

Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad

Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany

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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, 300D Legal Research and on the Law School web site at:

<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.

The Bucerius Law School facilities (excluding the library cupola) are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Course Offerings and Requirements

A listing of course offerings for fall 2012 will be available on the Bucerius website at a later date: <http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>. To get a general idea of the types of courses offered, students can view the “Course List Fall 2011 (pdf)”. Courses are in English. Knowledge of German is not required. Course descriptions and professor biographies are also available on the website.

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 Virginia Gordan (vgordan@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 250 Euro. 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/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>. Click on “Finances”.

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 5-7, 2012. The semester is divided into two 6-week sessions. Courses in Session I begin September 10, and end on October 19, 2012. Exam week for Session I is October 22-26, 2012. The optional study trip to Berlin and Potsdam is from October 28 – November 1, 2012. Courses in Session II begin November 5, and end on December 14, 2012. Exam week for Session II is December 17-21, 2012. (Students will not be on the same academic calendar as regular Bucerius students.) The Bucerius Law School International Exchange Program 2012 academic calendar is available at <http://www.law-school.de/69.html?&L=1> under “Academic Calendar 2012 (pdf)”.

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/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>. Click on “Administrative Support”.

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 his/her 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/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>. Click on “Administrative Support”.

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/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>. Click on “Application”. *Bucerius reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

Contact

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Prof. Dr. Karsten Schmidt, Dean and Professor of Law, Bucerius Law School, is the academic coordinator of the International Program. (E-mail: karsten.schmidt@law-school.de; Tel: +49-40-3-07-06 – 100 – secretary; <http://www.law-school.de/organisation.html?&L=1>) Although he is happy to assist students, please contact Kasia Kwietniewska, director, International Exchange Program, first and she will put you into contact with him if necessary.

His doctorate degree, awarded in 1972, was followed in 1975-1976 by a post-doctoral degree in Bonn in the subjects of civil law, commercial law, business law and civil procedural law.

Following a professorship in Göttingen, Karsten Schmidt held a professorial chair at the University of Hamburg from 1977 to 1997 and was director of the Departments of Commercial, Maritime and Economic Law. From 1997 until his receiving emeritus status in 2004, he was a professor at the University of Bonn and director of the Institute for Commercial and Business Law.

He is a member of the Joachim Jungius Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Hamburg, and the Academia Scientiarum et Artium Europaea, Salzburg, as well as an honorary fellow of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London. He is a corresponding member of the Academia Nacional de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Cordoba, Argentina and serves as a member of the academic board of the Institut für Wirtschaftsverfassung und Wettbewerb (FIW), Cologne.

Karsten Schmidt served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Zivilrechtslehrervereinigung from 1987 to 1999 and was a legal expert for the German Research Association from 1988 to 1996. He sits on the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees of the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, Hamburg. He is also vice-president of the Übersee-Club, Hamburg. He is publisher and editor of the Zeitschrift für das gesamte Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht (ZHR), joint publisher of the Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (ZIP) and sits on the editorial board of the International and Comparative Corporation Law Journal. He has written textbooks on commercial and company law, as well as monographs, commentaries and numerous academic articles.

He received honorary doctorates from the Universities of Athens and Vienna (2002) and teaches abroad in Spain, Greece, Argentina, China and other countries throughout the world.

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 300D Legal Research). 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.

Please consult the Bucerius Law School web site at <http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1>.

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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.