



New Partner University in Perth, Australia



Our Faculty is now offering tuition-free places at the Murdoch University in Perth, Australia.

Especially for students, who are used to the crowded Ruhr area, Australia and its vast outback offer a great change of scenery. Perth, where Murdoch University is located, is the fourth largest city in Australia. It has a broad range of cultural and social activities, a beach, as well as adventures and a variety of opportunities for everyone.

Due to our partnership, students of our Faculty who gain one of the highly coveted places to study in Perth receive a complete tuition waiver. All other costs may be covered through the DAAD's PROMOS stipend or other financing opportunities.

The next application deadline for the academic year of 2021/2022 is January 29, 2021. If you have any questions, we are happy to assist you!

What is it like to study in Bochum as a foreign student?

Interview: One of our Erasmus Students from Istanbul who was in Bochum in the winter semester 2019/20 answered our questions:

"I chose Bochum as destination for my Erasmus semester because of the university's academic performance, the availability of law education in English and the high number of international students.

"When I arrived, the variety of course options obviously made me very happy. I was a little worried about coming to a new country with a different education system but I didn't have any problem about selecting courses, ZfI Jura shared all details with me. Lecturers also answered me when I had a question. Additionally, every Monday at "Sprachcafé", students can come together and practice speaking the languages they want to learn. I don't even have time to get bored and I can learn new things while having fun.

"Bochum, in the heart of the Ruhr Area, is close to other beautiful cities of Germany. There are so many natural wonders and museums that I cannot count. It is a great chance for students to travel in NRW free of charge with their student card. In Bochum I recommend visiting the German Mining Museum and Zeiss Planetarium and the entertainment place called Bermuda especially on weekends. On campus my favorite places are the botanical garden and the area behind the Mensa where we can watch the view.

"Since I came from a cosmopolitan city like Istanbul, I thought I would get bored elsewhere, but on the contrary: I had a lot of fun in Bochum and improved my language skills, had information about different fields of law and law systems. I dream of being a student here again for my higher education. Bochum and the university campus became like my home. I collected a lot of amazing memories during my time in Bochum. I'll miss my friends, lecturers and tasty German desserts.

"The best thing I did in my undergraduate life was to study at RUB, I have no doubt that I will see the positive effect of the courses on my career and student life. Danke für alles!"

Congratulations to Our Jessup Moot Court Team 2020!



The Philip C. Jessup Moot Court competition is the largest public international law competition in the world with over 700 law schools participating from over 100 countries. Our Faculty has competed in the Jessup since 2003. This year's team consists of Nadine Grünhagen, Vanessa Blicke, Dilara Yaman and Paul Matthies, who were coached by Jule Giegling and Dr. Judit Beke-Martos together with last year's team (Ella Schönleben, Judith Prasse, Darius Bentrup and Rouven Diekjobst) as student coaches. The 2020 Jessup problem addressed multi-fora international litigation, the accountability of heads of state for war crimes, and fully autonomous weapons systems. At the German National Rounds in Göttingen our team finished 7th from 17 competing teams, while our written submission for the respondent won the Best Respondent Memorial Award. Congratulations!



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The Certificate Program in Numbers



Since the winter semester of 2016/2017, the Zfi has been offering the "Anglo-American Law & Language" certificate program to provide students with knowledge of English legal terminology and Anglo-American law. This program consists of three obligatory and five elective courses and is completed with a final exam.

The courses are particularly suitable for those who are planning a stay abroad or would like to acquire an additional qualification for their future career in an international environment. Some courses also discuss current international topics.

So far over 60 students have successfully graduated from the program and earned a certificate. Another 85 students are currently enrolled in the program.

If you wish to register for the program or take a few courses, check out the last page of our bulletin, where you find our course offer for the summer semester 2020 with 12 English-language courses.

Foreign – Not English – Language Courses



Do you know that we also offer legal courses in foreign languages other than English? Maybe one of them is interesting for you!

Mr. Schwarz (more information about him on page 3) is teaching a course in which he is introducing Spanish law to you. The course is on Thursdays, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in GD 2/468.

If you speak Turkish and would like to learn something about the Turkish Criminal Law you can participate in the course of Junior Professor Dr. Özeydin. Her course is taught in five-hour blocks on April 24, May 29, June 19 and 20 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mrs. Campolucci offers an introduction to Italian law Mondays from 10 a.m. till noon in GD 1/468.

For all French enthusiasts we are currently working on a course offer for the upcoming semester.

All our courses fulfill the requirements and offer you the opportunity to earn your so-called "Fremdsprachenschein." At the same time, they allow you to practice and enhance your language skills, as well as to gain an insight into a new legal system.

For those planning a semester abroad, these courses offer the necessary preparation. All our courses have an obligatory attendance of 80%. The limited places in the courses are distributed through a computer-generated draw, so don't forget to register for the courses on eCampus. The teaching is scheduled to start in the week of April 20, 2020. Due to the restrictions following the current Corona pandemic, we need to reorganize some of our courses, so please continue to check our homepage for the latest updates. Thank you!

A Closer Look at: U.S. Intellectual Property Law



Just last year Katy Perry and her collaborators were found guilty of infringing another artist's copyrights with their song "Dark Horse". The year before that, in 2018, Apple and Samsung finally settled their seven-year-long dispute over Samsung's patent infringements with one of its smartphone models. Topics of intellectual property law, such as patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets are perhaps more relevant today than ever. Mr. Hanrahan is a registered U.S. patent attorney based in Florida. He holds a B.Sc. from the University of Florida in Computer and Information Science Engineering and a J.D. from the University of Miami School of Law. In his course students learn about intellectual property rights and their interrelation to one another. Additionally, students discuss how to obtain protection for intellectual property rights and how to enforce them against an infringer.

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Who is Hendrik Schwarz?



Do you have questions about studying or working abroad, for one or two semesters or doing an internship and you are not sure where to go or who to ask?

Meet our research associate, Mr. Hendrik Schwarz in GD 1/125 or write him an e-mail at Hendrik.Schwarz-v3e@rub.de. As ERASMUS coordinator, Mr. Schwarz is your contact person for all questions regarding academic exchanges. He is happy to help you with your questions!

Here some interesting information about Mr. Schwarz:

Education: Mr. Schwarz studied law at the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität in Münster and completed his legal clerkship (Rechtsreferendariat) there as well. He also gathered professional experience in Colombia, Costa Rica and Paraguay.

Degrees: He holds both German State Exams.

Doctoral Thesis: Comparing German and Colombian company forms.

Teaching Experience: Introduction to German Law and Introduction to Spanish Law.

Two New Partners

Santiago de Compostela Combining Festivities with Inner Reflection

The city of Santiago de Compostela is the capital of the autonomous region of Galicia in Spain and has been UNESCO cultural heritage since 1985. The fact most prominently known about Santiago de Compostela is that it is the place where the Pilgrim's Route from the sanctuary of St. James ("Jakobsweg") ends. For tourists the city promises a variety of cultural festivities and other highlights. In reality, about every third inhabitant of Santiago de Compostela is a university student, which makes it the ultimate college town. Students interested in studying there can take classes either in Spanish or Galician. The University has a special focus on the field of criminology. A semester at Santiago de Compostela offers students a unique opportunity gain insight into a specialized field of law and at the same time improve their language skills.



Brno – The Modern Alternative to Prague



the modern with the biggest Opera in Europe, the tallest apartment building in the country and its first ever Mosque. Everywhere in Brno you see the development of the city not only in its architectural aspects but also in the mindset of its citizens. Accordingly, our partner, the Masaryk University has a highly modern, state-of-the-art building and up-to-date equipment. It also promises an international-friendly environment, where students may enjoy the products of the Czech cuisine as well as their world-famous breweries. The Faculty of Law offers about 100 courses in English on the Czech legal system and European law.

The second biggest city in the Czech Republic offers an interesting counterpole to Prague. Where Prague is known for its historic and quaint charm, Brno promises the glamour of

Erasmus at Our Faculty in Numbers



In 2019/2020 more than 30 students of our Faculty seized the opportunity to study abroad. Spanish universities were particularly in demand, but our partner faculties in Bergen (Norway), Krakow (Poland) and Budapest (Hungary) also enjoyed a continued high level of interest. We could inspire students for our newer partnerships as well, for example in Osijek (Croatia) and Tartu (Estonia). Most winter semester outgoing students already returned and a lot of positive feedback reached our office.

In return, the Zfi welcomed 17 international students. Mostly students from Turkey, along with students from Brazil, Japan and Australia took the chance to study law in Bochum.

We are also glad to announce that 35 students have applied for a semester abroad in the upcoming academic year. If you wish to go abroad between September 2020 and July 2021 check out the last page of our bulletin, where you find more information about our last-minute opportunities!

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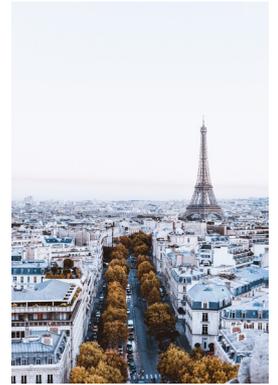
Semester Abroad – Last Minute!

Missed the application deadline?

Could not decide in time where to go?

Not a problem - we have plenty of cool destinations left! After having sorted through the first round of application in the past couple of weeks, we are happy to announce that at almost all of our partner universities, there are still spots available. There are some exceptions – for example Bergen, Barcelona and Perth are out of the race. But some of our most interesting partner universities still have spots left. You could still walk the streets of Paris in the fall at the University of Nanterre or Cergy-Pontoise, enjoy some sunlight in Italy or Spain. Or, if you are looking for something a little more to the east, enjoy the student-friendly charm of Brno, Czech Republic or Vilnius, Lithuania.

Check out more of our available spots on our website!



English-Language Course Catalogue

Summer Semester 2020

Title of the Course	Name of the Professor	Course ID Number	Day	Time	eCampus Registration Deadline
Introduction to American Law	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060300	Wednesday	4pm - 6pm	06.04.2020 23:59
U.S. Constitutional Law II: Fundamental Rights	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060301	Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	06.04.2020 23:59
Normative Legal Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Magen	Nr. 060006	Wednesday	noon - 2pm	registration via e-mail
An Introduction to Comparative Constitutional Law	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060305	Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	06.04.2020 23:59
Evil: Perspectives from Moral and Legal Philosophy and Moral Psychology	Dr. Prochownik	Nr. 060125	For time and dates, please see our homepage		06.04.2020 23:59
International Legal Dialogue	Prof. Dr. Windel	Nr. 060173	Monday	4pm - 5.30pm	
A Taste of U.S. Law School	Prof. Walt	Nr. 060310	02.-05.06.20	9am - 4pm	23.04.2020 23:59
U.S. Contract Law	Mr. O'Connolly, Esq.	Nr. 060304	23.04.2020 8.+9.+15.+16.5.20	8:30am-10am 9am - 4pm	15.04.2020 23:59
International Dimensions of Law	Dr. Thiede	Nr. 060307	Friday	2pm - 4pm	06.04.2020 23:59
U.S. Intellectual Property Law	Mr. Hanrahan, Esq.	Nr. 060306	Monday	noon-2pm	06.04.2020 23:59
Introduction to South-African Constitutional Law	Prof. Dr. Scholtz	Nr. 060309	19.-20.6.20 22.-23.6.20	9am - 4pm	08.06.2020 23:59
International Humanitarian Law Clinic	Prof. Dr. Oberleitner Dr. Azarova	Nr. 060308	For time and dates, please see our homepage		registration via e-mail
Summer School 'Corruption, Data and the Sustainable Development Goals'	Prof. Dr. Dijkzeul		19.06.2020 + 10.-15.8.2020	9am - 6pm	17.06.2020