



Information For Parents

Bucerius Law School has been welcoming international exchange students since 2001 and summer program participants from around the world since 2008. We want our students to feel at home in their new surroundings, so the International Office serves as a one-stop destination for all of their questions and concerns. We are here to assist our students from the time of their first inquiry to years after their sojourn, in matters ranging from visas and housing, academics, life in Germany or simply where to get a haircut in Hamburg.

As a parent, we understand that you may have various concerns when your child is away from home, which we would like to address below. Nonetheless, should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at international.office@law-school.de or +49 (0)40 30706 109. We are happy to correspond with you in English, German, French or Polish.

Safety Concerns

Violent crime is rare in Germany and most incidents of street crime involve the theft of unattended items and pick pocketing. Despite being Germany's second largest city, Hamburg is incredibly safe. Students should of course exercise a degree common sense – limiting alcohol intake, traveling with others at night when in secluded areas, not leaving personal belongings unattended, etc. – but in general will feel safe throughout the city night and day.

Health Concerns

Germany boasts of a reliable, professional health care system and Hamburg is home to many top-quality clinics, hospitals, foreign language speaking doctors and pharmacies. Should a student become ill or injured, s/he is sure to be in good hands.

Religious Concerns

As a large, international city, Hamburg is the ideal place for believers of all faiths to practice their religion. The city offers numerous protestant and Catholic churches, including some English-speaking ones, as well as synagogues, mosques, a Buddhist center and a Hindu temple. Kosher and halal foods can also be purchased in several locations and the Bucerius cafeteria and coffee shop offer a wide variety of vegetarian options.

Travel Concerns

Hamburg has an extensive public transportation system, in which numerous buses, underground lines and regional trains connect all points of the city and its surroundings. Public transportation in Hamburg is clean, safe and convenient.

Travel throughout Germany is also safe and affordable, as is most travel throughout Europe. Students receive extensive information on means of domestic and international transportation in their Student Handbook.

Language Concerns

All members of the Bucerius Law School community, including faculty, students and staff, are proficient or fluent in English, guaranteeing ease of communication for our incoming students who may not speak any German. Students in the past have not reported any major problems in getting around Hamburg or Europe with English; however, in the event they need help to communicate with an external service provider, such as a telephone service or heating company, the International Office is pleased to assist them.

We are looking forward to welcoming your son or daughter to Bucerius Law School and are happy to address any further questions you may have! More information can also be found on our website (www.law-school.de/programs).