



Course Descriptions (English Courses)

1. Introduction to American Law

(Dr. Beke-Martos; Course ID 060300, Friday, 8 (s.t.)-10 am, Online Course)

This course is a basic introduction to the law and legal system of the United States in English. It covers the basic characteristics of the common law system, the doctrine of stare decisis, sources of law in the United States, the U.S. court system (both state and federal), the jury system, parties to a lawsuit, basics of the adversary system of trial, pleadings and motions, pretrial discovery, the trial process, case briefs and citations. This course is a core course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty. The course is though a lecture, some participation is expected.

Required reading: will be made available through Moodle.

2. U.S. Constitutional Law: State & Governance:

(Dr. Beke-Martos; Course ID 060301, Friday, 10 (s.t.) am-noon, Online Course)

This is an entry-level course on U.S. Constitutional Law. The course focuses on the text of the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments. Through grammatical and contextual analysis, students examine the structure and working of the American state and governance. Horizontal and vertical separation of powers and the basics of the common law legal system are also addressed and examined through documents and cases. This course is a core course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty. The course is though a lecture, some participation is expected.

Required reading will be provided.



3. Introduction to International Dispute Settlement

(Herr Wuschka; Course ID 060305, Monday 4-6 pm, Online Course)

This course focuses on the procedural side of international law. In addition to general principles of international dispute settlement, students will be familiarized with various fora for the resolution of inter-state, investor-state and commercial disputes, including their rules of procedure. The institutions to be discussed are, inter alia, the International Court of Justice, the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement system, arbitral tribunals, as well as the currently hot-debated system for the settlement of investment disputes (e.g. ICSID).

The course is limited to 20 participants (SPB 4 students and interested others). This course is open to students from the 4th semester.

This course is an elective course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty.

4. Normative Legal Philosophy

(Prof. Dr. Magen, Course ID 060003, Monday 2.15-3.45 pm, Online Course)

For further information please contact the chair of Prof. Magen: ls-magen@rub.de



5. Literature & Jurisprudence

(Dr. Prochownik; Ms. Wolski, Course ID 060115, Tuesday 6-7.30 pm, Zoom Online Course)

This seminar aims to introduce the students to the movement of "Law and Literature" and discuss its potential contributions to jurisprudence and legal scholarly.

In the first part of the course, we will discuss the main directions of studies in this field: "law *in* literature" (which examines the phenomenon of law and legal-philosophical issues in literary texts), and "law *as* literature" (which aims to contribute to the study of law as a literary text). Finally, we will discuss some critical responses to these projects. During this part, we will learn about and discuss the views of significant figures in the law and literature movement (e.g., Benjamin Cardozo, James Boyd White, Jane Baron, Martha Nussbaum), including famous legal philosophers (Ronald Dworkin and Richard Posner).

In the second and central part of the seminar, we will take the "law *in* literature" perspective. We will read and discuss a selection of relevant works of literary fiction or their fragments (e.g., William Shakespeare, Albert Camus, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Charles Dickens, Franz Kafka, Vladimir Nabokov, Bernhard Schlink, Harper Lee). During this part, we will discuss and interpret the works of fiction together regarding their potential legal-philosophical messages. We will end the seminar with a general discussion on whether and how the pieces of literary fiction (like the one discussed during the class) can contribute to legal thinking and legal practice.



6. An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law

(Dr. Oliveira de Sousa, Course ID 060318, Thursday, 10 am - noon, Online Course)

This course provides an introduction to the overarching concepts of constitutional law in a comparative fashion. It draws on the political and legal systems of the United States, China, Brazil, the United Kingdom, France and Germany, in order to highlight differences and similarities across a diversity of constitutional traditions. During this course, you will become acquainted with the fundamental features of the systems of government referred above; acquire insights about recent philosophical discussions on judicial review and the different ways in which it can be designed; reflect on how features of the constitutional systems referred above may help to explain and understand current social phenomena (e.g. political polarization); and reflect on whether and how traditional concepts of constitutional law may be revised in order to cope with recent developments in the global and transnational arena. At the same time in which this course will draw on traditional doctrinal analyses of constitutional law, it will also draw on relevant side-literature, especially of constitutional theory and of political, social and legal philosophy.

During the seminar we will discuss and confront different accounts and responses to evil that come from moral philosophy and psychology, and legal philosophy (this will include discussion of classical and contemporary philosophical texts on the nature of evil, recent empirical findings on social and psychological factors involved in it, and legal philosophical questions about whether and what type of punishment it deserves).

The goal of the course is to acquaint the students with one of important problems of philosophy, science and daily life, but also to help them strengthen their critical thinking, writing and argumentative skills.



7. Law, Democracy and Disagreement

(Dr. Oliveira de Sousa, Course ID 060317, Thursday, 2-4 pm, Online Course)

It is no exaggeration to say that liberal constitutionalism is in crisis. Modern societies have been for a long time permeated by strong political and moral disagreements. With the rise of populism and nationalist politics in Europe, US and beyond, the situation seems to have become radicalized in recent years. Disagreements are now so widespread that the very basic notions of democracy and of political community are at stake. This raises a number of questions about the nature and purpose of politics, its relation to law, as well as the function of legal and political institutions. In order to discuss these questions, this course will introduce you to the works of various legal, political and social philosophers about controversial topics such as freedom of expression and speech, pornography, hate speech, abortion, euthanasia, fake news as well as to seminal texts about the nature of democracy and rights in liberal and non-liberal traditions (e.g. communitarianism).

8. Current Issues in International Human Rights Law

(Prof. Hauser; Course ID 060314, Tuesday, 4 – 6 pm, Zoom Video Course)

The course focuses on the current debates within the international community regarding human rights. It will first present the institutional and legal basis of the international protection of human rights (both at universal and regional level) in order to better understand the existing system. Then, the students will focus on specific issues like the global pandemic, the responsibilities of international business corporations, protection of vulnerable groups and many others and try to understand to what extent the current system of international law provides for a full protection in face of these challenges.



9. Public International Law

(Prof. Hauser; Course ID 060315, Tuesday, 2– 4 pm, Zoom Video Course)

This course is a basic introduction to international public law. It covers the general principles of international law, sources of international law and its subjects. It also tackles the issue of international organizations, states' responsibilities and diplomatic protection. The typical lecture format is supplemented with some group works allowing for a better understanding of the practical application of international law in specific cases.

10. International Dimensions of Law

(Dr. Thiede; Course ID 060307, Friday 2 -4 pm, HZO 10)

Aims & Intended Outcomes: As indicated by its title, this course will focus on an introduction to Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws, European Law and Public International Law (with a focus on all questions of the law applicable (choice of law) in cases with a foreign element). Participants should obtain basic knowledge in Comparative Law, Conflict of Laws, European Law and Public International Law; understanding of problems in mentioned areas of law and (some) competence in questions of the law applicable in cases with a foreign element.

Previous knowledge expected: Instruction and assessment will be exclusively in English, and participants should have an appropriate level of linguistic competence.



11. Regulating Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector

(Dr. Ruschemeier; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060321, Dienstag, 10-12 Uhr, Zoom Video Course)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is applied in everyday life and increasingly present in judicial procedures and legal matters. The expectations are high, especially in the public sector for AI to transform administration and public service into efficient working organisations. Beside the chances there are risks: AI needs regulation and a legal framework. We will examine the technical basic principles and theories of AI and the implications for the public sector, the constitution and the question of liability. We will analyse the different paths taken in various countries via case studies and discuss the advantages and disadvantages.

12. Jessup Moot Court

(Dr. Beke-Martos, Mr. Hoang, Course ID 060330, Thursday, 2-6 pm; GD 1/148)

Among the many different competitions, the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court stands out as the most traditional, largest and best known by far. The "lawyers" represent states in a fictitious trial before the International Court of Justice's bench of judges. More than 500 universities from more than 80 countries around the world participate. Students from all over the world work on the same international case. Thematically, the focus is on current issues of international law. In February the national competition takes place. The two best teams will fly to Washington in March to represent Germany in the international rounds.



Kursbeschreibung (Türkische Veranstaltung)

Einführung in das Türkische Strafrecht (Türk Ceza Hukukuna Giriş)

(Jun.-Prof. Dr. Özeydin; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060303, 22.10.+05.11.+19.11+03.12.2021, Skype Video Course)

Die Vorlesung „Türk Ceza Hukukuna Giriş/Einführung in das türkische Strafrecht“ wird auf Türkisch gehalten. Neben der Vermittlung der strafrechtlichen Rechtsterminologie werden auch inhaltliche Themen, etwa die Definition und die Grundprinzipien des türkischen Strafrechts, die objektiven und subjektiven Tatbestandsvoraussetzungen einer Straftat und die Rechtswidrigkeit, behandelt. Daneben wird auch auf Kriminologie, Viktimologie, Strafvollzugsrecht und Strafverfahrensrecht eingegangen. Dabei werden Bezüge zum deutschen Recht hergestellt: Während das türkische Strafrecht früher zunächst vom französischen und dann vom italienischen Strafrecht inspiriert wurde, ist das türkische Strafgesetzbuch in 2005 unter dem starken Einfluss des deutschen Strafgesetzbuches reformiert worden.

Das theoretische Wissen wird an Hand von praktischen Übungen konkretisiert.



Kursbeschreibungen (französische Veranstaltungen)

1. Introduction au droit constitutionnel français

(Dr. Jeannot, MCF, Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060631, tbd, in Präsenz und als Videokonferenz)

Dans le cours, les étudiants apprennent l'architecture constitutionnelle, le droit constitutionnel et le système de la Ve République. Ils sont également capables d'identifier et de hiérarchiser les sources du droit français et le fonctionnement des institutions judiciaires françaises.

Grâce à ce cours, les étudiants obtiennent :

- ◇ la capacité à décrire l'architecture de la hiérarchie française des normes
- ◇ les connaissances des institutions politiques et administratives françaises et des institutions judiciaires françaises de V^e République
- ◇ la compréhension du positionnement du Conseil constitutionnel dans les institutions françaises de la V^e République
- ◇ une bonne compréhension du droit constitutionnel français depuis la V^e République
- ◇ les connaissances approfondies du système de la V^e République
- ◇ la capacité d'identification et de hiérarchisation des sources du droit français
- ◇ la bonne connaissance de l'importance de ces sources dans le fonctionnement des institutions judiciaires françaises.
- ◇ les connaissances et la compréhension de la notion d'État, de la théorie de l'État, de la notion de la souveraineté d'État, de la notion de la démocratie et de sa mise en pratique sous la V^e République
- ◇ les connaissances de l'histoire des institutions, du régime politique et des partis politique de la V^e République.

Pour toute information supplémentaire, veuillez contacter M. Sichla : dfbm@rub.de



2. Französische Rechtsterminologie

(Dr. Kouassi, Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060602, tbd, in Präsenz und als Videokonferenz)

Sur la base des textes juridiques, les étudiants découvrent et s'approprient les terminologies juridiques françaises. Ensuite, à travers des exposés, ils travaillent la locution juridique et les expressions orales du droit français.

Grâce à ce cours, les étudiants obtiennent :

- ◇ la capacité à rattacher une terminologie juridique au droit français d'une manière générale et plus particulièrement à chacun des trois ordres de juridiction français (ordre constitutionnel, ordre commun et ordre administratif)
- ◇ la découverte des textes juridiques, du vocabulaire et des terminologies juridiques françaises
- ◇ les connaissances du vocabulaire juridique français
- ◇ la bonne appropriation et utilisation des terminologies juridiques françaises
- ◇ la capacité à s'exprimer oralement en droit français
- ◇ les connaissances et la familiarisation aux locutions juridiques et expressions orales du droit français
- ◇ les connaissances de l'architecture juridictionnelle française
- ◇ les connaissances du vocabulaire et des terminologies juridiques spécifiques à chaque ordre de juridiction français
- ◇ la bonne connaissance des subtilités et de la particularité de la procédure juridique française devant chaque degré de juridiction (Tribunal d'Instance, de Grande Instance, Cour d'appel, Cour de cassation....)
- ◇ la capacité à rattacher des terminologies spécifiques à chaque degré de juridiction français.

Pour toute information supplémentaire, veuillez contacter M. Sichla : dfbm@rub.de



3. Droit Administratif Français

(Dr. Mozol, MCF, Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060602, tbd, in Präsenz und als Videokonferenz)

Dans le cours, les étudiants apprennent les sources de la légalité du droit administratif, le contentieux administratif, les actes administratifs et l'action administrative.

Grâce à ce cours, les étudiants obtiennent :

- ◇ la capacité à définir le droit administratif ainsi que l'administration
- ◇ les connaissances des missions de l'action administrative, à savoir le service public et la police administrative
- ◇ les connaissances des procédés de l'action administrative, notamment l'acte administratif unilatéral et le contrat administratif
- ◇ les connaissances et la compréhension du fonctionnement du contrôle de l'administration ; le recours pour excès de pouvoir et le recours de pleine juridiction ou plein contentieux

Pour toute information supplémentaire, veuillez bien contacter M. Sichla : dfbm@rub.de



Kursbeschreibung (italienische Veranstaltung)

1. Einführung in die italienische Rechtssprache (Introduzione alla lingua giuridica italiana)

(Frau Campolucci, Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060320, Montag, 16-18 Uhr, GD 1/389)

Questo corso è rivolto agli studenti di Giurisprudenza con conoscenze della lingua italiana.

L'obiettivo principale è quello di impartire conoscenze linguistiche legali di base con l'aiuto di testi giuridici italiani.

La presenza è obbligatoria.



Kursbeschreibung (deutsche Veranstaltung)

1. Einführung in das deutsche Recht

(Herr Schmitz; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060009, 04.-07.10.2021, 9-16 Uhr, GD 1/148)

Die Vorlesung richtet sich vor allem an Studierende, die an einer ausländischen Hochschule bereits juristische Vorlesungen besucht haben. In der Vorlesung wird zunächst ein grober Überblick über das deutsche Rechtssystem sowie das deutsche Rechtsstudium gegeben. In einer weiteren Einheit wird die Entwicklung des deutschen Rechts dargestellt. Sodann schließen sich jeweils eine Einheit zum Privatrecht, zum Strafrecht und zum Öffentlichen Recht an. Nach der Vorlesung sollen die Studierenden einen ersten Überblick über das deutsche Rechtssystem haben. Das in dieser Vorlesung gewonnene Wissen soll die Grundlage für den Besuch weiterer juristischer Vorlesungen bilden.