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Curriculum for English-speaking ERASMUS Students



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Winter Semester (mid-October – mid-February)

Course	Language	Exam	Weekly hours	ECTS
1. Introduction to German Law – lecture	English	written	2	8
2. Introduction to German Law – tutorial	English	–	2	4
3. German language course I (alternatively: a course on the fundamentals of law ¹)	[German]	written	2	4–6
4. German language course II	[German]	written	2	4
5. German law lecture I ²	German	oral	2–4	6–12
6. Additional course ³ [optional]	English	oral	2	6
Total			12–14	32–40

¹ By choice: European and German Legal History, Roman Legal History, History of Legal and State Philosophy, General Theory of State, Constitutional Theory, Law and Religion, or Legal Sociology.

² By choice: Private Law, Public Law, or Criminal Law.

³ By choice: e.g., Continental Traditions in Jurisprudence or Public International Law I.

Summer Semester (mid-April – end of July)

Course	Language	Exam	Weekly hours	ECTS
1. German law lecture II ⁴	German	oral	2–4	6–12
2. German law tutorial (complementary to course 1.)	German	–	2	4
3. European Law	German	oral	3	9
4. Course on the Fundamentals of Law ⁵	German	written	2–3	6–9
5. Seminar	German	written	2–3	6–9
Total			11–15	31–43

⁴ By choice: Private Law, Public Law, or Criminal Law.

⁵ By choice: Modern History of Constitutional Law, History of European Private Law, or Introduction to Legal Methods.

This programme is intended for students

- who are not (yet) able to speak German fluently, but are fluent in English,
- who are willing to engage in German language and legal culture.

The academic year begins with the winter semester, which lasts from mid-October until mid-February. This first semester provides the opportunity for orientation and to familiarise oneself with German law as well as the German language. Only one of the courses taken in the first semester must be in German. The corresponding oral exam can refer to the second half of the semester, thus giving students several weeks' time to become acquainted with the new language and subjects. The main introductory course, the associated tutorial as well as some optional courses are held in English. Additionally, two intensive language courses support students in acquiring the German language, knowledge of which is vital in gaining a profound understanding of German legal culture.

The summer semester begins in mid-April and finishes at the end of July. By the beginning of this semester, students will have spent more than six months in Germany and should be comfortable with following all of the courses in German and participating in the corresponding written exams. The European Law course aims to provide students with a knowledge and understanding of the European Union legal system, as well as to offer them a new perspective on a subject they may have studied in their respective home universities.

A student can acquire more than 80 ECTS points; the programme is conceived for the acquisition of at least 60 ECTS points per academic year.