsibilities of German security agencies, especially federal and state police as well as preliminary injunctions by courts in response to urgent cases.

Administrative law III (construction planning law and local government law) 21 257 - Verwaltungsrecht III (Baurecht und Kommunalrecht)	
ECTS credits: 8 Type: lecture Level: 3rd year course 4 hours/week, winter Language: German	The main features of this course are the rules on construction projects as well as rights and responsibilities of local governments and city councils.

European law 21 206 - Europarecht	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 3 hours/week, summer Language: German	This lecture features the complete mandatory range of this fascinating, dynamic, and important legal area. The starting point is the internal constitution of the European Union, which leads to an understanding of the most basic provisions, rules and mechanisms of the European Union Treaties and the different areas of politics within the EU. To ensure the best possible preparation for succeeding in written examinations, the law of the European Union will be presented embedded in actual, recent cases that might be subject to assessment during the exams in this very form. This approach also trains students to cope with problems that may arise at the boundary point of EU law and national law.

Note:

For some Administrative Law lectures and European Law lectures, tutorials (Konversationsübungen) are offered. These are taught by assistants and deal with case studies. We highly recommend students attend these tutorials in addition to the lectures (2hrs/week, 4 credits). Weekly attendance is necessary to complete a tutorial.

2.3. Criminal law

Criminal law - General part I 21 200 - Strafrecht Allgemeiner Teil I	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 3 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course serves as an introduction to criminal law. After an overview of the different theories of punishment and general crime, the course teaches the general requirements for a criminal offense such as fault, recklessness or causality of acts.

Criminal law - General part II 21 202 - Strafrecht Allgemeiner Teil II	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 1st year course 3 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course follows Criminal law - General Part I and builds upon it by presenting special cases such as recklessness, attempts at a criminal offense or complicity.

Note:

For both lectures, tutorials (Konversationsübungen) are offered. These are taught by assistants and deal with case studies. We highly recommend students attend these tutorials in addition to the lectures (2hrs/week, 4 credits). Weekly attendance is necessary to complete a tutorial.

Criminal law - Special part I 21 302 - Strafrecht Besonderer Teil I	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 3 hours/week, summer Language: German	This course is based mainly on recent case-law and deals with offences against the person as well as against property such as theft, murder or injury.

Criminal law - Special part II 21 206 - Strafrecht Besonderer Teil II	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 3 hours/week, winter Language: German	This course is based mainly on recent case law and deals with the residual offences against property and against the general public such as fraud, robbery or arson.

Law of criminal procedure 21 207 - Strafprozessrecht	
ECTS credits: 6 Type: lecture Level: 3rd year course 2 hours/week, summer Language: German	<p>This lecture deals with the basics of legal proceedings in front of criminal courts including reopening of a lawsuit, rights of the accused and court orders taking into account the rights and duties of the parties.</p> <p>Prerequisites: Criminal Law I and II (international students who have studied the criminal law of their home countries should have the necessary background to be able to benefit from and contribute to this class).</p>

2.4. General subjects

Philosophy of law 21 340 - Rechtsphilosophie	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 2 hours/week, winter Language: German	The big legal and philosophical systems conceived by Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Jean-Jacques Rousseau as well as Immanuel Kant and Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel are introduced through the use of detailed text extracts. These thinkers express themselves on various topics, such as the foundation of the governmental claim for obedience, the legitimization of punishment and the origin and authorization of private property. Their answers still characterize contemporary legal-philosophical discussion.

History of law 21 400 - Rechtsgeschichte	
ECTS credits: 4 Type: lecture Level: 2nd year course 2 hours/week, summer Language: German	The objective of this course is to introduce the fundamentals of the modern legal system. To reflect the main components of contemporary law studies, the course is divided into three parts: History of constitutional, penal and civil law. Course materials will be made available for download as the course progresses.