



Course Descriptions (English Courses)

1. Introduction to American Law

(Ms. Tywonek-Brinckmann; Course ID 060520, Thursday, noon-2 pm, HGA 30)

This course is a basic introduction to the law and legal system of the United States in English. It covers the basic characteristics of the common law system, the doctrine of stare decisis, sources of law in the United States, the U.S. court system (both state and federal), the jury system, parties to a lawsuit, basics of the adversary system of trial, pleadings and motions, pretrial discovery, the trial process, case briefs and citations. This course is a core course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty. The course is though a lecture, some participation is expected.

Required reading: will be made available through Moodle.

2. U.S. Constitutional Law: State & Governance:

(Ms. Tywonek-Brinckmann; Course ID 060301, Tuesday, noon-2 pm, HZO 50)

This is an entry-level course on U.S. Constitutional Law. The course focuses on the text of the U.S. Constitution and its Amendments. Through grammatical and contextual analysis, students examine the structure and working of the American state and governance. Horizontal and vertical separation of powers and the basics of the common law legal system are also addressed and examined through documents and cases. This course is a core course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty.

Required reading will be made available through Moodle.



3. Introduction to International Dispute Settlement

(Mr. Wuschka; Course ID 060523, May, 21-24, 2024, 9 am-4 pm, GD 1/148)

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.

4. International Environmental Law in the Anthropocene

(Prof. Scholtz; Course ID 060529, course dates have to be determined, Zoom Video Course)

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.



5. U.S. Intellectual Property Law

(Mr. Hanrahan, Course ID 060526, Tuesday, 4-6 p.m., 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.

6. International Dimensions of Law

(Dr. Thiede; Course ID 060527, 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. Analytical Legal Philosophy

(Prof. Dr. Magen, Course ID 060006, Tuesday, 8 am-10 am, GD 04/153)

Analytical legal philosophy aims to elucidate the nature of law. It asks whether the normativity of law is based on social facts like widespread obedience, or rather on moral truths like justice. And it tries to grasp the general structure and basic elements of legal systems. The lecture introduces major approaches (natural law, legal positivism, legal realism, interpretivism) and discusses their implications for legal practice.

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

8. UK Constitutional Law

(Mr. Provan, Course ID 060534, Monday, 2 pm (s.t.) – 3.30 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.



9. Law & Global Challenges

(Prof. Dr. Kaltenborn, Course ID 060532, Tuesday, noon-2 pm, GD 2/148)

This course focuses on global challenges in the light of public international law. Maintaining peace, fighting terrorism, climate change, human rights, refugee crises, rule of law, world trade, international organizations are just a few of the topics up for discussion.

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

10. Anglo-American Perspectives on Privacy and Data Protection Regulations

(Mr. Kramm, Course ID 060541, June 24-27, 2024, 9 am-4 pm, BF EG/03)

This course delves into the intricacies of privacy and data protection laws with an Anglo-American lens, focusing on the legal frameworks in the UK, US, Canada, and Singapore. It examines the UK's adaptation of GDPR post-Brexit, the diverse and evolving data protection landscape in the United States, including state-specific laws and potential federal regulations, as well as Canada's balanced approach to privacy regulation.

Singapore's model, representing a key player in the Asia-Pacific region, is also explored for its innovative and business-friendly data protection practices. The course offers insights into cross-border data transfer and international cooperation, highlighting the challenges and opportunities presented by emerging technologies like AI and IoT. Emphasizing practical aspects, the curriculum equips students with knowledge of regulatory compliance and the business implications of data protection, providing essential strategies for navigating the complex web of international data protection laws.



11. Cyprus, a small island state in the European and international legal order

(Prof. Shaelou, Course ID 060525, June 3-6, 2024, 9 am-4 pm, BF 4.11)

Private and criminal law in Cyprus is strongly characterized by common law elements, while public law is largely based on continental law. The Lecture “Cyprus, a small island state in the European and international legal order” will start from a historical overview and explain how the Cypriot legal system has evolved into the mixed legal system it is today. It will pay particular attention to how Cypriot law manages to be based on multiple legal systems simultaneously. It will focus on the interactions and hierarchies between common law and civil law elements as well as the impact that international references (EU law and international law) have on them.

12. English Language and Common Law in the Mixed Legal Systems: Cyprus

(Prof. Shaelou, Course ID 060013, June 10-13, 2024, 9 am-4 pm, BF 4.11)

As a state with a colonial past under the British Empire, Cyprus is still characterized today by the influence of the English language and English law. This manifests itself not only in its mixed legal system, whose common law elements are a direct consequence of British rule. As a discipline whose subject matter uses language, legal scholarship, when adopting certain patterns of thought, must necessarily also adopt certain terminology in which the patterns of thought are expressed. Not only was English the original language of Cypriot law, but even today, whereas laws in the Republic of Cyprus are passed in Greek and Cypriot legal education can be conducted in Greek, many Cypriot judges and lawyers still use English terms and concepts emanating from common law in the interpretation and the practice of the law. The various linguistic elements in the Cypriot



legal system are often accompanied by influences from the English-speaking common past law, the Greek civil law system and the classical foundations of modern law in ancient Greece and Roman law, which can be seen, for example, in the interpretation of laws. The Lecture " English language and common law in mixed legal systems: Cyprus" combines the two orientations of the certificate program in a special way by teaching legal English as a technical language as well as working out the common law elements that are linked to the use of English legal terms in the Cypriot legal system. The focus is on Cypriot civil and commercial law.

13. The Reception of European and International Law in Mixed Legal Systems: Cyprus

(Prof. Shaelou, Course ID 060540, June 17-20, 2024, 9 am-4 pm, BF 4.11)

European and international law in the broader sense regularly requires transposition into national law in order to give effect to international provisions in the national context. For the details of the implementation of international law, it is decisive how a national legal system understands itself in relation to international law. This understanding can be characterized by the fundamental unity of national and international law (monism) or the fundamental separation of the two areas (dualism). The Cypriot constitutional system, like the rest of its legal system, is described as a "mixed system". In the case of Cyprus, the mixture at constitutional level concerns the question of the degree to which the constitution is monist or dualist. In the Lecture " The Reception of European and International Law in mixed legal systems: Cyprus", students will work in English on the basic features of monism and dualism as well as a specialized vocabulary of constitutional law. In terms of content, the focus will be on examining Cypriot constitutional law to determine whether and to what extent there is a connection between common law elements and the decision in favour of monism or dualism. There will also be comparisons with the implementation of EU and international law in Germany.



Kursbeschreibung (Türkische Veranstaltung)

1. Türkisches Strafrecht im Vergleich zum Deutschen Strafrecht (Karsilastirmali olarak Türk ve Alman Ceza Hukuku)

(Jun.-Prof. Dr. Özaydin; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060538, 22.04.+13.05.+10.06. (in person), BF EG/03, 15.06.2024 (online) von 13-18 Uhr)

Karşılaştırmalı Olarak Türk ve Alman Ceza Hukuku" adlı ders, Türkçe dilinde anlatılacaktır. Bu ders bağlamında, Ceza Hukuku hukuk terminolojisinin aktarılmasının yanı sıra başta Türk Ceza Hukuku'nun tanımı ve genel prensipleri, suçun maddi ve manevi unsurları ve hukuka aykırılık gibi konular ele alınacaktır. Bunun yanı sıra dersin amacı; en önemli suçların incelenmesi ve bu bağlamda Yargıtayın vermiş olduğu en güncel kararlar da dikkate alınarak problemlerin tartışılmasıdır. Özellikle hayata ve vücut bütünlüğüne karşı suçlar, cinsel dokunulmazlığa karşı suçlar, uyuşturucu veya uyarıcı madde suçları ve bilişim alanında işlenen suçlar dersin içeriğini oluşturmaktadır. Bu bağlamda Alman Hukuku ile bağlantılar kurulacaktır: Tarihsel açıdan Türk Ceza Hukuku önce Fransız, sonra İtalyan Ceza Hukuku'ndan esinlenmişken; 2005 yılında Türk Ceza Kanunu nihai olarak Alman Ceza Hukuku'nun yoğun etkisi altında kalarak reform edilmiştir.