



Course Descriptions (English Courses)

1. U.S. Constitutional Law II: Fundamental Rights

(Mr. Diekjobst; Course ID 060301, October 2+4+5+6, 2023, 9 am-4 pm, HGD 10)

This course is an introduction to certain fundamental rights of the American legal system through the Bill of Rights and the adjudication of the United States Supreme Court. Students will be taught how to read and brief cases through selected excerpts of landmark decisions. Issues include judicial review, the right to privacy, the right to freedom of expression, the death penalty, the right to choose, as well as same-sex marriage. This course is a core course for the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty. Though the course is a lecture, some participation is expected.

Required reading: Will be made available through Moodle. If you have a copy of Professor Byrd's book, read Unit III of Einführung in die Anglo-Amerikanische Rechtssprache (Band I, 3. Auflage) Introduction to Anglo-American Law & Language (Volume I, 3rd Edition) by B. Sharon Byrd, C.H.Beck, 2011. pp. 195-305.

2. Introduction to International Dispute Settlement

(Mr. Wuschka; Course ID 060305, November, 09+16, 2023, 10 am – noon, 2 pm – 6 pm, HGB 30, November 17, 2023, noon – 5 pm, HGB 50, November 20, 2023, 9 am - 2 pm, HGB 50 and 2 pm – 4 pm, HGB 20)

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 30 participants (SPB 4 students and interested others). This course is an elective course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty.



3. Normative Legal Philosophy

(Prof. Dr. Magen, Course ID 060003, Tuesday 10:15-11:45 pm, GD 01/153)

Normative legal philosophy is concerned with the normative reasons that explain and justify the existence of legal orders and legal institutions like criminal law, contracts, torts, public goods, democracy, human rights, and anti-discrimination law. The lecture provides an introduction into basic approaches to ethics and draws on cases to discuss common theories put forward to justify or criticize different legal institutions.

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

4. International Legal Dialogue

(Prof. Dr. Windel, Course ID 060173, course dates and times have to be announced)

The class is intended to provide a platform for an international community of teachers and students to exchange views in an open discourse on legal issues brought about by globalization. Students will act actively and independently throughout the whole process, gaining their own direct access to international dimensions of law. A moderated colloquium, including presentations by foreign guest lecturers serves as an external framework. Participation requires an individual application and admission. The course involves giving a presentation in German or English on a topic of choice. 9 credit points are awarded upon finishing the course. Participation is mandatory.

The class is also recognized as an elective course for the Certificate Anglo-American Law & Language of the Faculty of Law.



5. UK Constitutional Law

(Mr. Provan, Course ID 060314, Monday, 2 pm - 4 pm, GD 1/148)

As one of the only countries in the world without a codified constitution, the UK has a long and rich history of constitutional development dating back hundreds of years. This first part of this course will cover a historical overview of UK constitutional law leading to contemporary lawmaking procedures, voting systems, and the constitutional restraints on legislation and governance. The second part will look at different layers of UK legal authority, first looking inward to devolution and then outward to the UK's relationship with international law.

6. International Dimensions of Law

(Dr. Thiede; Course ID 060307, Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Podcasts)

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.



7. International Environmental Law in the Anthropocene

(Prof. Scholtz; Course ID 060309, October 17, 2023, in person, noon-5 pm, October 18, 2023, in person, 9 am-2 pm, GD 1/148, October 23+30, November 13+20, 2023, online, 6-8 pm)

The module illuminates the response of International Environmental Law (IEL) to global environmental degradation and introduces students to key aspects, such as sustainable development, actors in IEL as well as the importance of soft law norms. An analysis of the normative framework enables students to critically assess the treaty regimes that regulate climate change, the loss of biodiversity, the sharing of freshwater resources, protection of marine resources and trade in hazardous substances. The module also explores the relationship between IEL and human rights, security, and animal welfare. The purpose of the module is to equip students with the necessary insight, knowledge, and skills to work in and with this fascinating, interesting, and highly relevant field of Law.

8. U.S. Intellectual Property Law

(Mr. Hanrahan, Course ID 060304, Tuesday, 4-6 pm, Zoom Video Course)

This course will provide students with a basic and fundamental overview of major areas of intellectual property law in the United States. We will cover topics related to United States patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets, as well as how each of these different areas are interrelated to one another. We will not only discuss how to obtain intellectual property rights, but also how and when to enforce those rights against an infringer. The course will reference current United States laws, cases, as well as rules and procedures enforced by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and U.S. Copyright Office. Some participation is expected during the lectures.



Kursbeschreibung (türkische Veranstaltung)

1. Einführung in das türkische Strafrecht (Türk Ceza Hukukuna Giriş)

(Jun.-Prof. Dr. Özeydin; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060303, 01.12.+15.12.2023+19.01.2024 (Präsenz), 20.01.2024 (online), 13-18 Uhr, HGB 50)

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 2005 unter dem starken Einfluss des deutschen Strafgesetzbuches reformiert worden.

Das theoretische Wissen wird anhand von praktischen Übungen konkretisiert.



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 Knippertz; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060009, 02.-06.10.2023, 9-16 Uhr, GD 2/460, Klausur 10.10.2023 von 12-14 Uhr, HGD 10)

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.