

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
Undergraduate Studies					
List of English-taught courses (*) within our main degree program: "LAW"					
German Law					
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 (6 ECTS) and have the opportunity to take an additional coursework (additional 2 ECTS).	2	6 or 8	✓	✓
Introduction to German Public Law for International Students	The course explores the foundations of German public law. It focusses on Germany's constitutional history and the constitutional order established by the Basic Law (fundamental principles, institutions, legislation, fundamental rights). An outline of German administrative law completes the picture. Students will take a written exam (6 ECTS) and have the opportunity to take an additional coursework (additional 2 ECTS).	2	6 or 8		✓
International Law / Comparative Public and Private Law					
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	6		✓
Comparative Property Law	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6		✓
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 litigation approaches succeed, and fail.	2	6		✓

European Media Law	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6		✓
Fundamentals of American Constitutional Law	Fundamentals of American Constitutional Law - constitutional law in the United States can be divided into two parts: one part dealing with the organization of government and the other part dealing with fundamental rights. This course will cover both of these parts and include discussions on: legislative power, executive power, judicial power, federalism, freedom of speech, religious liberty, equal protection under the law, and implied constitutional rights.	2	6	✓	
Introduction to US Public Law and Government	This course will introduce students to the workings of the US state: the practice of regulation by government in the United States and related constitutional and administrative law, including the dynamics of US-style federalism and the separation of powers. The course materials will combine traditional legal sources with material from history and political and social science, taking the kind of inter-disciplinary approach necessary to understand how people in the US approach their government, how to run it, and how to study it. We will conclude by examining the current problems of US government, and where they come from.	2	6		✓
International Criminal Procedure	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6		✓
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	6	✓	
Seminar (varying topics; registration in previous semester necessary)	In addition to regular lectures, seminars of various kinds are offered at the Law Faculty of the WWU. Approximately 15-25 students participate in a seminar. They deal in depth with a specific legal topic. A seminar is not a weekly course but consists of writing an academic thesis comparable to a Bachelor thesis (ca. 25-40 pages) on one aspect of the main topic of the seminar, which is specified by the seminar instructor. The seminar paper is usually written during the lecture-free period before the beginning of the semester. In some seminars the seminar paper has to be handed in during the lecture period. You will then present the results of your written work in an oral presentation in a block course (2-3 days) held during the lecture period. Writing the thesis and attendance in the block course as well as the presentation are compulsory by registration for the seminar! Registration for the seminars takes place at the end of the previous semester, i.e. international students can only participate in a seminar in their second semester of study or must have already registered before the start of their first semester. An overview of the seminars offered and information on registration deadlines can be found in due course on the homepage of the Examinations Office: www.jura.uni@muenster.de/de/fakultaet/pruefungsamt/ . If you are interested in taking part, please contact the secretary of the examining professor. The majority of seminars is held in German, but every semester there are 1-2 seminars which are offered in English. Please note: Law students (state examination programme) and Bachelor students have priority due to the limited number of places!	2	12	✓	✓

Colloquium (varying topics; registration in previous semester necessary)	Basically, colloquia are comparable to seminars (see above for registration, course size and time frame). In contrast to a seminar, however, students do not write a whole academic thesis, but only a shorter discussion paper, which must then be presented and defended by the students. In addition, the students must participate in the discussion as part of the defence of the discussion papers of the other participants in the colloquium. Please note: Law students (state examination programme) and Bachelor students have priority due to the limited number of places!	2	9	✓	✓
List of English-taught courses within our certificate program: "Foreign Law Program (FFA)" (*)					
Australian Constitutional Law	This module is conducted in the English language and is drawn from the book Cannon, Lessons from the Australian Constitution: An Introduction to the Australian Legal System, Lit Verlag, Berlin and Muenster (2008). In the time available the coverage will be general and the breadth and depth of the course will be adapted to suit the background understanding of the students and their grasp of the English language.	2	6	✓	
Business and Human Rights: Corporate Due Diligence Obligations in International Value and Production Chains	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6	✓	
Business Law	This course introduces English company law and employment law whilst also considering various commercial aspects. The course considers the practical side of the law and looks at the various departments in a commercial law firm and how they can work together to meet the needs of the commercial client. The course considers the various types of business structures such as partnerships, private limited companies and public limited companies. It considers the advantages and disadvantages of the various structures, in addition to any formalities which may be required. Commercial aspects will also be considered such as agreements, property, loans and security. The course introduces the company in more detail covering topics such as incorporation, the corporate personality, piercing the corporate veil, the articles of association, the role of directors and their duties and the role of members and remedies. The course also considers insolvency and liquidation. The course further provides an introduction to English employment law, covering topics such as contracts of employment, employment rights, termination of employment, claims on termination and discrimination.	2	6		✓
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	6		✓
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	6	✓	

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	6	✓	
Comparative Criminal Law	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6	✓	
Constitutional and other Protections of Suspected Criminals in the U.S.	This course will focus on cases as the method of teaching, as common law relies heavily upon the case law developed by the Supreme Court of the United States, and other courts. The class will examine concepts of protections provided to people under the 4th, 5th and 6th Amendments, with special discussions also addressing the 14th Amendment, to the Constitution of the United States. Reading the abbreviated "Nutshell" version of a text will help the students as the course follows the continuing development of standards used in applying these protections by the courts. As they have changed over time, and are continuing to change, the class will look at some old cases, and will study some of the most recent cases, and discuss the directions that the majority and minority views on the Court are appearing to urge. A limited part of the course will be designed to allow students an opportunity to discuss in English pretrial and trial issues with a sitting judge. Students will be given an opportunity ask questions and discuss topics of their choosing.	2	6	✓	
European Private Law and Digital Market	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6	✓	
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	6	✓	
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	6	✓	✓
International Competition Law	This course is intended to provide an introduction to the international basis of competition law. Learning outcomes:	2	6		✓

	<p>Students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate a sound knowledge and critical understanding of competition law in its international context; • demonstrate an awareness of the policy context and framework of international competition 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 competition law. 				
International Dispute Resolution	<i>not yet available</i>	2	6	✓	
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	6	✓	
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	6		✓
Introduction to Public International Law	This course offers an introduction to Public International Law in English, which has become the language of international law. For exam purposes, the focus will be on concepts and English terminology, but classes will also consider examples and illustrations to build up a sense of the international public law order. We will aim for an overview, and so we cover a mix of both classical and contemporary topics of importance. We will start with foundational topics, including statehood and international legal personality, territory, the sources of international law, the law of treaties, jurisdiction, diplomatic relations and sovereign immunity. We will then examine selected substantive topics, including the use of force and the law of war, international adjudication and international criminal law, international economic law, international environmental law, international institutional and constitutional law, and international human rights, concluding with the increasingly important relationship between international law and domestic legal systems.	2	6	✓	
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	6		✓
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	6	✓	

U.S. Criminal Procedure Law	<p>In this course, we will learn about some selected issues in US criminal procedure law. The course begins with a general overview of the US criminal justice system (parties involved; differences between civil and criminal proceedings). We will learn about due process guarantees provided in the US Constitution. The concept of punishment is discussed (purposes and goals of punishment). We will then continue with the Trial Process, which will include the following topics: (a) burden of proof in criminal cases (here two short videos will be presented) and (b) plea bargaining in the USA (here a group activity will take place). The course concludes with lessons on the 4th Amendment's Search and Seizure Protections, the Exclusionary Rule and "Fruit of the Poisonous Tree" doctrine, and Confessions (Miranda Warnings). At the conclusion of the course, students will have learned important terminology in criminal procedure law and the criminal justice system as well as to critically consider/discuss some of the legal issues presented.</p>	2	6		✓
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(*) 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 <https://vkonline.jura.uni-muenster.de/> 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.