Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad
Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany

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, or 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.

Students who are proficient in German will be given preference. However, knowledge of German is not required.

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 2008 at Bucerius is available on the Bucerius Law School web site: http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1. Click on “Academics”.

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 Study 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 language courses. 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 is the week between the two course sessions.

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 4 and 5, 2008. Courses in Session I are from September 8, through October 17, 2008. Exam week for Session I is October 20-24, 2008. The optional study trip to Berlin and Potsdam is from October 26 to October 30, 2008. Courses in Session II are from November 3, through December 12, 2008. Exam week for Session II is December 15 – 19, 2008. (Students will not be on the same academic calendar as regular Bucerius students.)

**Housing**

Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing but will assist students in finding suitable accommodation. The Bucerius campus is very easily accessible via public transportation, and 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](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 student services such as housing, banking and residence permit/visa application. Students who are approved to study abroad at Bucerius will also receive an information package with important information prior to his/her arrival at the Bucerius Law School. For information about these administrative matters, please refer to the Bucerius web site at [http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1](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 Global Affairs 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 promptly complete a Bucerius on-line application form [http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1](http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.html?&L=1) – Click on “Application”. *Bucerius reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.*

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A doctorate in 1972 was followed in 1975/76 by a post-doctorate in Bonn in the subjects of civil law, commercial law, business law, and civil procedural law.
Following a professorship in Göttingen (1976) he 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 to 2004, Karsten Schmidt has been 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 Scientiarium et Artium Europaea, Salzburg, as well as 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.

Prof. Schmidt served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Zivilrechtslehrervereinigung from 1987 to 1999 and was an assessor for the German Research Association from 1988 to 1996. He sits on the supervisory board and the Kuratorium of the Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius ZEIT Foundation, Hamburg. He is publisher and editor of the Zeitschrift für das gesamte Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht, joint publisher of the Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (ZIP), as well as sitting on the editorial board of the International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal. He has written textbooks on commercial and company law, as well as monographs, commentaries and numerous academic articles.

**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.0.html?&L=1](http://www.law-school.de/exchangeprogram.0.html?&L=1).

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