



EMLE 2022-2023

Introduction to Law

Term/location: Hamburg

Credits: 2

Language: English

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COURSE DESCRIPTION (and learning goals)

This course provides a general introduction to the law and to the study of law. Students will become acquainted with the main fields of law: private law, criminal law, constitutional and administrative law. Specific attention will be paid to the basic differences between common law and civil law systems and to the relationship between national laws and European law. Besides the study and discussion of literature, students will train specific legal skills, such as the use of statutes, the analysis of judgments and the solution of legal cases. This course seeks to:

1. Harmonize levels of understanding of law among lawyers and economists in the EMLE programme
2. Facilitate among lawyers from various countries an understanding of basic legal concepts and doctrines across legal systems
3. Introduce both lawyers & economists to legal concepts and methods that are instrumental in the field of law and economics

Methodology

- Each lecture will start with a short summary and repetition of the previous lecture.
- Basic legal concepts will be explained and discussed using examples and cases.
- Students are asked to participate in class and share their knowledge and background about law and legal concepts in general.

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION OF LEARNING GOALS



- Written final exam (75%)
 - The exam will be comprised of cases and open questions.
 - Cases are short stories which involve several characters. At the end of the story the characters sue each other in court, and, based on the materials taught in class, you should elaborate on all possible claims the characters can raise in court.
 - The open question are questions on the materials taught in class.
- Participation in class (25%)

TOPICS/SESSION

Topic	Lecture Date	Reading
General Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Function of Law • Common/civil law • Legal Sources • Hierarchy of norms • Case law • Public/private law • Philosophy of Law • Law in the digital era 	Tuesday, 11 October 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Hage, Chapter 1, 2, 3, 15
Introduction to Private Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract law • Tort law • Property law • Private Procedural Law • Enforcement in Private Law 	Thursday, 13 October 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Hage, Chapter 4, 5, 6
Introduction to Public Law	Tuesday, 18 October	Hage Chapter 7, 8, 9, 13



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional law • Administrative law • Fundamental rights law • Tax Law • Public Procedural Law • Enforcement of in Public Law <p>Introduction to Criminal Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guiding concepts of criminal law • Goals and theories of punishments 	9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	
<p>Applying the Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interpreting statutory provisions • Identifying the structure of legal provisions • Finding an answer to a case 	Thursday, 20 October 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	
<p>Introduction to EU Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Architecture of EU law • Institutions of the EU • Sources of EU law • EU law/national law • EU Procedural Law 	Tuesday, 25 October 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Hage, Chapter 10
<p>Introduction to International Law</p>	Thursday, 3 November 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Hage, Chapter 12



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic architecture of international law• Sources of international law• Institutions of international law• International Private Law Q&A / Exam preparation		
Exam	Friday, 11 November	
LITERATURE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jaap Hage et al, Introduction to Law, 2nd ed. (2017)		