



The European University



The acronym UNIC stands for "The European University of Post-Industrial Cities."

UNIC is an association of eight universities, which form one "European University." Apart from Bochum, universities from Bilbao, Cork, Istanbul, Liège, Oulu, Zagreb and Rotterdam are participating.

UNIC's goal is to establish a long-lasting university alliance to develop innovative teaching concepts together. In this framework, members can tackle their cities' common challenges of socio-economic and sociocultural diversity.

Additionally, UNIC improves the students' mobility: within UNIC there are six different "work packages" – each with an individual emphasis. The package lead by the RUB deals with personal and virtual student mobility promoting international study experiences.

Last year the RUB joined this alliance. The project is fully financed by the EU's Erasmus funds for three years starting from the fall of 2020.

UNIC Opened Courses



Within the framework of the UNIC network, the Ruhr University Bochum and the University of Zagreb started offering the so-called "UNIC Opened Courses" to their students!

The University of Zagreb is the largest university in Croatia as well as the oldest one in South-Eastern Europe – it was founded in 1669. The university provides education and research in all scientific fields and at all study levels (from undergraduate to postgraduate). With about 30 faculties and over 70,000 students this university is definitely quite astonishing and somewhat unique.

The program "UNIC Opened Courses" allows our students from Bochum and Zagreb to participate in foreign language courses of the respective partner university. Thus, the students from Zagreb can attend our virtual foreign language courses that are offered by the Center for International Affairs. Vice versa, all law students at the RUB have the opportunity to take part in some of the English online courses, that are taught at the University of Zagreb – e.g. to earn their language certificate. This winter semester 2021/22 the University of Zagreb opened the following nine courses for our students in Bochum: Sociology in Croatian Society, Women's Rights, Rights of Minorities in Europe, Private Security Services and Law, European Transport Law, Insurance Law, English for Public Administration, Transitional Justice, Bioethics and Human Rights

Students participating in one of these courses have the benefit of getting to know a foreign law faculty and its course program as well as connecting with international UNIC students, without having to leave Bochum. They can simply engage from their home via their computer! International exchange has never been easier!

Meet Our New Student Assistant!



In May 2021 the Center for International Affairs (ZfI) welcomed a new student assistant, Anna Marina TheiB, to the team. Ms. TheiB has been studying law at the RUB since the winter semester 2019/2020.

Ms. TheiB had been very interested in working in an international working environment. She is very curious to learn more about languages and other legal systems. For this reason, Ms. TheiB is currently studying at the Universidad Pablo de Olavide in Sevilla, Spain, as part of the Erasmus program.

At the Center for International Affairs, Anna TheiB primarily supports students with questions about their stay abroad. She also assists in the administrative area of the Erasmus program and the Certificate Program Anglo-American Law & Language and does research on certain academic and administrative questions for the ZfI. So far, she enjoyed her time at the Center for International Affairs. If you have questions regarding the Erasmus program, you can contact her via email (zfi-jura@rub.de).



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How to Register for the Certificate Program?

The Legal Faculty offers you the opportunity to earn a Certificate in Anglo-American Law & Language by completing eight English-language legal courses and a final exam. To register, you must be enrolled as a student at our Legal Faculty. You find the registration form on the website of the Center for International Affairs (ZfI) under the tab for foreign language courses and, subsequently certificate program. You can download the form, fill it out, print, sign and bring it to our office on Campus in the GD building 1st floor, room 131 during our office hours. If you cannot come around, it is fine to send a scanned version, while mailing the original with the regular postal service. Please do not forget to include proof of your enrollment as a student, as well as, if you already completed any English-language legal courses at our Faculty, the proof of that. While the Examination Committee decides on your admittance, we already ensure you places in those courses, where places are scarce once you submitted your registration form. Hence, do consider registering if you are at all interested. For further information, please visit our website or shoot us an email at zfi-jura@rub.de.

Introduction to International Dispute Settlement



Globalization influences our modern everyday life in almost every aspect. More than ever, we depend on a worldwide co-operation economically, personally, and legally. Especially after the two world wars in the past century we have learned how important and tricky it is to uphold peace for conflict is inevitable. Within a democratic state we have found a way to systematize our lives in case of a dispute. You know which institutions to go to, which legal rules will be applied and have guaranteed fundamental rights vis-à-vis the state. But when it comes to international conflict there is no such state power in control. Hence, many states saw the need to come together to establish international organizations and dispute settlement bodies in the field of inter alia global trade and politics.

About all the measures for preventing a conflict between states and private entities from arising or escalating you can learn in the course "Introduction to International Dispute Settlement" taught in the upcoming winter semester. Mr. Sebastian Wuschka teaches you about the International Court of Justice, the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement system, arbitral tribunals and much more.

The course is taught via Zoom-Video on Mondays from 4-6 pm starting October 18th.

Mr. Sebastian Wuschka is a research fellow at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and practices in the area of international law and arbitration as of counsel with the German law firm Luther in Hamburg. The course has been offered repeatedly and is always very popular. For more information, please visit the course offer on our website.

On the Final Exam of the Certificate Program

Once you registered for the Certificate Program in Anglo-American Law & Language and completed all the necessary courses, you need to register for the final exam. This exam consists of a written and an oral part. The written part entails three essays that you must write over a timespan of four hours. One essay question is obligatory; you may freely select the other two from the list of questions on the exam sheet. Your essays are graded separately, and the three grades provide an average, which serves as your written final exam grade. There is also an oral exam, which you must take to complete the certificate program. This is an individual examination with two examiners. Prior to your exam, you are provided with a list of 30 possible topics from the core courses. These topics are printed on little cardboard cards. During the exam, you are asked to draw one of these cards and your examination starts with the topic printed on that card. Subsequently, you are asked questions from the courses you took as elective courses. After about 25 minutes, you are given a grade and some quick feedback on your performance.

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Erasmus During the Pandemic?

In November 2020, in the middle of the pandemic, I applied for a semester abroad with the Erasmus program. In February 2021, I received the confirmation that I could study at the Universidad Pablo de Olavide in Seville in the winter semester of 2021/2022. In June, I started looking online for a room in an international shared flat. Then, in July, I chose my courses (changing your selection is possible later) and took the International Office's obligatory Online Linguistic Support (OLS) language test. In September, I packed my bags, said goodbye to friends and family and started my semester abroad.

In my first week, I was a typical tourist. With Google Maps on my phone and my camera around my neck, I walked around the city trying to soak up as much of the Spanish culture as possible. Then, in my second week, the introductory sessions began online via Zoom, in English and in Spanish.



And after that, the law lectures began, all of which took place at the university. At first it was unusual to sit in a lecture hall again, albeit with a mask on. But as an Erasmus student, it is very easy to quickly make new Spanish and international friends through direct exchange. During this week, I also changed some of the courses I had chosen, as some of them overlapped.

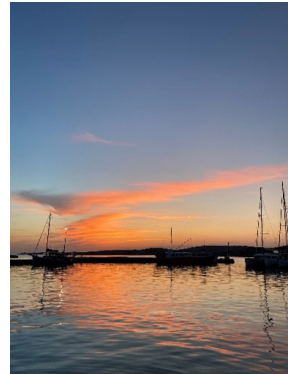
After the first week at the university, I have now chosen my final courses - and they are really fun!

In the meantime, I have been living in Sevilla for exactly one month. I have already made many new international friends, travelled with Erasmus organizations to different cities and beaches in Spain and Portugal and got a first insight into the Spanish legal system.

Erasmus during a pandemic is different, but definitely great! When and where are you going?



Studying in Athens



"Athens is an incredibly diverse city whose ancient heritage can be found in all corners of the city, between traditional Greek alleys and modern rooftop bars. In the centre of Athens, you will find a classical European city, surrounded by the Acropolis and various other archaeological sites. Strolling through the city, a breathtakingly beautiful sight always draws the attention to the landmark of the Greek capital.

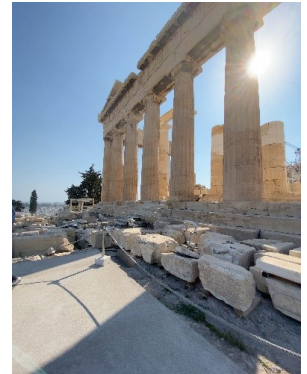
"I found my flat via AirBnB, negotiated a little with the landlord and was able to reach a satisfactory agreement. Neighbourhoods that I can definitely recommend living in are: Kolonaki, Pangrati, Neapoli and Zografou. When I arrived, Greece was still in lockdown, so unfortunately there were no Erasmus Student Network (ESN) events. However, contacts were quickly made via Whatsapp groups. I can only recommend that everyone takes part in the ESN buddy programme in order to get to know a Greek student who can help you get started and who can also become a good friend.

"Most lectures at university were held in English. In addition, one course was offered in German and one in French. I took a total of six courses and took the final exam in four of them. Taking into account the opinions of some of my fellow students, I can say that the level of difficulty of the courses depends a lot on the individual lecturer. Apparently, I had some luck with my course choices because I would say that the requirements in my case were in no way comparable to those in Germany.

"Ultimately, I would recommend everyone a stay abroad. Although my semester only took place online due to Corona, I would do it again any time. You learn to really be independent and have an enormous personal development. This process is accompanied by countless unforgettable experiences and friends that you can make for a lifetime."

For a complete report on a semester abroad in Athens, please visit our blog at

<https://zfi-jura.blogs.rub.de/>.



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English-Language Course Catalogue Winter Term 2021/2022

Title of the Course	Name of the Professor	Course ID Number	Type	Day	Time	Registration Deadline
Introduction to American Law	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060300	Online Audio Course	Friday	8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	14.10.21 23:59
US Constitutional Law I: State & Governance	Dr. Beke-Martos	Nr. 060303	Online Audio Course	Friday	10 a.m. – noon	14.10.21 23:59
Introduction to International Dispute Settlement	Herr Wuschka	Nr. 060305	Zoom Video Course	Monday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	14.10.21 23:59
Normative Legal Philosophy	Prof. Dr. Magen	Nr. 060003	Zoom Video Course	Monday	8.15 – 9.45 a.m.	
Literature & Jurisprudence	Dr. Prochownik, Ms. Wolski	Nr. 060115	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	14.10.21 23:59
Law, Democracy and Disagreement	Dr. Oliveira de Sousa	Nr. 060317	Zoom Video Course	Thursday	10 a.m. – noon	14.10.21 23:59
International Dimensions of Law	Dr. Thiede	Nr. 060307	On-site, HZO 10	Friday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	14.10.21 23:59
Current Issues in International Human Rights Law	Prof. Dr. Hauser	Nr. 060314	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	21.10.21 23:59
Public International Law	Prof. Dr. Hauser	Nr. 060315	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	21.10.21 23:59
Regulating Artificial Intelligence in the Public Sector	Dr. Ruschemeier	Nr. 060321	Zoom Video Course	Tuesday	10 a.m. – noon	14.10.21 23:59

Registration is open in eCampus!

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