



How Europe Works: Institutions & Law in the EU (ILEU)

Overview

This business law programme is a unique blend of business, law, politics, language and culture, offering students the chance to undertake a demanding, in-depth study of the European Union.

Date

July 1 – 21, 2012

Course Content

- European Governance
- Corporate Employment Law in the Context of the EU
- Corporate Law in the European Union

The course programme also includes:

- Study visits to companies and (political) institutions
- Introductory German language lessons

Course Language

English. Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 90 or equivalent) is required.

Prerequisites

Upper undergraduate students of law, business and public administration, international relations and related fields (after two years of study) or graduates with good standing.

Number of Participants

20-25

Course Fees

EUR 1.350,-

This includes tuition and application fees, accommodation with breakfast, health, accident and liability insurance, study visits, most parts of the culture and leisure time programme.

Credits

75 contact hours

- 60 contact hours business law course incl. study visits
 - 15 contact hours German language at beginners level
- 7 ECTS credits

Accommodation

Student Hostel (double room) with breakfast.
Arrival July 1 (move-in), departure July 21 (move-out).

Culture and Leisure Time Programme

The summer school team offers participants a wide variety of optional cultural and social events in Berlin and surrounding area (e.g. museums, boat trip, castle, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

Registration Deadline

April 1, 2012

March 15, 2012 for nominated students from partner universities

Contact, Enquiries and Registration

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Course Outline

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the history and status quo of the process of European Integration
- Become familiar with the responsibilities of key EU institutions
- Learn about key aspects of European Employment Law and European Human Rights
- Understand important differences in employment law and workers' representation across EU member states
- Gain insights in approaches towards protection of interest of different corporate stakeholders in the EU
- Develop knowledge of corporate governance and EU harmonization efforts concerning corporate law

Module 1, Political/Economic Focus: European Governance

- History of European Integration
- Treaty of Lisbon
- EU-Enlargement
- EU-Institutions
- Governance in the Multi-Level-System
- EU-Law

Learning Outcomes

Students will get to know the efforts to unite Europe in the past and they will get a closer look at the European Integration process from the European Coal and Steel Community (1952) up to the Lisbon Treaty (2009). They will learn that the Lisbon Treaty has brought about major changes of the architecture of the European Union. Students will gain insights into European Governance by dealing with competences of and decision-making by the European Council, the Council of Ministers, the European Commission and the European Parliament. In order to understand the specific construction of the EU a closer look at EU-law (e.g. regulations and directives) will be necessary.

Module 2, Business Law: Corporate Employment Law in the Context of the EU

- Introduction to International Labour Law and European Employment Law Sources
- EU directive on the "Transfer of Undertakings"
- German Termination Law in comparison with other EU member states
- Workers' representation across Europe
- European Human Rights

Learning Outcomes

The students will be introduced to the various sources of employment law, specifically International Labour Standards and EU law. The students will gain an understanding of how EU directives influence the employment law of member states studying workers' protection during a transfer of business. The students have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the law on terminations, a second focal point of corporate employment law. The students will learn to recognize the similarities and differences between Germany and other European countries, not only in termination law, but also concerning the rights of workers' representatives in an enterprise. Finally they will learn about European Human Rights, which will enable them to judge and communicate about conflicts of interest in the workplace involving basic freedoms.

Module 3, Business Law: Corporate Law in the European Union

- Civil Law and Common Law systems
- EU-Law
- Protection of interests by minimum capital rules
- Protection of interests by liability, disclosure, disqualification, solvency test, criminal penalty, insurance
- Governance rules
- National corporate laws in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands, Austria and the UK

Learning Outcomes

Students gain insights in the different approaches towards protection of interests of creditors, shareholders and stakeholders and towards corporate governance in the member states of the European Union. For this purpose students get information as to the corporate law systems in some of the most important member states of the EU (i.a. Germany, France, UK, Italy, Spain). Students learn about the attempts of the European Union to harmonize national corporate laws. They understand the reaction of national and EU legislators to the global financial crisis. Students return to their home universities with ideas to come to a corporate law system which serves both the interests of companies and the interests of creditors, shareholders and stakeholders.