Special information for "Incomings"

1. Academic Year 2019/20

Winter Term 2019/2020

Start of Lectures	14 October 2019
End of Lectures	14 February 2020
Christmas Break	21 December 2019 –
	10 January 2020

Summer Term 2020

Start of Lectures	14 April 2020
End of Lectures	17 July 2020
Holidays (no lectures)	 10 April (Karfreitag) 13 April (Ostermontag) 01 May (Tag der Arbeit) 21 May (Christi Himmelfahrt) 01 June (Pfingstmontag) 11 June (Fronleichnam)

2. Lectures in English - Summer Term 2019

European Labour Law

Colloquium 14 January to 16 January Place of Event: RuW 1.101 Instructor: Dr. Gramano

International and European Insurance Contract Law

Colloquium 14 October to 27 January, weekly Place of Event: HoF 3.45/Sydney Intructor: Prof. Gal

International Human Rights Law

Colloquium 4 October to 10 January Place of Event: RuW Instructor: Dr. Steinbrück Platise

Legal Transfer in the Common Law World

Seminar 14 October to 27 January, weekly Place of Event: to be announced Intructor: Hon.Prof. Vogenauer, Dr. Whewell

Migration Law and Policy

Colloquium 16 October to 29 January, weekly Place of Event: RuW 3.103 Instructor: Prof. Dr. Skordas, Hon.Prof. Dr. von Bogdandy

U.S. American Tort Law from a comparative Perspective

Colloquium 15 October to 4 February, weekly Place of Event: RuW 1.301 Instructor: Prof. Dr. Zekoll

Introduction to English Law

Lecture 14 October to 10 February Place of Event: Hz 5 Instructors: Fr. Sichelschmidt, Fr. Zhu

Introduction to South African Law

Lecture 17 December to 20 December Place of Event: 2.101 Instructor: Hr. Scheibert

U.S. Legal Principles and Terminology

Lecture 18 October to 29 November Place of Event: Hz 3 Instructor: Fr. Beller

Also we organize several Moot Courts in English language. Please contact the professorship for more information.

Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court - Prof. Dr. Rainer Hofmann

Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court - <u>Prof. Dr. Manfred</u> <u>Wandt</u>

Oxford Intellectual Property Moot Court - Prof. Dr. Alexander Peukert

3. Choosing classes

In principle, you can take any of the classes listed in the lecture calendar under the heading *Lehrveranstaltungen des Fachbereichs* 1 - Rechtswissenschaft. In particular, we recommend that you take the classes specifically intended for international students. A list of these is available here:

https://qis.server.unifrankfurt.de/qisserver/rds?state=wtree&search=1&trex=step&root120171 =53702|55275|55880&P.vx=kurz

We also encourage you to attend the tutorials that accompany each lecture course.

4. Types of classes

Different types of classes are offered each semester:

V = Lecture (*Vorlesung* in German)

Teaching format: A professor provides a systematic overview of a particular area of law, discussing academic problems and possible solutions. It is essential that you prepare for lectures and consolidate the material covered by reading the recommended textbooks.

No registration is necessary. There are no limits on the number of participants. Each lecture class is examined by written examination and/or a coursework assignment. Subject to the approval of the professor giving the class, incoming students can be examined by oral examination.

Ü = Practice exercises (*Übung* in German)

The material covered in a lecture class is explored using the facts of real and hypothetical cases. Participants learn the techniques needed to develop solutions to cases of this kind. The classes usually involve written exercises for participants to complete as part of their private study. These are marked, graded and discussed in class.

No registration is necessary. Usually 30 to 40 students participate in each class.

KO = Colloquium (Kolloquium in German)

Specific issues and problems are discussed in classes involving active student participation. These are aimed principally at students who have completed at least 4 semesters of law.

Registration is required. Usually, colloquia are examined by written examination and/or a student presentation. Subject to the approval of the professor giving the class, incoming students can be examined by oral examination.

S = Seminar

Seminar classes are an opportunity for students, under the coordination of a professor, to explore and investigate a legal issue. They aim to develop students' independent research skills and their in-depth knowledge of a specific legal topic.

Students must produce a seminar paper on a selected topic and give a presentation based on their paper.

Classes taught in all-day blocks

These classes take place in blocks over one or more weekends involving all-day teaching sessions. The lecture calendar provides details of the exact dates and start and finish times of these classes.

Tutorials

Tutorials complement the lecture courses and are usually given by student teaching assistants (students who have already completed several semesters of study). Tutorials are an opportunity for you to consolidate and recap the material covered in lectures. There is also a chance to apply what you have learned to a practical problem.

Registration is necessary. Usually there are 15 to 20 students in each tutorial group.

Important information: To participate in the tutorials held in Summer Semester 2017 you must register via the <u>E-Center</u> (the Faculty's online registration system). More information is available here: <u>http://www.jura.uni-frankfurt.de/43507005/Tutorium</u>

Teaching times

Please note that the time at which classes start in Germany can often be confusing for new students.

As a rule, all classes start 15 minutes later than the stated time, i.e. the starting time is said to be 'c.t.' (from the Latin *cum tempore*, meaning with extra time to arrive). For example, if a lecture is scheduled for 10:00, it will actually begin at 10:15. If, on the other hand, a class is stated to start at 10:00 s.t. (from the Latin *sine tempore*, i.e. without any extra time), it will actually begin at 10:00 as scheduled.

Teaching rooms

Classes for law students take place in the main lecture building (**HZ**), the Law and Economics Building (**RuW**) and the House of Finance (**HoF**) on the Westend Campus.

Details of when and where classes are held are available online on the University <u>intranet</u>. Navigate to: → Vorlesungsverzeichnis (lecture calendar) → Lehrveranstaltungen des Fachbereichs 1 - Rechtswissenschaft (Law Faculty classes)

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5. Learning agreement

When you have decided which classes you intend to take, please list them in your learning agreement. The Faculty's International Office will sign this document for you.

6. Examinations and grading system

The examinations for most classes are held towards the end of the semester after the teaching period is over. The form of examination – oral examination, written examination or coursework – depends on the lecturer giving the class. You are encouraged to clarify at the start of the semester how you will be examined and when the examination will take place.

In law, examinations and classes are graded on a scale of 0 to 18. The pass mark is 4. Examiners in law are known for being tough, rarely grading work with 10 or more. So if you achieve more than 9, you almost certainly belong to the best in the class.

Grading System									
Points	0	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18		
Grade	insufficient	unsatisfactory	sufficient	satisfactory	fully satisfactory	good	very good		
	not	passed	passed						

7. Final certificate: transcript of records

At the end of your stay in Frankfurt, we will provide you with a final certificate i.e. a transcript of records. It lists the classes you attended and the examinations taken.

Important: Please help us to produce your transcript of records without delay. Make sure that you complete the form in full and notify us at the end of the semester which examinations you took.