

Name	Course			Description
	number	Language	Semester	
Academic Legal Writing Workshop	25320	English	SoSe/WiSe	In recent years, there has been quite a radical shift in attitudes towards how lawyers should use English as a medium of international written communication. With Academic Legal Writing situations serving as a focal point, this workshop will help you to: 1. Implement key strategies and best practices for effective legal writing in English suited to working across borders and cultures. 2. Adapt your legal writing to a variety of contexts which might arise during your studies and future work, emphasizing appropriate tone, content and expression. 3. Identify potential pitfalls and successfully correct typical errors in English legal writing. The training approach will be practical and you will have the opportunity to receive detailed feedback on your own writing.
Common and Civil Law Methodology	25380	English	WiSe	In this lecture series, we will think about some fundamental concepts of private law, including the idea of private law itself. We will learn about legal history, about the history of ideas, but also about some recent developments and even try to get a (possible) glimpse of the future. The lecture series will treat some topics in more depth that I also deal with in the lecture on "Institutionen des Europäischen Privatrechts". However, both lectures are independent and can be followed without any knowledge about the other. This course provides an introduction to the basic features of the German legal system. Starting with key historical developments that led to the founding of the Federal Republic of Germany in 1949, topics include the basic structural features of the German state, human rights protection, judicial review, the structure of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) of 1900, and – more generally – the ‘culture’ of German law. Examples from German contract law and the law of torts, as well as Germany’s relationship with the
Comparative Constitutional Law post-1945	25230	English	SoSe/WiSe	European Union, complete this general survey. The lecture traces the ideas of the Enlightenment and the development of constitutions through the 18th Century. We will look at different case studies (United Kingdom, United States, France, Ireland and the German States) to understand the impact the 18th Century might (not?) still have on us today. 1. Introduction (What is a 'Constitution'? and What is the '18th Century'?) 2. England: The Glorious Revolution and the Development of Parliamentary Sovereignty (Constitution of the UK, Development of Parliamentary Sovereignty, Glorious Revolution, Justifications of the Glorious Revolution and 'Balanced Constitution') 3. United States: The American Revolution and the Development of Popular Sovereignty (American Colonies, Imperial reforms, American War of Independence, Popular Sovereignty, States Constitutions, US Constitution and Enlightenment thinking in the US Constitution) 4. France: The French Revolution and French Enlightenment thinking (Ancien Régime, French Enlightenment thinking, Estates-General and reforms, French Revolution, Déclaration des Droits de l'Homme et du Citoyen & Déclaration des Droits de la Femme et du Citoyenne, Edmund Burke’s Reflection on the French Revolution and its critics and Pouvoir constituant) 5. Ireland: Independent Kingdom or Colony? (Glorious Revolution in Ireland, Irish Society in the 18th Century, Irish constitutional structure, Irish Enlightenment, Constitutional discussions, Legislative Independence 1782, Ireland in the 1790s & Irish Rebellion of 1798 and Act of Union, 1800) 6. Holy Roman Empire (Constitutional structure, Early German Enlightenment, Enlightened Absolutism and Immanuel Kant)
Constitutional discourse of 18th century-Europe	25630	English	SoSe	7. Outlook on the 19th Century (Napoleonic Wars and Congress of Vienna and Early 19th Century in... France, German States, United Kingdom, Ireland and United States) This lecture provides an overview of selected current challenges/topics across the vast field of international and European economic law, with several of the issues lying at the intersection of European Union law and public international law. Specifically, the following topics will be addressed this winter term: - Economic and financial sanctions against Russia and Belarus over the war in Ukraine: taking stock - The Trump tariffs and global countermeasures: the new wave of tariffs and non-tariff-measures - The new UK-India and EU-India free-trade agreements: an overview of the resulting improved market access and new opportunities - The EU on its road towards decarbonization: a critical look at the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and the Net-Zero Industry Act - The EU’s foreign subsidies regulation – a critical assessment in light of the initial experience - The persisting crisis and uncertain future of the WTO’s dispute settlement mechanism - Recourse to the WTO’s national security exception as a new protectionist tool? - The EU’s supply-chain due diligence laws: where are we standing after various simplifications and delays? - The expansion and gradual escalation of the EU’s trade toolkit: towards an increasingly assertive EU trade policy
Current Problems in International Economic Law	21145	English	WiSe	- Taking stock after the first full year of the new European Commission: update on legislative initiatives

EU and US Banking and Financial Law	25160	English	SoSe	The course will cover both the legislative and institutional features of the EU Banking and Financial Laws with a comparative perspective given through US Securities Regulation. Core attention will be paid to key pieces of European legislation dealing with Banking Supervision, Banking Resolution Mechanism, Primary and Secondary Financial Markets, Conduct of Business Rules, Financial Instruments (with a focus on derivatives), and Market Infrastructures. Moreover, the course will cover the law-making process for financial regulations – the Lamfalussy procedure – as well as the new pan-European supervision systems. In order to give students a broader picture, the course will give an overview of the post-crisis reform of the US financial system and of the Federal supervision systems for securities markets. This is important to draw the key differences between the two systems. Finally, in order to give students a more concrete idea of the increasing importance of the EU in the global financial arena, the course will include a section dealing with the regulatory dialogue between ESMA and the American SEC, and the role played by the EU in the International Organization of Securities Commissions – IOSCO, and in defining transnational financial standards. The course will cover the rules governing the European Union's Competition Policy in particular under Articles 101 and 102 of the Treaty on the Function of the European Union. The course will focus, first, on the limitations on coordinated behaviour between two (or more) undertakings, both as regards “hardcore” restrictions (such as agreements fixing prices or allocating customers) and other forms of coordination (such as exchanges of information), which can be justified in certain cases. The second focus will be on competition based limitations on “unilateral conduct”, in particular the prohibition to abuse a dominant market position. The course focuses on fundamental issues in European state aid law and the law governing public services, which will be examined in the light of recent rulings by the European Court of Justice and German courts. Participants are expected to have a basic knowledge of European law and an interest in issues relating to commercial law. The course encompasses a systematic and comparative overview of European Criminal Law. The focus is on organizational and dynamic criminal law features of European Union Law. Another central element of the course will be the human rights protection scheme provided by the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). Apart from regulation of the position, rights and duties of the subjects and of the investigation course, regulation of evidence taking, procedural constraint etc. are also taken into account. The program encompasses current topics like the procedural defence of double jeopardy (ne bis in idem) and consular protection for foreign suspects under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963). The course „European Civil Justice“ focuses on the major issues at the cutting edge of the current discussion in European Procedural Law. All students should give a presentation on a key judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).
EU Antitrust Law	21250	English	WiSe	
Europäisches Beihilfenrecht/European State Aid Law	25390	English	SoSe	
European and International Criminal Law	25150	English	SoSe	
European Civil Justice	21370	English	SoSe	
European Constitutional Law Europäisches Verfassungsrecht	21070	English	SoSe	This course examines European constitutional law in depth. As it builds upon prior knowledge of EU law, it is advised that students take an introductory course to EU law before. Conceived as an international organisation, the EU is now arguably evolving into a ‘constitutional Union of States.’ European constitutional law is composed of a myriad of legal texts, case law and practice, which shape the entirety of EU law and thereby raise fascinating legal questions with great significance. By examining the continuous change of European constitutional law, this course gives students a deeper insight into some of the most challenging problems of the EU legal order and enables them to critically discuss possible solutions. The course is structured in the following way: After an introduction, we will examine not only the development and history of European Constitutional Law, but also discuss the notion of constitutions and the critical classification of the EU. We will then examine the relevant EU principles, including autonomy, supremacy, direct effect, democracy and the rule of law more in-depth. The discussion of these principles includes references to current events, i.a. the enforcement of the rule of law in Poland and Hungary. Subsequently, we will analyse the governmental structure of the EU by focusing on the role of the Member States in the EU and of the EU organs and their decision-making procedures. The knowledge gained is then applied in the next lectures, which will analyse the extent of the substantive powers and competences of the EU and their influence on national constitutional systems in case studies on the monetary union, the AFSJ and the external (trade) relations of the EU. We will then shift the focus to individuals and their relationship with the EU. The analysis thereof is split into two overall themes: citizenship of the EU and the protection of fundamental rights through (and against) the EU. The course concludes with an outlook into the future of the EU. The lecture provides a concise and yet – in relevant parts – in-depth overview of the wide field of International Media Law. This comprises various fields of international, supranational, and regional law, inter alia, (International) Economic Law, (International) Human Rights Law, and (International) Humanitarian Law. Regarding regional law, the lecture touches on regional/special legal spheres of the European Union, Common Law, African Union, ASEAN, South America, and Islamic Law. Read together this already demonstrates that Media Law is inherently a cross-sectional and cross-regional topic. Moreover, (national) Media Law is embedded in and influenced by numerous cultural and political perspectives. Consequently, it is necessary for students to understand concrete examples for such differences to fully comprehend what makes International Media Law not only intriguing as a subject matter but also complex by nature. Current and ongoing debates on (the regulation of) ‘fake news’, enforcement gaps concerning the prosecution of hate speech, and (effective regulation of) social media platforms further highlight the importance of the field.
International and European Media Law	21460	English	SoSe	
International Environmental Law	21040	English	SoSe	This course provides an introduction to international environmental law (IEL). The course is divided into three main sections: (I) the foundations of international environmental law (i.e. historical developments, challenges, actors, sources of law, principles of IEL); (II) the 'horizontal', i.e. cross-cutting, substantive rules of IEL (i.e. environmental information, environmental impact assessment, liability, enforcement); (III) the 'sectoral' substantive rules of international environmental law which apply to specific environmental sectors (i.e. climate change, air pollution, ozone depletion, freshwater resources, habitats, biodiversity, hazardous substances, waste, polar regions). This lecture provides an overview of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG) of 11 April 1980. As a ‘world sales law’ of essential importance to international trade, the Convention provides uniform rules for the transnational sale of goods. It applies to more than ninety contracting states, among them many important trading nations. The CISG contains first and foremost provisions on the formation of contracts, the duties of the contracting parties, and the consequences of breach of contract. Looking at these issues, the lecture will occasionally also consider the autonomous German law of sale in comparison.
International Sales Law - CISG	21330	English	SoSe	

Introduction to European Law	25410	English	WiSe	This lecture gives an introduction to European Law. Foreign investment is of great economic - and political - importance in our globalised world. Foreign investors operate in an unfamiliar legal system. To incentivize more foreign investments, states have entered into treaties of international law which protect foreign investors, for example against expropriation. This (particularly controversial) area of international law is called international investment law. The course will cover the principles of international investment law. In particular, the course will encompass fundamental concepts ('investor', 'investment'), the various standards of investment protection as laid down in investment contracts, customary law (law relating to aliens) or treaty law (Bilateral Investment Treaties - BITs; Free Trade Agreements - FTAs), and, finally, dispute settlement mechanisms, in particular international investment arbitration.
Law of Foreign Investment	21120	English	WiSe	This new course covers regional trade agreements and their relationship with the global, multilateral trading system. In the past 20 years, due to the deadlock in the Doha Development Round of the WTO, WTO members have increasingly sought to conclude regional trade agreements, of an ever larger and deeper character ("Mega Regionals", "Deep trade"). Examples are RCEP, ACFTA, CPTPP, CETA and many others. What does that mean for the global trading system and how are these agreements legally designed?
Law of Regional Economic Integration	21125	English	SoSe	This course provides an introduction to the international law of the sea (LoS). The course is divided into five sections: (I) the foundations of LoS (i.e. historical developments, sources and principles of LoS); (II) marine spaces (i.e. internal waters, territorial sea, archipelagic waters, contiguous zone, exclusive economic zone, continental shelf, high seas, deep seabed); (III) marine environment (i.e. pollution, living resources, biodiversity); (IV) security (i.e. piracy, military operations); (V) actors (i.e. states, international organizations, courts and tribunals).
Law of the Sea	21020	English	WiSe	Good oral communication skills have always been essential for legal practitioners but, with meetings, negotiations and other proceedings increasingly taking place online, the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in English has arguably become even more important. This Legal Presentations Skills Workshop will focus on the oral communication skills you need to demonstrate during your studies and as lawyers working internationally. In particular, the workshop will help you to: 1. Distinguish between presentations for different purposes and apply the key features of effective presentations in a legal context. 2. Choose appropriate forms of expression for use in a range of legal discussions, negotiations and presentations, with a conscious understanding of the way in which intercultural differences can influence oral communication in a legal setting. 3. Understand the approach to a typical legal negotiation and develop sound arguments and counter-arguments.
Legal Presentation Skills Workshop	25330	English	SoSe/WiSe	The course will cover the development, sources and subjects of Public International Law as well as the relationship between Public International Law and domestic law. Furthermore, the contents of the course will encompass jurisdiction and succession of States as well as principles of international relations, State responsibility and dispute settlement.
Public International Law Seminar in U.S. Law	21010 22680	English English	WiSe SoSe	The Chair of Common Law is offering a seminar this summer. Papers can cover topics from constitutional law, contracts, torts and the common law tradition. The Common law, one of the most influential legal traditions of the world, is changing in many ways. Contemporary developments in private and public law, both in the United States and the UK, will be discussed in this course. Key aspects of what is traditionally associated with common law systems (case law, binding precedent, oral procedures, adversarial approaches to the resolution of conflict or policy considerations as a basis for judicial decisions) feature prominently. Students are also invited to consider current trends, inter alia, in substantive tort and contract law, judicial review, and statutory interpretation, and to question the traditional distinction that is still drawn between common law and civilian legal systems today. A detailed syllabus will be made available in the first class.
The Common Law Tradition	21810	English	WiSe	After the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) raised a code red alarm against a rapidly deteriorating global climate, many governments committed ambitious Nationally Determined Commitments to address climate change concerns. Many of the measures so taken were environment-related trade measures. These are the measures addressed in this course. Through this course, students will understand the overlap between WTO law and International Environmental Law to understand the issues arising from this overlap. By the end of the course, students will be able to critically analyse the pros and cons of formulating and implementing environment-related trade measures to achieve environmental goals.
Trade and Environment	21011	English	WiSe	This course is a survey of the procedures regulating the litigation of civil disputes in the United States. The main focus is the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (F.R.C.P.) including landmark decisions of the United States Supreme Court impacting the law of Civil Procedure. The course will discuss specific details and broader themes of American civil litigation, such as the adversary system and the function and role of the court, jury and lawyers in the adversary system, aspects of due process, jurisdiction, the complaint and elements of pleading, summary judgment, Pretrial Stage and discovery, class actions, verdicts, post-judgment motions, res judicata and appeal. In certain aspects comparison will be made to the main features of inquisitorial systems of civil law countries like Germany.
U.S. Civil Procedure	25130	English	SoSe	The course objective is to develop student familiarity with the concept and procedures of civil litigation in the United States. At the end of the course the student will also be able to see the differences between the American and the German Civil Procedure and to understand how such differences are reflected in the litigation process.
U.S. Constitutional Law	21840	English	SoSe	Contemporary debates in the United States surrounding, inter alia, the separation of powers, judicial review, executive powers of the President, the election system, gun control, the appointment of justices to the Supreme Court, cooperative and competitive federalism, the jury system, and approaches to constitutional interpretation form the backdrop for this course. Lectures also cover relevant parts of the country's constitutional history, the basic structure of the U.S. Constitution, and options for constitutional reform.
U.S. Contract Law (Contracts) (including UCC)	21830	English	SoSe	This course provides an introduction to key elements of U.S. contract law, including the formation of contracts, statute of frauds, the interpretation of contracts, defenses, events that excuse performance, contract modification, performance, remedies, third party beneficiaries, and the assignment of rights and delegation of duties arising from contracts. The material reflects common law approaches found across the United States, state and federal statutes, the Restatement (Second) of Contracts, and the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Occasional comparison between U.S. law and foreign legal systems such as England, France or Germany serves to broaden the perspective on particular topics.

U.S. Tort Law (including products liability)	21820	English	WiSe	This course examines the origins and doctrines of the American law of torts and the wider impact of the subject on American society and social policy. Students study the elements of the most important forms of liability – intentional torts, negligence and strict liability – and their gradual evolution over time. The material reflects common law approaches found across the United States. Occasional comparison of U.S. law and foreign legal systems such as England, France or Germany serves to broaden the perspective on particular topics such as the liability of minors, comparative negligence, strict liability, or product liability. The lecture is part of the compulsory classes of the "old" electives (SP-Teilbereich) European and international economic law ("Europäisches und Internationales Wirtschaftsrecht"). It is also part of the CECIL Programme. The classes cover the law of the World Trade Organization as part of international economic law, a sub-branch of public international law. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the WTO institutional setup, the dispute settlement mechanism will be treated, as well as the linkages to European economic law, i.e. the common commercial policy of the EU.
World Trade Law (Welthandelsrecht)	21130	English	SoSe	