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# **INFORMATIONS FOR ERASMUS INCOMING STUDENTS**

**LAW AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES**

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## **LANGUAGE COURSES AND LEGAL LANGUAGE COURSES**

The Faculty of Law regularly offers the following law and foreign language courses in the respective foreign language.

Depending on the semester, additional courses may be offered. Therefore please take note of the section "Rechts- und Fremdsprachenausbildung" (Law and Foreign Language Training), in the annotated course catalogue, which is regularly published in print about two weeks before the start of lectures, or the online course catalogue ("LSF")

<https://www.jura.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/lehveranstaltungen.html>

Information on language courses offered at the "Zentrales Sprachlabor" can be found in the section "**Zentrales Sprachlabor - Sprachenzentrum**" of the LSF.

You can find an overview of the law and foreign language education at the Faculty of Law at

[https://www.jura.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/internationales/fremdsprachige\\_veranstaltungen.html](https://www.jura.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/internationales/fremdsprachige_veranstaltungen.html)

## **LEGAL LANGUAGE COURSES OF THE FACULTY OF LAW**

### **INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH LAW**

#### **Introduction to French law and legal language - Civil law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of French
- The course is generally offered in the winter semester.

The introduction to French civil law explains the concept of private law and its different branches in France, i.e. the definition of French civil law, its development and its tasks.

In the winter semester, the introduction to French civil law focuses on the Civil Code (BGB), General Section. The following topics will be covered: Introduction to French private law, the sources of French law (the hierarchy of norms, the French constitution, the law...), the Code of Civil Procedure - practice case, subjective rights, individualisation of persons, cohabitation and separation.

#### **Introduction to French law - Civil Law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of French
- The course is generally offered in the summer semester.

During the summer semester, the introduction to French civil law focuses on the law of obligations General Part.

The following topics will be covered: the introduction to French law of obligations; the forms of civil law contracts; the conclusion of a civil law contract; the legal effects of a civil law contract; the termination of a civil law contract.

#### **Introduction to French law and legal terminology - Public law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of French
- The course is generally offered in the winter semester.

The introduction to French public law explains the concept of public law and its various branches in France, i.e. the definition of public law, its development, its tasks and its institutions.

During the winter semester, the introduction to French public law focuses on French constitutional law and European law. The following topics will be covered: Introduction to French public law, the sources of French law (the hierarchy of norms, the French Constitution, the law...), the executive (the President of the Republic and the French Government), the legislature (the French Parliament), the adoption of the law and European law.

### **Introduction to French law and legal terminology - Public law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of French
- The course is generally offered in the summer semester.

During the summer semester, the introduction to French public law focuses on administrative law. The following topics will be covered: Introduction to French administrative law; the administrative organisation in France; local authorities; public service and practice cases; the administrative police; administrative measures and administrative agreements; the administrative court appeal.

### **INTRODUCTION TO ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW**

After each semester, an examination can be taken with regard to the contents covered in the respective semester. A final examination can be taken after two semesters after attending the courses on US-American law (public law and civil law).

### **Introduction to Anglo-American Law - Civil Law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of English

The course is aimed at middle semesters. Regular reading of the materials before the course and their discussion in the course are required.

The contents in detail (subject to change):

Part I: Introduction to the Common and USA Law System, as well as Tort, Criminal and Contract Law

Part II: Personnel & Real Property; Bailment; Wills and Trust

### **Introduction to Anglo-American Law - Public Law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of English

The course is aimed at middle semesters. Regular reading of the materials before the course and their discussion in the course are required.

The contents in detail (subject to change):

Part I: Separation of powers and federalism; Case Law

Part II: Individual Rights and Liberties; focus on Due Process and Equal Protection; Case Law

Part III: Individual Rights and Liberties; Focus on the Freedom of Speech and the Freedom of Religion; Case Law

### **Introduction to the Law and Legal System of the United States**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Very good knowledge of English

The aim of this course is to provide students with a basic understanding and introduction to the US legal system. Students will study the origins and development of common law in the United States and the fundamental differences between the US common law system and the civil law system. Other topics include the principle of case law and precedent in U.S. as well as the structure and role of the federal and state court system. Special attention is turned to the unique procedural aspects of the US system, such as the role of the jury and the opposing system of dispute resolution. Students will also obtain an overview of legal education and practice in the United States. Several hours will be devoted to the US Constitution and other selected topics of substantive law. Where appropriate, current issues of US law will be integrated into the course.

### **Comparative constitutional law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Good knowledge of English

The course focuses on key elements of constitutionalism in a comparative perspective, with emphasis on the maintenance of the rule of law and the protection of human rights in a multi-level constitutional system.



## **FURTHER LEGAL LANGUAGE COURSES**

### **Introduction to Italian civil law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: basic knowledge of the Italian language
- The course is generally offered in the winter semester

The course introduces the basic concepts and legal institutions of Italian civil law and provides knowledge of Italian legal terminology. After an introduction to the Italian legal system and sources of law, the course provides an overview of the function, meaning and essential contents of the following areas of law: Family and inheritance law, property law, law of obligations and property liability.

### **Introduction to Italian commercial and company law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: basic knowledge of the Italian language
- Course is generally offered in the summer semester

The aim of the course is to familiarise the participants with the main features of Italian company law and Italian legal terminology. The event refers firstly to the historical development of Italian medieval commercial law. First of all, the articles of association in general, and their deviations from general contract law, and the legal regulation of partnerships are presented. In the second part of the course, first the law of the Italian joint-stock company is discussed, and finally the most important differences between the regulations of the joint-stock company and the limited liability company are dealt with.

### **Introduction to Portuguese and Brazilian law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of Portuguese
- Course is generally offered in the winter semester

In its first part the course will deal with Brazilian and Portuguese constitutional law, including the law of state organisation, fundamental rights and current political events and developments in constitutional law. In the second part,

questions of Brazilian and Portuguese private law will be discussed, especially the basic concepts and legal institutions of the General Part, the law of obligations, property law, family law and the law of succession of both legal systems. The corresponding terminology will be covered in both parts.

### **Introduction to Spanish Civil Law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Requirements: Basic knowledge of the Spanish language

The course provides an overview of the basic concepts and terminology of Spanish civil law and other Spanish-language civil laws. In the first part of the course, an introduction to the Ibero-American history of codification will be presented. In the second part, individual legal institutions and basic concepts of Spanish civil law will be covered with special attention to the most important differences to the Civil Code.

### **Introduction to Turkish law and Turkish legal language**

- Focus: Civil law
- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of the Turkish language
- The course is generally offered every semester as a block course at the end of the lecture period

The aim of the course is to familiarise the participants with the main features of the Turkish legal system and legal terminology. After an introduction to the Turkish legal system, the basic concepts and legal institutions of civil law will be discussed. The focus of this course is not only on the family, inheritance and property law, this course focusses on the general part of the new Turkish law of obligations. Turkish company law is also dealt with on the basis of the new Commercial Code. The knowledge of Turkish law is not only of theoretical importance, but there are also many opportunities to apply the knowledge and skills acquired directly in practice. Students who have successfully completed the course are in a position to advise third parties in the field of Turkish law. In addition, the programme offers the opportunity to prepare students who wish to participate in an Erasmus programme with a partner university in Turkey for such study abroad.

### **Introduction to Arab civil law**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- No requirements
- The course is generally offered each semester as a block course at the end of the lecture period

In the lecture there will be an introduction to the Arabic language and Arabic legal terminology. The modern codifications of the Arab countries and current developments will be covered, but also the historical background in order to present a clear picture of particularities of Arabic law. The following questions will be answered by means of legal comparison: What similarities and what differences are there between Arab countries? To what extent is the law there influenced by Islam? What are the points of conflict with the West? What are the future prospects of Arab law in an increasingly globalised world? The following topics will be dealt with: Introduction to the Arab language and Arab legal terminology; Modern legislation in Arab countries and Sharia; Fundamental rights and freedoms; Civil law; Business law; Family law; Law of succession; The recognized religious law of non-Muslim religious communities.

### **Introduction to the Hungarian legal language**

- 2 SWS = 3 ECTS credits
- No requirements

The Hungarian language is considered to be extremely difficult by European standards because of its special structure - but you can learn it without any problems! The aim of the course is to impart basic knowledge of language structure, pronunciation, grammar and vocabulary for basic conversations, as well as to create a secure basis for possible later consolidation. In addition, the course offers the opportunity to apply what has been learned by means of simple legal texts. Technical terms and the structure of the Hungarian legal system are also covered. The course is aimed both at students with the intention of completing an Erasmus stay in Hungary and at all other interested parties.

### **Note**

Further introductions to foreign legal systems and their legal language may take place. For this see the section "Legal and foreign language training" of the current LSF at:

<https://www.jura.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/lehrveranstaltungen.html>

## **LANGUAGE COURSES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG**

The following institutions of Heidelberg University offer language courses for foreign and ERASMUS students:

### **INTERNATIONAL SUMMER COURSE**

An "International Summer Course" is held annually in August. Within the International Summer Course, various courses with different content focuses and levels are offered for the German language. Language instruction takes place in the mornings; in the afternoons, participants can choose from subject and level-specific courses, as well as study groups, lectures, concerts, cultural and social events. German students help with leisure activities.

- There are registration dates
- A course fee is required (2020: 670,- €)
- Further information is available at: [www.ifk.uni-hd.de](http://www.ifk.uni-hd.de)

### **CENTRAL LANGUAGE LABORATORY (ZSL)**

The Central Language Laboratory (ZSL) offers various language courses at different levels for foreign languages. A course regularly takes 4 SWS (basic and intermediate level = 4 ECTS credits; upper level = 5 ECTS credits).

- Further information is available at: [www.uni-heidelberg.de/zsl/index.html](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/zsl/index.html)

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE (MAX WEBER HOUSE)**

The International Study Center (Max Weber House) regularly organizes the following German language courses:

#### **German for Law Students**

4 SWS (semester hours per week) = 8 ECTS credits

Written applications will be accepted from

for the winter semester from 15.05.2020- 15.07.2020

for the summer semester from 15.11.2020- 15.01.2021

Further information is available at:

[www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d\\_kurse\\_ksk.html](http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d_kurse_ksk.html)

**Various study-related German courses (A1-C2)**

4 or 8 SWS (semester hours per week) = 6 or 12 ECTS credits

Duration winter semester: October - February

Duration summer semester: April/May - July

Further information is available at:

[www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d\\_kurse\\_sb.html](http://www.isz.uni-heidelberg.de/d_kurse_sb.html)