

The Law Faculty of the University of Münster
List of English-taught Courses (*)

| Course title | Course description | SWS (Hours per week) | Credits (**) | summer semester | winter semester |
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| <i>Undergraduate Studies</i> | | | | | |
| List of English-taught courses (*) within our main degree program: "LAW" | | | | | |
| <i>German Law</i> | | | | | |
| Introduction to German Private Law for International Students | The lecture is designed to introduce foreign students to the basics of German private law. It gives an overview over the history and fundamental principles of the German Civil Code (BGB) and attempts to make students familiar with the most important provisions and their application. The lecture covers the law of contracts and obligations (including tort law), property law, as well as the basics of family, succession, commercial, and company law. Case examples and comparative remarks will help to understand the peculiarities of German private law and the German legal system. Students will take a written exam (4 ECTS) and are offered to write an optional essay (additional 4 ECTS). | 2 | 4 or 8 | ✓ | ✓ |
| Introduction to German Public Law for International Students | | 2 | 4 or 8 | | ✓ |
| Introduction to German Criminal Law for International Students | | 2 | 4 or 8 | ✓ | |
| <i>International Law / Comparative Public and Private Law</i> | | | | | |
| Common Law Methodology | This course offers an introduction to certain aspects of common law legal systems, with a strong focus on how the systems in England and the United States function. Participants will learn about the structure of these systems as well as the method of legal analysis used in them. The knowledge and skills gained during the course will be assessed in a written examination at its conclusion. | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| Current Issues in American Public Law | The objective of the course is to give an insight into current legal discussions in US law by focusing on a few selected current issues. From a German legal viewpoint, the series of lectures will deal with aspects of public law. | 2 | 4 | | |
| Current developments in Global Human Rights Law | This course considers selected current developments in international and comparative human rights, but is taught with the overarching aim of introducing the ways in which rights operate in the real world. Each topic will be considered alongside relevant theory and analytical tools, and we will consider black letter legal materials alongside sources from history, sociology and political science. Along the way, we will engage the extraordinary rise of rights in courts in recent decades, cutting edge applications of rights around the world, and what makes rights-based | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |

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| | litigation approaches succeed, and fail. | | | | |
| Fundamentals of American Constitutional Law | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| History of Human Rights | This course considers selected topics in the history of human rights, responding to the recent resurgence of interest in the topic prompted by Samuel Moyn's <i>The Last Utopia</i> . We will examine key moments in the evolution of understandings of rights, international legal personality, international courts of binding jurisdiction, and key doctrines, including genocide and crimes against humanity and the uncertain origins of minority rights protections. We will then study post-World War II developments, the origins of the European Convention on Human Rights, the anti-colonial movement, and the developments during the 1970s that Moyn treats as the origin of human rights as we know them today. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Introduction to US Public Law and Government | | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| Modern Common Law Litigation: Procedure, Evidence and Remedies | This course offers an introduction to the common law civil trial, especially as it exists in its two most influential forms: in the United States, and in England and Wales. We will compare common law civil trial's defects to the greater efficiencies offered by its Continental (especially German) counterpart, and examine the historical reasons for the differences between the two, notably the presence of the jury and the greater power of common law lawyers relative to judges. We will consider the rise of pre-trial, now the most important site at which civil disputes that come to court are resolved, and consider both the rise of US discovery and pre-trial in England and Wales after the Woolf reforms. We will then turn to consider issues of evidence, witnesses, the role of the jury, costs and appeal in ordinary civil trials, and then in hybrid forms: the class action, and public interest litigation, and the limits of these devices. We conclude by considering the latest developments in e-discovery and other application of technology to once again rewrite the rules of trial. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Völkerrecht II: International Human Rights Protection | This lecture focuses particularly on International Human Rights Protection. Following an introduction on the sources and mechanisms of human rights protection, the lecture explores the role of national and international courts and the methodology and structure of human rights analysis. Afterwards, individual rights such as the right to life, civil and political rights, and equality rights are covered in more detail. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| WTO-Law; International Trade and Investment Law | The Lecture provides an overview of international trade law, in particular the law of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Students can expect a lecture in which they will | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |

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| | learn, among other things, why the US 2018 steel tariffs breach WTO law, what the rest of the world is doing about them, what hormone beef and chlorine chicken are all about, as well as how WTO dispute resolution works (also compared to investment arbitration tribunals) and in what distress it currently is (due to the US), and also what Brexit means within the WTO. | | | | |
| Seminar with Prof. Fowkes (registration in previous semester necessary) | | 3 | 9 | ✓ | ✓ |
| List of English-taught courses within our certificate program: "Foreign Law Program (FFA)" (*) | | | | | |
| Australian Constitutional Law | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| British Constitutional Law | | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| Common Law Legal System | This course seeks to introduce students to aspects of the common law by focusing on the legal systems in England and the United States. After having been given an overview of the legal profession and court system, students are shown various aspects of court procedure and then spend several weeks learning about how the law works, with an emphasis on learning about how one uses case law and the role statutes play in the legal system. | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| Common Law of Contract | This course introduces the fundamentals of common law contract law, with an emphasis on contract law in the United States. The course introduces the fundamentals of contract law, including: policy considerations, contract formation, required formalities, interpretation, performance, breach, defenses, and remedies. Students are asked to analyze cases and related fact patterns, in order to apply the relevant contract law and understand its practical implications. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Common Law of Tort | The course introduces fundamentals of common law tort law, with an emphasis on tort law in the United States. The course provides an overview of negligence, intentional torts and strict liability, including required elements, policy considerations, relevant tests, defenses and damages. Students are asked to analyze cases and related fact patterns, in order to apply the relevant tort law and understand its practical implications. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Company Law | This module will introduce you into English company law. The module deals with private limited companies (Ltd.) and public limited companies (Plc). The module will first address the foundations of the corporate structure (e.g. different types of business organisation, the registration process, the corporate personality, piercing the corporate veil, criminal and tortious liability of companies). It will then focus on the constitution of the company (i.e. the articles of association), the division of power in companies, corporate theory and the background to the corporate governance debate in English company law. Corporate governance has been met with huge interest in recent years, particularly in light of the global economic and financial crisis. Following the introduction into the debate about corporate governance in English law, the module will look at company directors: Their appointment and the termination of their office as well as the various directors' duties which are now codified in the Companies Act 2006. The focus will then shift from the directors to the members of the company, i.e. the shareholders. The lectures will | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |

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| | discuss membership, shares, corporate meetings and shareholders' remedies. Finally, the module will address corporate takeovers and reconstruction. The module will conclude by addressing the topical issue of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). | | | | |
| Current Issues in American Law | | 2 | 4 | | |
| Human Rights in a Digital Age | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| International and Comparative Indigenous Rights | This course is intended to provide an introduction to the unique legal and political position of the world's 370 million Indigenous Peoples. Given the immensity of the variations in lifestyle, economic and social circumstances, traditional belief systems, levels of involvement in state governance and different legal positions within nation states, this course can only provide an overview of this fascinating topic. The course will begin with a review of the development of international law in the context of European expansion to the Americas and Africa in the 1500s to the mid 1900s. We will then examine in detail the specific historical and legal developments in the USA, Canada, Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand as case studies through examining similarities, differences and the way legal and political ideas have travelled amongst the 4 countries. The course will end with a return to international law to examine how the law has been radically transformed over the past 40 years. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | ✓ |
| International Commercial Arbitration | This course is intended to provide an introduction to the use and practice of arbitration proceedings in international commercial transactions as an alternative to domestic state court litigation. Learning outcomes: Students will be able to assess the advantages and challenges of arbitration proceedings when compared to state court proceedings. They will furthermore learn about the fundamentals of the procedural steps involved in such arbitration proceedings (opening of the proceedings, pre-hearing phase, hearing, arbitral award, and post-award issues). | 2 | 4 | ✓ | ✓ |
| International Competition Law | | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| International Conflicts of Law in the U.S. Legal System | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| International Intellectual Property Law | Students will be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge and critical understanding of intellectual property law in its international context; demonstrate an awareness of the policy context and framework of international intellectual property law; apply relevant principles of law to problematic fact situations and critically evaluate the relevant principles of law and make reasoned proposals for reform of specific areas of international intellectual property law. | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Introduction to International Contract law | This course is intended to provide an introduction to the challenges of contractual arrangements in an international setting and to the choices to be made, with a focus on practical matters of how to draft such agreements. Learning outcomes: Students will be able to identify and address the most important aspects to be dealt with in contractual arrangements in an international setting (choice of state court jurisdiction or arbitration, choice of law, uniform substantive law such as the Vienna Sales Convention, comparative contract law with a focus on the interpretation of contractual agreements). | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |

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| Introduction to Public International Law | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| Presidential Powers in the Age of Trump | | 2 | 4 | ✓ | |
| U.S. Constitutional Law I - Structure of American Government | This class presents students with an overview of the most important provisions of the U.S. Constitution, and cases of the United States Supreme Court interpreting them. The tripartite nature of the federal government is discussed in historical context, as are concepts of U.S. federalism and the notion that the federal government is one of delegated powers. The class will also acquaint students with rudimentary aspects of U.S. Administrative Law. | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| U.S. Constitutional Law II - Fundamentals Rights | This class presents students with some of the individual rights found in the Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, with a special emphasis on the protection of liberty and equality rights through an analysis of milestone decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |
| U.S. Criminal Law | | 2 | 4 | | ✓ |

(*) This list contains a selection of law courses from which you can chose for the purpose of your learning agreement. This information is supplied without liability. Detailed specifications of lectures (content, amount of credits, appointed semester, etc.) may be subject to change. Please check <http://www.jura.uni-muenster.de/vk> regularly for further courses, detailed information and current changes. It is important to note that the FFA courses only have limited availability. For further information please contact the FFA office: ffa@uni-muenster.de.

(**) The ECTS-credits for courses within the main degree program "LAW" listed above are awarded to incoming students (guest students) exclusively in order to recognize the additional workload for non-native speakers. Full degree students of our Faculty receive fewer credits for the same classes.