
Ruprecht-Karls University
Heidelberg
Faculty of Law



Erasmus

Incoming-Students

STUDIES & PERFORMANCE RECORDS

The current class-schedule with comments from the professors & tutors can be obtained at the end of the semester break at the entrance to the library at the "Juristische Seminar".

Lectures are principally held in German. Lectures about foreign legal systems are usually held in the respective language – e.g. English, French or Italian.

Attendance of classes

The Faculty of Law does not offer any regular university-sponsored exams at the end of a semester. You may take an exam at the end of the semester in accordance with your respective professor or tutor. It is in his sole discretion whether it will be a written or oral exam.

Please be aware of any potential application deadlines, which will be announced during the lecture, through a notice or in the course-catalog. If necessary please enroll in the attendance sheet or registration lists for the exams!

You can have your Learning Agreement signed by Miss Dr. Witteborg during her consultation hours.

After passing the courses successfully You will receive a certificate of performance ("Schein") from your respective professor or tutor.

You cannot get a certificate of attendance.

Final Exams usually are over when the lecture period is completed.

Transfer of study-achievements

Following ECTS-Credit Points are attributed to the course-types:

• Lectures/Colloquium:

1-hour	= 2 credits
2-hours	= 3 credits
3-hours	= 5 credits
4-hours	= 6 credits
5-hours	= 8 credits
6-hours	= 9 credits

• Seminar:

1-hour with a presentation and a written paper
= 4 credits

1-hour without a presentation
= 2 credits

2-hours with a presentation and a written paper
= 6 credits

2-hours without a presentation
= 3 credits

3-hours with a presentation and a written paper
= 7 credits

3-hours without a presentation
= 4 credits

A „Blockseminar“ generally is a 3 hour seminar.

• **Moot Court with presentation** = 7 credits

• **Practical preparation course** = ---

• **Propaedeutic preparation course** = ---

The grading of your academic assessment at the Faculty of Law will be based on the following system:

German Grading Scale

Points	ECTS grade
12-18	A
13-15	B
10-12	C
7-9	D
4-6	E
1-3	FX
0	F

You also receive ECTS-Credits for the participation in a German-Course at the International Study-Center of the University:

• Preparatory German-Course
(80 teaching units) = 8 crédits

• Study-Accompanying German-Course
(50 teaching units) = 6 crédits

The evaluation of such performances will be converted in the following way:

German Grading Scale		ECTS grade
1,0 - 1,5	excellent	A
over 1,5 – 2,0	very good	B
over 2,0-2,5	good	C
over 2,5 – 3,5	satisfactory	D
over 3,5 – 4,0	sufficient	E
over 4,0	insufficient/inadequate	F

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Important facilities for your studies:

- Juristisches Seminar
Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 6-10
Largest inventory on legal materials/books
- Neue Universitätsbibliothek Heidelberg (University
Library Heidelberg)
Plöck 107-109
Books can be borrowed here
- Neue Universität
Grabengasse 3-5 (at University Square)
Most of the lectures will be held here

Institutes apart from the seminar:

- Institute for Foreign and International Private-and
Commercial Law
Augustinergasse 9 (at University Square)
*Extensive supply of literature concerning foreign and
international private and process law*
- Institute for German and European Corporate- and
Commercial Law
Friedrich-Ebert-Platz 2
*Extensive supply of literature concerning Commercial
and European Law*
- Institute for Historic Legal Science
Friedrich-Ebert-Platz 2
Large library concerning Law history

Further juristic institutes:

Notice: Use only with the written recommendation from a
professor!

- Max-Planck-Institute for Comparative Public Law and
International Law
Im Neuenheimer Feld 535, 69120 Heidelberg
*Excellent supply of literature concerning foreign public
law and international law*
- Institute for German, European and International Medical
Law, Health Law and Bioethics of the Universities
Heidelberg and Mannheim
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LOCATION OF LECTURE AUDITORIUMS AND LIBRARIES

COURSE TYPES

• Lectures

The most courses at the Faculty of Law are lectures. Here you typically receive a systematic overview of a field of law, but students can participate with questions and short contributions. An open discussion is rather the exception.

• Seminar

In seminars a specific subject area will be discussed in more depth with a small group by means of presentations. Every participant will have to prepare **a(n) scientific (academic)** essay largely on his own and give a presentation thereof.

Notice: It is in the sole discretion of the professor whether you can participate in a seminar without giving a presentation.

• Colloquium

A colloquium takes place under the administration of a professor and encourages an open scientific discussion about a specific topic. Preparations of each participant is required to enable an exchange of opinions. Usually a written paper does not have to be prepared.

• Moot Court

A Moot Court is a fictional lawsuit in front of an ordinary- or arbitral court. An international Moot Court normally occupies a student for a whole semester and is linked with the compilation of written memorials.

• Practical preparation course

Practical preparation courses are usually only visited by domestic students that want to receive all necessary certificates of performance to be admitted to the first bar exam. One research paper and at least one written exams have to be passed successfully. A participation of ERASMUS-Students has not occurred due to the increased level of difficulty.

• Propaedeutic preparation course

Propaedeutic preparation courses (also called study-groups) serve the purpose of deepening the lectures, especially in regard to learning how to solve cases and preparing for the practical preparation courses. A participation of ERASMUS-Students is not intended. However, after consulting the tutor it is possible. Awarding of ECTS-Credits or grading will not occur.
