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
3–23 July 2016 (three weeks)

Course Content
- European Governance
- Human Rights and Labour in the EU
- EU Compliance and Corporate Law

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
1500,– €
This includes tuition and application fees, accommodation, 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
- Up to 7 ECTS credits

Accommodation
Student Hostel (double room).
Arrival 3 July (move-in), departure 23 July (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, palaces, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

Registration Deadline
- 1 April 2016
- 15 March 2016 for nominated students from partner universities

Contact, Enquiries and Registration
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Syllabus

Week 1: Human Rights and Labour in the EU

The students will be introduced to the various sources of employment law, specifically International Labour Standards and EU law. They will gain an understanding of how EU directives influence the employment law of member states (e.g. EU non-discrimination law for employment relationships). They have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of how workers’ representation on the works level and enterprise level is organized in Europe. They will learn to recognize the similarities and differences between Germany and other European countries, and be able to debate the advantages and disadvantages of the European Works Council. Finally the students will learn about European Human Rights, which will enable them to judge and communicate about conflicts of interest in the workplace involving basic freedoms.

Week 2: European Governance

Students will get a closer look at the European Integration process from the European Coal and Steel Community up to the Lisbon Treaty. 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.

Week 3: EU Compliance and Corporate Law

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. Students gain an understanding of the corporate law systems in some of the most important member states of the EU. 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.

For a more detailed syllabus, please send an email to summer@hwr-berlin.de

Lecturers
Prof. Dr. Hartmut Aden, Prof. Dr. Stefanie Lorenzen, Prof. Dr. Peter Ries, Prof. Dr. Jan Eickelberg, Dr. Christian Burholt (subject to change)