COURSE OFFER FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS 2020-2021

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic Calendar

1st Semester (21 September 2020 - 31 January 2021)
- Classes: 21 September - 18 December 2020
- Christmas break: 19 December 2020 - 3 January 2021
- Exams: 4 January - 30 January 2021

2nd Semester (8 February 2021-4 July 2021)
- Classes: 8 February - 21 May 2021
- Easter break: 3 April - 18 April 2021
- Exams: 24 May - 3 July 2021

Resit period (16 August - 11 September 2021)

Course offer

Incoming exchange students can choose courses offered by the Faculty of Law at master level. Due to a programme change in 2020-21 not all course descriptions are available at the moment. Where possible a link has been included to the course descriptions of already existing courses.

1. Courses with early exam facilitation (first Semester only)

   Evaluation for these courses is based on a written exam in January. The Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp offers OSU students the possibility to write their exams in Ohio, if OSU agrees to monitor this distance exam.

   Under the exchange agreement with OSU, OSU students may also opt for an early written exam in the last week of December. Permission to write an early exam has to be applied for explicitly before 30 September and will be granted upon such request. When opting for an early exam, students accept that this requires substantial self-study of part of the materials and that the exam(s) will be organized (on consecutive days) between 12 and 18 December. By opting for an early exam, students waive their right to complain about the required self-study, the timing of the exam and effects thereof on their results.

   • Advanced Course on International Criminal Law (9 ECTS)

   This course gives an introduction to the historical evolution and basic principles of international criminal law, from Nuremberg to the Hague. It examines notions of transnational criminal law (extra-territorial application, international cooperation). The course further explores the historical evolution, current status and instruments of EU criminal law. In a last part international criminal law is studied: the relevance of provisions on torture, terrorism and piracy; the core crimes of international criminal law (aggression, genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes);
prosecution and punishment by international criminal courts and tribunals; the position of victims; and the relationship to human rights.

This advanced course will combine lectures, practice sessions and seminars. Evaluation will be based on permanent evaluation of assignments and a partial written exam.

New course as of 2020-2021, no current course description available.

- Law of the European Union (6 ECTS)

This course consists of three parts:

1) an introduction to EU institutional law, including the Union’s constitutional foundations; the workings of the various political and judicial bodies; the sources of EU law; the decision-making procedures and the available legal instruments;

2) an introduction to the main principles of EU internal market law on the basis of an analysis of the Treaty provisions and the case-law of the Court of Justice of the EU concerning free movement of goods, services and persons. Not only the negative market integration is discussed, but also the completion of the internal market through positive integration (i.e. harmonization measures);

3) an introduction, from a legal perspective, to the external relations of the EU, including the external competences and international legal personality of the EU; the role of the different EU institutions, bodies and agencies; the decision-making procedures; the effect of the various legal instruments adopted and the means of judicial review; and the theory and practice of international treaty-making.

The course is taught as an intensive course within three periods.

Current course description

- Public International Law and International Enforcement (6 ECTS)

The course consists of two parts:

1) an introduction to the sources and subjects of public international law (15h);

2) a review of international litigation and arbitration mechanisms (30h).

The aim is to familiarize students with the substantive and procedural issues that arise in the settlements of international disputes across the various areas of public and private international law. Institutions will include the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the International Criminal Court, the WTO dispute settlement system, international and regional human rights treaty monitoring courts and bodies, the European Court of Justice, international public-private arbitration mechanisms and international private arbitration.

Current Course Description
- **Private International Law (3 ECTS)**

  This course on conflict of laws aims to familiarize students with both private international law generally, including comparative aspects and unification efforts, and EU private international law. To that end, the course will consist, after an introduction, of the following parts:
  - theories and developments in European and American conflict of laws;
  - global unification of private international law;
  - the Europeanization of Private International Law;
  - introduction to the Brussels Regulations;
  - introduction to the Rome Regulations;
  - internal market and private international law;
  - Union citizenship and private international law.

  *Current Course Description*

- **Constitutional Principles and Human Rights (3 ECTS)**

  This course offers an introduction to issues of constitutional law and human rights law. It prepares students for further study and research in these areas of law in the advanced courses in the master of laws programme. It consists of two equal parts:
  1) an exploration of the extent to which fundamental rules laid down in constitutional law enable and disable the operation of government by focusing on issues such as the role and value of an entrenched constitution, the recognition of constitutional rights and freedoms and the practice of judicial review;
  2) a basic introduction to human rights law, including:
     - normative instruments and accountability mechanisms;
     - interpretation and application techniques;
     - contemporary challenges for human rights law.

  *Current course description*

- **Transport Law (3 ECTS)**

  *New course as of 2020-2021, no current course description available.*

- **Transnational Law Course (3 ECTS)**

  The Transnational Law Course identifies and explores contemporary legal issues and solutions in legal systems from a transnational perspective so as to make the development of law across national boundaries visible. The course is taught by visiting professors who offer a comparative, multilevel and/or meta-legal perspective on topics of private and public law within their field of scholarship.

  *New course as of 2020-2021, no current course description available.*
2. **Courses without exam facilitation**

Students may enrol in the following modules and/or courses where presence in Antwerp for the entire semester is required. No early exam or distance exam facilitation is available. Evaluation will be based on permanent evaluation, assignments and/or a written or oral exam in the regular exam periods in January and June respectively. When enrolling in a module, it is mandatory to take all the courses within that module. In addition, if the student has not yet followed a course on European Union law and/or international law, it is mandatory to also take these courses in Antwerp.

2.1. **First Semester (September-January)**

- **Module Commercial Transactions: Rights & Governance**
  - [European Competition Law in Context](#) (6 ECTS)
  - [International Trade and Investment Law](#) (6 ECTS)
  - [European, International and Comparative Intellectual Property Law](#) (3 ECTS)
  - International Mergers and Acquisitions *(new course)* (3 ECTS)

- **Module Diversity and Law**
  - Genders, Sexualities and Law *(new course)* (6 ECTS)
  - The Inclusive, Sustainable City and Law *(new course)* (6 ECTS)
  - [International and European Immigration and Asylum Law](#) (3 ECTS)
  - [Legal Issues of International Employment](#) (3 ECTS)

2.2. **Second Semester (February-June)**

- **Courses** *(students can choose one or more of the following courses)*
  - Advanced Course on International Tax Law *(new course)* (9 ECTS)
  - Advanced Course on EU Economic Integration and Internal Market *(new course)* (9 ECTS)
  - Debating Development (3 ECTS)
  - [European and Comparative Discrimination Law](#) (3 ECTS)
  - [External Relations of the European Union](#) (3 ECTS)
  - [Legal Pluralism](#) (3 ECTS)
  - Law of the European Union (6 ECTS; same content as Law of the European Union in the first semester)
  - Law and Technology *(new course)* (3 ECTS)

- **Module European Constitutionalism and Fundamental Rights**
  - [Constitutional Law of the European Union](#) (6 ECTS)
  - [Institutional Dynamics in Multilevel Constitutionalism](#) (6 ECTS)
  - [Comparative Federalism](#) (3 ECTS)
  - [European Fundamental Rights Law](#) (3 ECTS)
• Module Sustainable Development and Global Justice
  
  International Law and Sustainable Development (6 ECTS)
  Human Rights and Global Justice (6 ECTS)
  Local perspectives on Law and Development (3 ECTS)
  Law and the Global Economic Governance of Development (3 ECTS)

• Module Commercial Transactions & Disputes
  
  AC International Commercial Transactions (6 ECTS)
  AC Dispute Settlement (6 ECTS)
  Harmonised Private Law (3 ECTS)
  International Insolvency Law (3 ECTS)