



Course Descriptions (English Courses)

1. Introduction to American Law

(Ms. Tywonek-Brinckmann; Course ID 060520, Tuesday, noon-2 pm, HGB 40)

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 II: Fundamental Rights

(Mr. Budelmann; Course ID 060522, February 17,2025 in GD 03/150, February 18, 2025 in HGD 10, February 20+21, 2025 in GD 03/150, 8.30 am – 2 pm)

This course is an introduction to certain fundamental rights of the American legal system through the Bill of Rights and the adjudication of the United States Supreme Court. Students will be taught how to read and analyze cases through selected excerpts of landmark decisions. Issues include judicial review, freedom of speech, the death penalty, equal protection, affirmative action, marriage equality and the right to privacy. This course is a core course for the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty. Though the course is a lecture, active participation is expected.

Required reading: Will be made available through Moodle.



Suggested reading: If you have a copy of Professor Byrd's book, read Unit III of „Einführung in die Anglo-Amerikanische Rechtssprache“ (Band I, 3. Auflage) Introduction to Anglo-American Law & Language (Volume I, 3rd Edition) by B. Sharon Byrd, C.H.Beck, 2011. pp. 195-305.

3. Introduction to International Arbitration

(Mr. Wuschka; Course ID 060557, Monday, 4-6 pm, Zoom Video Course)

This course introduces arbitration as a means to settle international disputes. It will address recourse to arbitration in different fields of law, including for inter-state disputes (e.g. under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration), commercial disputes, sports disputes as well as the constantly hotly debated topic of investor-state arbitration (e.g. under the auspices of ICSID). The course will feature guest presentations by speakers from various institutions.

4. The Relationship between Law and Morality: Philosophical and Empirical Perspectives

(Dr. Prochownik ; Course ID 060547, Wednesday, 2-4 pm, GD 04/143)

The relationship between law and morality is a central issue in legal philosophy. It sparks de-bates between legal positivism and natural law theorists. For example, must the law conform to moral standards to be considered valid? Should a judge consider the moral purpose of a le-gal rule when interpreting and applying it? This seminar will examine these questions from traditional and novel perspectives, covering both conventional jurisprudential literature (such as the Hart-Fuller debate) and empirical findings from experimental jurisprudence on how moral cognition impacts people's judgments about the law and its potential legal-philosophical implications.



Experimental jurisprudence research has identified three pathways through which moral cognition influences legal cognition. These include moral evaluations impacting people's judgments about whether a statute is a full-fledged case of law, whether a judge should apply (an immoral) law, and whether a rule is violated considering its text and purpose. We will consider potential proximate ("how") explanations in terms of underlying

psychological mechanisms and ultimate ("why") explanations in terms of possible cultural and natural evolutionary forces that shape the connection between law and morality in human minds and across societies.

5. International Legal Dialogue

(Prof. Dr. Windel, Course ID 060173, course dates and times have to be announced)

The class is intended to provide a platform for an international community of teachers and students to exchange views in an open discourse on legal issues brought about by globalization. Students will act actively and independently throughout the whole process, gaining their own direct access to international dimensions of law. A moderated colloquium, including presentations by foreign guest lecturers serves as an external framework. Participation requires an individual application and admission. The course involves both preparing a paper and giving a presentation in German or English. 9 credit points are awarded upon finishing the course. Participation is mandatory.



The class is also recognized as an elective course for the Certificate Anglo-American Law & Language of the Faculty of Law and it meets the requirements of a „domestic work“ (häusliche Arbeit).

6. UK Constitutional Law

(Mr. Provan, Course ID 060534, Monday, 2 pm - 4 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.

7. International Dimensions of Law

(Prof. Thiede; Course ID 060527, Friday, 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.

8. U.S. Intellectual Property Law

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

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

(Mr. Kramm, Course ID 060541, November 22, 2024, 3.30-5 pm online learning block, December 3, 2024, 9 am-3 pm, BF EG/22, December 4+5, 2024, 9 am-3 pm, BF EG/03, December 6, 2024, 9 am-12.15 pm, BF EG/17)

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.

10. The Law of the European Convention on Human Rights

(Ms. Katsoni, Course ID 060544, Tuesday, 4-6 pm, BF EG/03)

The course introduces to students the scope and content of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and zooms in on specific, impactful and topical judgements of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR), for instance in the fields of forced migration and refugee protection, climate change, LGBTTIQ* rights, access to abortion and reproductive rights. Specifically, the seminar will highlight the significance of the ECHR for the protection of human rights in Europe and will underline the most influential judgements of the ECtHR on each right reflected in the convention, inviting the students to critically engage with the court's reasoning and decision-making in these judgements.

11. Normative Legal Philosophy

(Prof. Dr. Magen, Course ID 060012, Tuesday 8:15-9:45 am, HZO 90)



Normative legal philosophy is concerned with the normative reasons that explain and justify the existence of legal orders and legal institutions like criminal law, contracts, torts, public goods, democracy, human rights, and anti-discrimination law. The lecture provides an introduction into basic approaches to ethics and draws on cases to discuss common theories put forward to justify or criticize different legal institutions.

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

Kursbeschreibung (türkische Veranstaltung)

1. Einführung in das türkische Strafrecht (Türk Ceza Hukukuna Giriş)

(Jun.-Prof. Dr. Özeydin; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060550, 11.11.+09.12.2024+13.01.2025, GD 04/143, 18.01.2025, HGB 50)

Die Vorlesung „Türk Ceza Hukukuna Giriş/Einführung in das türkische Strafrecht“ wird auf Türkisch gehalten. Neben der Vermittlung der strafrechtlichen Rechtsterminologie werden auch inhaltliche Themen, etwa die Definition und die Grundprinzipien des türkischen Strafrechts, die objektiven und subjektiven Tatbestandsvoraussetzungen einer Straftat und die Rechtswidrigkeit, behandelt. Daneben wird auch auf Kriminologie, Viktimologie, Strafvollzugsrecht und Strafverfahrensrecht eingegangen. Dabei werden Bezüge zum deutschen Recht hergestellt: Während das türkische Strafrecht früher zunächst vom französischen und dann vom italienischen Strafrecht inspiriert wurde, ist das türkische Strafgesetzbuch 2005 unter dem starken Einfluss des deutschen Strafgesetzbuches reformiert worden.

Das theoretische Wissen wird anhand von praktischen Übungen konkretisiert.



Kursbeschreibung (deutsche Veranstaltung)

1. Einführung in das deutsche Recht

(Herr Knippertz; Veranstaltungs-Nr. 060011, 05.10.+12.10.+19.10.+26.10.2024, 9-16 Uhr, Zoom online Kurs)

Die Vorlesung richtet sich vor allem an Studierende, die an einer ausländischen Hochschule bereits juristische Vorlesungen besucht haben. In der Vorlesung wird zunächst ein grober Überblick über das deutsche Rechtssystem sowie das deutsche Rechtsstudium gegeben. In einer weiteren Einheit wird die Entwicklung des deutschen Rechts dargestellt. Sodann schließen sich jeweils eine Einheit zum Privatrecht, zum Strafrecht und zum Öffentlichen Recht an. Nach der Vorlesung sollen die Studierenden einen ersten Überblick über das deutsche Rechtssystem haben. Das in dieser Vorlesung gewonnene Wissen soll die Grundlage für den Besuch weiterer juristischer Vorlesungen bilden.



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