The University of Michigan Law School has developed a fall semester study abroad opportunity with Bucerius Law School for up to two students per academic year. Interested students must comply with the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad available in the Center for International and Comparative Law, 212 Hutchins Hall and on the Law School web site at: [http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.law.umich.edu/curriculum/studyabroad/Pages/default.aspx). Please consult the General Guidelines along with this document. They contain important information, including how to apply.

**Equal Opportunities**

Bucerius Law School values student diversity and is committed to providing a learning environment where there is no discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion/belief, age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or other irrelevant distinction. No student should feel disadvantaged or excluded from class participation.

Furthermore, Bucerius Law School tries to ensure that accessibility needs are met. The building, its lecture rooms and parking facilities are wheelchair-accessible. The city of Hamburg is continuously working on improving its accessibility services. The public transportation network currently offers low-floor buses and is taking measures to improve barrier-free access to its subways and train stations. ([http://goo.gl/XVavgg](http://goo.gl/XVavgg))

**Course Offerings and Requirements**

A listing of course offerings for Fall 2014 is available on the Bucerius web site: [http://www.law-school.de/69.html?L=1](http://www.law-school.de/69.html?L=1) (click on Academics). A tentative course list for Fall 2015 will be available in January 2015. To get a general idea of the types of courses offered, students can view the “Course List 2014 (pdf)” and “Course Catalogue 2014 (pdf)”. Courses are in English. Knowledge of German is not required. Course descriptions and professor biographies are also available on the web site.

In addition to the course requirements at Bucerius, students will be responsible for fulfilling all the requirements for the transfer of credit described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

A student’s course selection at Bucerius must be approved by the University of Michigan Law School prior to the student’s departure for Bucerius. Any subsequent requested changes must be approved in advance by Assistant Dean Roopal Shah ([roopal@umich.edu](mailto:roopal@umich.edu); TEL: 734-764-5269). The acceptance of any credit or grade for any course taken in the Bucerius Law School program is subject to determination by the University of Michigan Law School.
Tuition and Fees

The tuition and fees charges at Bucerius Law School are waived for students who participate in this exchange program. However, there are fees for the optional participation in a German language course. In addition, students can choose to go on a one-week study trip to Berlin and Potsdam, which is currently estimated at 260 Euro (fee for 2014; fee to be determined for 2015). This takes place the week between the two course sessions. These fees plus estimated cost of living fees can be found here: http://www.law-school.de/finances.html?&L=1

In addition to the above fees, which Michigan students must pay directly to Bucerius, students must pay full tuition and fees to the University of Michigan Law School as described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad.

Please note that the tuition structure and amount are subject to change at any time.

Dates of Term

The mandatory orientation program will be September 2 - 4, 2015. The semester is divided into two 6-week sessions. Courses in Session I begin September 7, and end on October 16, 2015. Exam week for Session I is October 19 - 23, 2015. The optional study trip to Berlin and Potsdam is from October 25 - 29, 2015. Courses in Session II begin November 2, and end on December 11, 2015. Exam week for Session II is December 14 - 18, 2015. (Students will not be on the same academic calendar as regular Bucerius students.) The Bucerius Law School International Exchange Program 2014 academic calendar is available at http://www.law-school.de/69.html?&L=1 - “Academic Calendar 2014 (pdf)”. The 2015 academic calendar will be available online in November 2014.

Housing

Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing, but the International Office assists students in finding suitable accommodation. The Bucerius campus is centrally-located and easily accessible via public transportation. All exchange students will receive a free semester ticket for public transportation.

For detailed information on housing, please refer to the Bucerius web site at http://www.law-school.de/68.html?&L=1

General Administrative Matters

The Bucerius Clifford Chance International Office will assist students with administrative matters such as housing, banking, and visa applications. Students who are approved to study abroad at Bucerius will also receive a comprehensive information package with important information prior to their arrival at Bucerius Law School. For information about these administrative matters, please refer to the Bucerius web site at via http://www.law-school.de/68.html?&L=1.

Application to Bucerius

Students who receive approval from the Law School’s Graduate Programs and Foreign Affiliations Committee to study abroad at Bucerius pursuant to the process described in the General Guidelines for Semester Legal Studies Abroad will then be required to complete a Bucerius application form via http://www.law-school.de/application.html?&L=1. Bucerius reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.
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Karsten Thorn, born in 1963 in Trier, studied law at the university of Trier and completed the First Legal State Exam in 1988. Afterwards, he completed his LL.M. degree at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. During that time he wrote his master thesis on “Multinational Banking and National Jurisdiction.”

From 1989 up to his appointment at Bucerius Law School, he worked with Prof. Dr. Bernd von Hoffmann at the University of Trier at the Chair for Civil Law, International Private Law, and Comparative Law, first as a teaching and research assistant until 1997, and finally as a research associate and lecturer of law.

From 1990 until 1993, he completed his legal traineeship at the law firm Hengeler Mueller, Weitzel, Wirtz (Frankfurt) in the elective subject group of European and International Law, with a specialization in Bank and Business Law, as well as at the law firm Frere Cholmeley in Paris, with an emphasis on international commercial arbitration, afterwards completing his Second Legal State Exam in 1993. In 1996, Karsten Thorn received his doctorate in law at the University of Trier with the topic “Bona Fide Acquisition of Movable Property” and was appointed as an examiner in 1998 for the elective group “International Private Law and Comparative Law” in the First Legal State Exam.

From 2000 to 2003, Karsten Thorn was a guest lecturer first at the Faculté de Droit, d’Economie et de Gestion of the Université d’ Orléans, then at the Faculté Droit, Economie et Administration of the Université de Metz. In February of 2004, he completed his postdoctoral thesis on the “Coordination of Private Legal Systems Through the Application of Foreign Conflicts’ Law,” as well as with an audition lecture on “Bearing of Risk after the Cancellation of Contract” at the University of Trier.

In September 2004, Prof. Thorn accepted to hold a Chair of Civil Law, Private International and International Commercial Law, and Comparative Law at Bucerius Law School.
For further information about Bucerius

Students are strongly encouraged to read the Student Study Abroad Reports currently available in the Center for International & Comparative Law (Room 212 Hutchins Hall). The reports contain invaluable information about courses, professors, library, computers, housing and so on. They identify the pluses and minuses of the students’ study abroad experiences and what aspects they enjoyed and what they found problematic while studying at Bucerius.


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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.