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In a nutshell

European and International Law offers
• legal perspectives beyond the German domestic sphere
• a bilingual, English-German programme
• examinations in German

You need
• an interest in human rights and international affairs
• sound school English
• curiosity and open-mindedness

You study
• European, universal and transnational human rights law
• the law of International Relations
• the underlying legal methods
Study European and International Law as part of your German legal studies!

Discover how human rights are protected in Europe and beyond and which rules apply to the interaction of sovereign States!

Since 2019, all major courses of European and International Law are taught in English. Take the opportunity to improve your legal English within your German legal studies! In some courses you can obtain the legal foreign language certificate required for your State Examination.

School English is a good basis for starting European and International Law. English course materials, specific glossaries and further readings in both languages will help you to feel at ease. Whereas major courses are taught in English, you can take all examinations (seminars, Studienarbeit, oral) in German. An optional tutorial further trains you to switch from German to English and vice versa while discussing questions of European and International Law.

While you may follow the Law of International Relations right from the first semester, you should attend most courses during the 5th or 6th semester in order to have enough time afterwards to prepare your State Examination.

Core Courses of European and International Law

EU Fundamental Rights 1 hour per week (hpw)
Explore the historical beginnings of EU human rights law, analyse pivotal legal instruments and cases. Additionally, delve into the complexities of applying these rights beyond EU borders, addressing critical questions about their extraterritorial reach and impact today.

Rike Krämer-Hoppe

European Convention on Human Rights 2 hpw
Learn about the guarantees enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the supervisory mechanism of the European Court of Human Rights and general human rights theory.

Robert Uerpmann-Wittzack

Transnational Protection of Human Rights 2 hpw
Explore how human rights are protected both by global and regional systems, and get acquainted with mechanisms of human rights protection that transcend the national context without being part of these systems.

Alexander Graser

Law of International Relations + tutorial 2 + 1 hpw
Discover the legal framework for the interaction of sovereign states and study core issues of public international law such as the law of diplomatic relations, the prohibition of the use of force as well as peace keeping and peace making within the United Nations.

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Europäische Rechtsvereinheitlichung 2 hpw
This overview of the techniques of European legal harmonization and unification gives you a better understanding of how EU law works. The course complements your studies of European and International Law (in German).

Methodenlehre + tutorial 1 + 1 hpw
Acquire the general skills for discussing legal problems and writing a seminar thesis. Get familiar with Continental European legal methods that underlie also the traditional international law of treaties (in German).

Tutorial: Völkerrecht in deutscher Sprache 1 hpw; optional
Practise how to switch from German to English and vice versa while discussing questions of European and International Law.

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Two seminars of your own choice 2 + 2 hpw
Within seminars, you will have to write two short theses, and to present and discuss them with other students. The second thesis is the Studienarbeit, which is part of your Legal University Examination. A variety of seminars is offered, covering the different aspects of European and International Law. Seminars are normally held in German.