



## 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 1 Human Rights and Labour in the EU	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Securing Human Rights in Labour on an International Level</li><li>International Labour Standards and the International Labour Organisation</li></ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EU Law Sources on Human Rights</li><li>EU Law Sources on Labour Issues</li></ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EU Non-discrimination Law concerning Employment Relationships</li><li>EU directive on »Transfer of Undertakings«</li></ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workers' representation in the European Union</li><li>National representation, European Works Council</li></ul>
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Study Visit Berlin Labour Court</li><li>Test</li></ul>

## 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 2 European Governance	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What is governance – what is European governance?</li><li>Governance and multi-level governance in the EU</li></ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The EU institutions and their role in the EU multi-level system</li><li>Study visit to the EU representation at Berlin</li></ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Governance – the example of environmental policy and climate change: Law and new environmental policy instruments</li></ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Judicial governance: The European Court of Justice, national courts and litigants</li><li>Example: The impact of Europeanization on the German Federal Council (Bundesrat)</li></ul>
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Study visit to the German Federal Council (Bundesrat)</li><li>Final discussion + Test</li></ul>

## 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](mailto: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)

Week 3 EU Compliance and Corporate Law	
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Governance rules in Germany</li><li>Two tier concept</li><li>Improvements as result of the Global Financial Crisis</li></ul>
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Intro to English Company Law: Basic principles of company law within a common law system and its wider European context</li><li>Principles of company law incl. corporate contracting and minority shareholder protection</li></ul>
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Compliance</li><li>Reform of UK Financial Services Regulation</li><li>Overview of the Financial Services Act 2013</li></ul>
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>EU corporate law</li><li>Governance rules in France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands and Austria</li></ul>
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Study visit to Vattenfall or Bombardier</li><li>Test</li></ul>