



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2022 COURSE CATALOGUE

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

August	Course Pre-Registration* (online)
September 1 – 2	Orientation Program (mandatory)
September 5	Session I Law and German Courses Begin
September 23	Bucerius Academic Ceremony
October 3	German Reunification Day (national holiday)
October 14	Session I Lectures End
October 17– 21	Session I Exam Week**
October 31	Reformation Day (state holiday)
November 1	Session II Courses Begin
December 9	Session II Lectures End
December 12 – 16	Session II Exam Week**
December 16	Farewell Ceremony

* It will be possible to add (if space is available!) or drop courses to/from your schedule once the program has started.

**Please note that all exchange students must be physically present in Hamburg for their exams. Exams cannot be rescheduled for individual students. Although most exams will take place during the exam weeks, some may take place during the sessions.

COURSE LIST

SESSION I: September 5 – October 14, 2022

COURSE NAME	CREDITS	PROFESSOR / LECTURER	HOME INSTITUTION
Comparative Commercial Conflict of Laws	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Christopher Bisping	Bucerius Law School
Comparative Law Methodology	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Katharina Boele-Woelki	Bucerius Law School
Essential Themes and Trends in Comparative Company Law	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Carsten Jungmann Prof. Dr. Miguel Gimeno Ribes	BIRKENSTOCK Group, Neustadt/Wied & Bucerius Law School Universidad de Valencia, Spain
International Commercial Litigation	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof Dr. Peter Huber	University Mainz, Germany
Introduction to German Law <i>(mandatory for all exchange students)</i>	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Christopher Bisping	Bucerius Law School
Law Firm Strategy and Management	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Weiss	Allen & Overy LLP, Germany
Transactional Drafting for Non-Native English Speakers	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Lana Spangenberg	Bucerius Law School
Transactional Drafting for Native English Speakers	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Emma Ziercke	Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession

SESSION II: November 1 – December 9, 2022

COURSE NAME	CREDITS	PROFESSOR / LECTURER	HOME INSTITUTION
Business Mediation and Conflict Resolution	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Lars Kirchhoff Dr. Felix Wendenburg	European University Viadrina, Frankfurt
Business Skills: Introduction to Accounting and Finance	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Matthias Meyer	Hamburg University of Technology
European Capital Markets	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Dr. Fabian Walla	Adidas AG, Herzogenaurach
International Commercial Arbitration	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Stefan Kröll	Bucerius Law School
International Commercial Contracts	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Dr Ingeborg Schwenzer	University Basel, Switzerland
Introduction to EU Law	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Dr. Andreas Kerkemeyer	Bucerius Law School
Law Firms of Tomorrow	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Emma Ziercke	Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession
Law and Music*	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Linda Kuschel Felix Tann	Bucerius Law School
Negotiation**	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	tbd	
Sustainability, Innovation and Intellectual Property*	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Dana Beldiman et al.	Squire Patton Boggs, USA & Bucerius Law School

Please note:

* This course will be offered jointly for exchange students and German LL.B. students.

** This course will be offered twice. However, the content of both courses will be the same.

BOTH SESSIONS: September 5 – December 9, 2022

COURSE NAME	CREDITS	PROFESSOR / LECTURER	HOME INSTITUTION
Corporate Governance	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Prof. Dr. Carsten Jungmann	BIRKENSTOCK Group, Neustadt/Wied & Bucerius Law School
Legal Technology and Operations	1 ABA / 2 ECTS	Prof. Daniel Katz, Dirk Hartung	
Practical Aspects of Mergers & Acquisitions	2 ABA / 4 ECTS	Dr. Nils Krause	DLA Piper, Hamburg

Please note:

These courses will begin in Session I and continue into Session II with final assignments due/final exams being held in Session II.

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CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP FOR LAWYERS

Exchange students can opt to enroll in a module of specialized courses intertwining law, economics and management to earn a **Certificate in Management and Leadership for Lawyers** from the Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession.

The Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession (www.bucerius-clp.de) was founded in 2010 and provides know-how on the successful management of law firms and legal departments. It analyzes, researches and teaches practical aspects of professional management and leadership as well as developments in the legal services market.

BUCERIUS CERTIFICATE IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP FOR LAWYERS

The following courses will be offered in fall 2020:

1. Business Mediation and Conflict Resolution
by Prof. Dr. Lars Kirchhoff & Dr. Felix Wendenburg (2 ABA / 4 ECTS)
2. Business Skills: Introduction to Accounting and Finance
by Prof. Dr. Matthias Meyer (1 ABA / 2 ECTS)
3. Law Firm Strategy and Management
by Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Weiss (1 ABA / 2 ECTS)
4. Law Firms of Tomorrow
by Emma Ziercke (1 ABA / 2 ECTS)
5. Negotiation
by N.N. (1 ABA / 2 ECTS)
6. Transactional Drafting
Lana Spangenberg / Emma Ziercke (1 ABA / 2 ECTS)

The maximum number of participants in certificate courses is strictly limited to ensure the interactive nature of class meetings. In some courses, the selection of students will be conducted by the lecturer to ensure diversity and representation by a range of nationalities.

Students are welcome to follow as many certificate courses as they wish. However, to earn the **Certificate in Management and Leadership for Lawyers**, students must successfully complete a course load of at least 3 ABA/6 ECTS and receive a grade of B or higher in all certificate courses that are followed.

Upon successful completion of the above-listed requirements, students will receive a detailed certificate listing the courses taken and grades earned in each course.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

COURSES SESSION I: September 5 – October 14, 2022

COMPARATIVE COMMERCIAL CONFLICT OF LAWS

PROF. CHRISTOPHER BISPING

Participants:	max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites:	Basic / none
Attendance:	Bucerius attendance policy applies

This course explores topics of the conflict of laws from a comparative perspective. Conflict of laws denotes a branch of national law that deals with situations that are connected to more than one country. In some parts of the world the subject is also called private international law (Internationales Privatrecht in German, droit international privé in French). The so-called choice of law rules tell a judge the law of which country to apply to the facts that he or she is called to adjudicate. In a first step we will therefore turn to the question of jurisdiction and discuss which country's courts have jurisdiction to hear the case. We will also look at the question whether courts in other countries will accept the judgments given in foreign courts. There are therefore three distinct areas to this course: (i) jurisdiction, (ii) recognition and enforcement of judgments, and (iii) choice of law. The course thus follows the common law approach and combines questions of choice of law and international civil procedure. It is comparative as we will be comparing the approaches chosen in several countries, mainly the common law as represented by the UK, Canada, and the US and the civil law represented by harmonized European law. Both, novices to conflict of laws questions as well as those who have already studied aspects of the conflict of laws at their home institution are welcome to join.

Biography: <https://www.law-school.de/international/profile/christopher-bisping>

COMPARATIVE LAW METHODOLOGY

PROF. DR. KATHARINA BOELE-WOELKI

Participants:	max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites:	Basic / none
Attendance:	Bucerius attendance policy applies

Ever wondered how other legal systems solve particular legal problems? Ever considered whether one can usefully compare national systems? Ever wondered whether solutions abroad could be of use in your jurisdiction? Ever considered how to undertake a comparative legal study? If these questions interest you, then this is the course for you!

During six weeks the lectures deal with various methodological aspects of comparative law. Emphasis will be put on private law issues. Instructions will be provided as to how a comparative legal study is to be carried out. In addition, comparative legal studies will be critically analyzed and compared. Moreover, it will be examined how governmental, European and international

organizations, including the courts, use comparative law to support their arguments. At the end, the aims and objectives of comparative legal studies will be revisited.

Biography: <https://www.law-school.de/international/research-faculty/faculty-directory/chairs/professor-dr-dr-hc-mult-katharina-boele-woelki>

ESSENTIAL THEMES AND TOPICS IN COMPARATIVE CORPORATE LAW **PROF. DR. CARSTEN JUNGSMANN, PROF. DR. MIGUELL GIMENO RIBES**

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

Tentative Description: The course will familiarize the participants with the key principles of (Continental) European corporate law and highlight some major deviating corporate law concepts in other jurisdictions. The approach is comparative, including an economic analysis of the four core topics under review. Although the first units serve as an introduction to the issues analyzed from a comparative perspective in the rest of the course, it will be helpful if students have already gained a basic understanding of the law of business organizations.

One comparative topic (i) is the justification of the incorporation of legal entities and of the concept of limited liability, especially from the perspective of creditors. Two fundamentally different means of creditor protection (systems of legal capital and solvency test based regimes) will be in the focus as far as the maintenance of the corporation's capital is concerned.

Another theme is (ii) the analysis of the rights (and the limit of the influence) of the owners of a firm. Shareholder-oriented and director-oriented systems of the organization of incorporated entities (as well as their legal and economic implications) will be contrasted.

The course also tackles the financing of businesses, which varies from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and in different business situations. In this regard, the course deals (iii) with the different sources and nature of finance provided to businesses by investors and creditors including public and private equity, debt capital and hybrid forms of finance.

Finally, the course turns (iv) to a comparative analysis of the phenomenon of shareholder activism in listed corporations and its economic drivers. In particular, the course considers the activity of the different economic agents involved, such as institutional investors, asset managers, and proxy advisors, and provides an overview of the existing regulatory options in that regard.

Biography: <https://www.uv.es/uvweb/college/en/profile-1285950309813.html?p2=migiri2&idA=true>

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LITIGATION **PROF. DR. PETER HUBER**

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The course deals with cases where an international commercial transaction has given rise to a legal dispute between the parties and where this dispute is not decided by arbitration. In such a scenario, the parties have to litigate before the domestic court of a State. This raises a number of difficult issues, a selection of which will be dealt with in the course, primarily from a European (EU) and from a US perspective, taking into account international conventions such as the Hague Conventions on Choice of Court Agreements (2005) and on the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019).

One part of the course will be devoted to the issue of international jurisdiction: In which state's courts can the plaintiff bring his lawsuit against the defendant? What if there are several states that offer a ground of jurisdiction? Why does it matter at all whether a dispute is litigated in one state rather than in another? Can the parties in their contract choose the forum in which future claims will be litigated?

The other part of the course will deal with a selection of specific issues: What if the court which is seized with the lawsuit regards itself as an inappropriate forum (*forum non conveniens*)? What if the same lawsuit is brought twice, but in different states (*lis pendens*)? What are the so-called "torpedo claims"? Is it possible to prevent the other party from bringing a lawsuit in a certain state by way of an "antisuit injunction"? Will a judgment from the courts of one state be recognized and enforced in other states?

The course will be conducted in a seminar format during which we will discuss specific issues in class. This format requires that students have read the reading assignments in advance. A schedule is given below; please bear in mind that the time allocation is only tentative – some topics might take a bit longer than expected, others might be dealt with more shortly.

INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN LAW

PROF. CHRISTOPHER BISPING

Participants:	mandatory course for all exchange students
Level / Pre-requisites:	Basic / none
Attendance:	no attendance required

This course is designed to introduce the core aspects of German Law. It opens with observations about the modern German state and how it has been shaped by the experience of Nazism on the one hand and European integration on the other. Course participants will then explore key aspects of German law, legal education and the role of different legal professions in Germany. The sessions that follow will offer insight into German Public, Private and Criminal Law.

Public Law This section of the course is intended to familiarize participants with basic notions, concepts and principles of German Constitutional and Administrative Law. This will include insights into the history of the modern German constitutional state as well as some leading decisions of the Federal Constitutional Court. When suitable, a comparative perspective will be taken.

Private Law This section will begin with a look at some peculiarities of the German legal tradition. It will then focus on the procedural law and further issues relevant for understanding the mentality of German lawyers. This will be followed by the essentials of contract and tort law (especially those of interest from a

comparative perspective). Finally, an overview on the remaining areas of private law within a European context will be provided.

Criminal Law This section of the course will explore the foundations of German Criminal Law with an emphasis on fundamental legal principles, e.g., the principles of legality and culpability; it will also offer an overview of how criminal proceedings work. Special focus will be given to the three-stage system in which criminal behavior is analytically reconstructed.

Biography: <https://www.law-school.de/international/profile/christopher-bisping>

LAW FIRM STRATEGY AND MANAGEMENT

PROF. DR. WOLFGANG WEISS

Participants: max. 24
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none. However, the course is recommended for advance students
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

This course introduces participants to the strategy and management of (big, international) law firms. It looks at law firms as a business and how to manage practice groups and how to organize law firms. Using Harvard case studies on Law Firm Management and Strategy, participants will explore strengths and weaknesses of the different operating models. In the second part of the course, the theory and daily commercial management of law firms, including operational, financial and risk aspects will be introduced and discussed. The course will help the participants to better understand the mechanics of "Big Law" and shape their own career goals. It may also help to organize your own law firm.

TRANSACTIONAL DRAFTING

LANA SPANGENBERG (NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS)

EMMA ZIERCKE (NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS)

Participants: max. 24 in each section
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The course consists of six classes each consisting of two one-hour components. In each class, the first hour begins with an introductory lecture examining common themes and problems in writing and drafting and ends with a written exercise. The second hour is devoted to a commercial transaction in which students will draft, negotiate, review, redraft and finalize contractual provisions. Students will work in pairs throughout the transaction.

Active class participation is encouraged and attendance is required.

COURSES SESSION II: November 1 – December 9, 2022

BUSINESS MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

PROF. DR. LARS KIRCHHOFF AND DR. FELIX WENDENBURG

Participants: max. 22
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Full attendance required (i.e. 100%)

This course aims to provide the students with a solid introduction to both the practical skills and theoretical background of professional conflict management, with a focus on the interest-based method of mediation. Several areas of business conflict management are introduced, including the management of workplace conflicts, the proper choice and design of procedure in inter-business conflicts and the interplay between mediation and arbitration.

The main focus during the first part is to establish a toolbox for communication analysis and interactive conflict management. In a second part, students learn to deal with conflicts systematically and constructively and get familiar with the role of the mediator by means of role plays and small simulations, covering a wide range of business conflict scenarios.

Class preparation includes reading articles and book excerpts.

BUSINESS SKILLS: INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

PROF. DR. MATTHIAS MEYER

Participants: max. 30
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Full attendance required (i.e. 100%)

Accounting and Finance are often described as the “language of business”. The course will introduce students to some of the fundamentals of accounting and finance. This includes financial accounting (e.g., balance sheets, income statements), financial statement analysis (key earnings and balance sheet ratios), basic methods for evaluating investments (e.g., net present value calculation, internal rate of return) and forms of financing (e.g., equity and debt financing, leverage effect).

EUROPEAN CAPITAL MARKES

DR. FABIAN WALLA

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Intermediate
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The course examines the European regulation of capital markets and the EU’s way to a capital markets union. A major focus is on the harmonized regulatory regime which applies to market participants across the Member States and on the instruments of public and private enforcement. Further topics covered include: the foundations of capital markets law in the EU, the institutional structure for law-making and for supervision, the regulation of market abuse and insider trading, the system of disclosure as well as public take-over law.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

PROF. DR. STEFAN KRÖLL

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Advanced (basic knowledge of Conflict of Laws required)
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The course covers arbitration as a dispute resolution process for international trade and business disputes. It analyzes the different forms, contractual and legal bases, and advantages of arbitration. Issues discussed include the arbitration agreement, the jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal, the role of the courts during and after arbitration proceedings and the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards.

The course gives special attention to the international framework of arbitration, in particular, the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration, which forms the basis of the national arbitration laws in 80 states, as well as the New York Convention (UN Convention on Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards), which has been ratified by more than 160 states and regulates the recognition and enforcement of arbitration agreements and awards worldwide.

The course focuses on commercial arbitration as an international phenomenon and not on arbitration under any particular national system.

Biography: <https://www.law-school.de/international/profile/professor-dr-stefan-kroell>

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS

PROF. DR. INGEBORG SCHWENZER

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The course aims at giving an overview of the practical problems relating to international commercial contracts. Starting with conflicts of laws as regards international commercial contracts, the main focus is put on CISG and PICC, juxtaposing the two in the areas where they differ. Furthermore, other international instruments are included such as the UN Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Commercial Contracts, the UN Convention on Limitation, Incoterms© 2020, UCP 600 etc.

The significance of the instruments discussed in the course cannot be underestimated. The CISG now has 94 member states thus potentially covering more than 80% of world trade. Although the PICC are a soft law instrument, they are very often applied especially in international arbitration and have served as a role model for many further harmonization endeavours. Incoterms© are used in almost all international sales contracts of some significance. The same applies to UCP 600 wherever a letter of credit is used to secure the unpaid seller.

Biography: <https://www.ingeborgschwenzler.com/>

INTRODUCTION TO EU LAW

DR. ANDREAS KERKEMEYER

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

Students will develop an understanding of the basic legal aspects of the European Union and foundations of its legal order. This will include an overview of its history, an in-depth look into the Union's institutional framework and basic principles of EU Law. Emphasis will be placed on basic freedoms and their theoretical conceptualization. Leading judgments of the European Court of Justice will be presented and discussed in class. The course will also address topical issues as far as time permits.

LAW AND MUSIC

PROF. DR. LINDA KUSCHEL, FELIX TANN

Participants: max. 30; course will be offered jointly for exchange and German LL.B. students
Level / Pre-requisites: Advanced (basic knowledge in Contract, Corporate or Copyright Law is beneficial)
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

The paths of Music and Law are crossing more often than one might think - whether it is the contracts behind a band's foundation, the boundaries for sampling set by copyright law or the negotiation of a license agreement between artists and music publishers. In this course we are going to examine the implications of Contract Law, Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Law as well as Private Law and Constitutional Law on music making. We are going to follow a band from their formation and first song to performing on stage, signing with a label and ultimately conserving their legacy. While we mainly focus on German Law, we will also shine a light on certain comparative aspects. We will use real-life examples of cases and songs and will invite practitioners from the field of music and entertainment law. Students will be invited to contribute their creative input during class discussions and in the form of group work assignments.

Biography: <https://www.law-school.de/international/research-faculty/faculty-directory/junior-professors/professor-dr-linda-kuschel-ilm>

LAW FIRMS OF TOMORROW

EMMA ZIERCKE

Participants: max. 36
Level / Pre-requisites: Basic / none
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

Tomorrow's legal world is evolving, and the legal profession is having to re-invent itself. This poses all sorts of questions for the lawyers of the future. What sort of work will I be doing in the future? Will I even be advising clients face-to-face? What will become of the billable hour and

the pyramid structure? Will my legal training still be relevant? Will I even be working for a law firm?

Law firms are being pushed and pulled in many different directions; from changes in the way clients buy legal work, to new entrants in the legal market; from new technologies to alternative ways of working. One thing remains certain: lawyers need to be on top of these changes.

This course has been designed to provide students with an up-to-date and forward-looking understanding of law firms as business entities in an evolving environment. As an up-and-coming lawyer, you will have a front row seat in this revolution and will even be able to influence the future of the profession. This course will help you answer the following questions:

- What does law firm strategy look like? What threats do traditional law firms face? How are law firms reacting to the changing business environment? What will the future law firm business model look like?
- Is legal advice a product or a service? How do I organise my resources and processes to provide it? Should lawyers be project managers or should project managers manage lawyers? Will it make firms more efficient? What is legal design thinking? Can I use it to provide better legal advice?
- What does my client want? What is my firm's unique selling point? How can I differentiate my offering? What is a legal user experience?
- Can law firms be environmentally sustainable? Or is it all "green washing"? What about social responsibility? Can I refuse to work for clients who pollute or have a poor human rights track record?
- Can lawyers be innovators? What can I learn from innovative law firms and alternative structures? Will there still be law firms in the future? What issues do Managing Partners and General Counsel currently face? What trends are relevant for the future?

NEGOTIATION

N.N.

Participants:	max. 22
Level / Pre-requisites:	Basic / none
Attendance:	Full attendance required (i.e. 100%)

A course description will be provided soon.

SUSTAINABILITY, INNOVATION AND IP
PROF. DR. DANA BELDIMAN et al.

Participants:	max. 30; course will be offered jointly for exchange and German LL.B. students
Level / Pre-requisites:	Advanced / a course on IP law at your home law school
Attendance:	Bucerius attendance policy applies

How can intellectual property laws be harnessed to serve the interests of sustainability and meet the climate crisis?

Massive technological innovation is required to find solutions for the climate crisis. IP law can incentivize this innovation. IP law can also help diffuse knowledge and information. However, IP rights are exclusive in nature and potentially hinder access to technology.

This course will examine the points of tension and of synergy between IP laws, innovation and sustainability, with an emphasis on sustainability-friendly mechanisms and solutions.

The first lecture will discuss the rationale for IP protection, the tension between IP law and sustainability and provide an overview of how the relevant types of IP rights (patent, copyright, trademark, etc.) operate. The second lecture is devoted to patent law and its role in climate change innovation. Next, we will examine mechanisms by which IP can function as enabler of knowledge and technology, by way of licensing, technology transfer, open source, open innovation, pools, pledges, etc. Lecture 4 will look at the role of exceptions and limitations to IP laws in the context of sustainability. It will focus on the currently much-debated "right to repair". Finally, lectures 5 and 6 will deal with specific areas of the intersection of IP law and sustainability. Lecture 5 examines the access to pharmaceuticals in the international market, with a focus on compulsory licenses under TRIPS Art. 31 and the proposed waiver of IP rights for Covid-related vaccines, currently under review by the WTO. Lecture 6 discusses the two main facets of biodiversity: conservation of diversity of species and maximizing economic use of the biosphere.

The course is organized in 6 modules of 2 hours each. Theoretical teaching is combined with experiential-type learning methods, including case studies and discussion of hypothetical fact situations.

Biography: http://ipcenter.law-school.de/members/professor-dr-dana-beldiman.html?_gl=1*11j7vwb*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE2NDU3ODg3MjEuRUFJYUIRb2JDaE1JdTlUcDJlQ2E5Z0lWcc1HN0NCMkx5d09sRUFFWUFTQUFFZ0lEMV9EX0J3RQ..

COURSES BOTH SESSIONS: September 5 – December 9, 2022

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

PROF. DR. CARSTEN JUNGMANN

Participants:	max. 36
Level / Pre-requisites:	Advanced / "Essential Themes and Trends in Comparative Corporate Law" or an equivalent course at your home law school
Attendance:	Full attendance required (i.e. 100%)

Tentative Description: Corporate governance has become a research discipline of its own with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary elements. This course familiarizes students with the various theories on corporate governance and with the legal (and non-legal) rules forming the basis for corporate governance questions in (listed) stock corporations (especially the so-called Corporate Governance Codes).

In addition, the course analyzes the (executive) directors' fiduciary duties as well as the tasks and rights of those who have control over the management and thus play a vital role in the corporate governance structure (shareholders, non-executive directors/members of the supervisory board, and auditors).

As the course takes a comparative approach, recent trends on the European level, as well as in the US and in the UK, will be taken into account. Case studies form an integral part of this course. Accordingly, all students must be willing to take part in group work and participate actively in group presentations.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

DR. NILS KRAUSE

Participants:	max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites:	Intermediate
Attendance:	Bucerius attendance policy applies

This course provides a broad overview of corporate mergers and acquisitions and an understanding of the conceptual frameworks/markets that surround them. It covers all relevant steps in the M&A process from preliminary agreements (such as the letter of intent) to closing the deal. Other specific subjects covered include the due diligence process, negotiating share purchase agreements and various special transaction topics such as private equity / venture capital, distressed M&A. Students will also get an understanding of public M&A deals (acquisition of listed entities), including defense measures against hostile takeovers and specialties of Joint Venture transactions. Students will be exposed to the most important elements of a typical M&A transaction, including relevant contractual provisions.

The course takes an interactive, practical approach to the topic and centers on hypothetical M&A scenarios. These scenarios are used to illustrate the legal and practical context in which mergers and takeovers take place. Throughout the course, students are asked to address these topics from the perspective of the various players in an M&A process (e.g., by negotiating a letter of intent or a share purchase agreement).

Biography: <https://www.dlapiper.com/en/germany/people/k/krause-nils/>

LEGAL TECHNOLOGY AND OPERATIONS
PROF. DANIEL M. KATZ; DIRK HARTUNG

Participants: max. 40
Level / Pre-requisites: Intermediate
Attendance: Bucerius attendance policy applies

Legal innovation and technology are no longer themes relevant for legal professionals only in the future. Organizations across the legal industry are currently leveraging technology in ways that have allowed clients and consumers to access legal services more efficiently, effectively, and at a lower cost. This course introduces students to legal innovation, operations and technology. Students will examine the market forces and regulation shaping innovation and glimpse use cases from large law firms, corporate in-house legal departments, legal aid, and legal tech startups, and law companies. Students will also have the opportunity to see examples of applied technology from legal professionals and lecturers from all around the globe. Students will understand technological fundamentals, which will be explained requiring no prior knowledge of programming or mathematics beyond high school level. Health regulations permitting, the class contains an on-site-experience at a technology driven legal service provider in the wider Hamburg region.

Biography: <https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/faculty/daniel-katz>