



HWR Berlin Summer School 2025

How Europe Works: Institutions & Law in the EU (ILEU)

Overview

This business law programme is a unique blend of business, law, politics and culture, offering students the chance to undertake a demanding, in-depth study of the European Union (EU) and its legal workings.

Date

29 June – 19 July 2025

Course Content

- European Governance
- Human Rights and Labour in the EU
- EU Corporate Law

The course programme also includes:

- Study visits to companies
- Module on German culture and society from an intercultural perspective

Course Language

English. Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 90 or equivalent) is required.

Prerequisites

Upper undergraduate students of law, business and public administration, international relations and related fields (after two years of study) or graduates with good standing.

Number of Participants

20–25

Course Fees

€ 995 (without accommodation)

This includes tuition and programme fees, health, accident and liability insurance, study visits, most parts of the culture and leisure time programme.

Credits

- 6 ECTS: Business Law Programme
- 1 ECTS: German culture & society module
- Up to 7 ECTS credits

Accommodation

- Student hotel (double room)
- Arrival 29 June (move-in), departure 19 July (move-out)
- Optional booking upon request

Culture and Leisure Time Programme

The summer school team offers participants a wide variety of optional cultural and social events in Berlin and surrounding area (e.g. museums, boat trip, palaces, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

Registration Deadline

- 1 April 2025
- 15 March 2025 for nominated students from partner universities

Contact, Enquiries and Registration

HWR Berlin Summer and Winter School

Email: summer@hwr-berlin.de

www.hwr-berlin.de/summerschools

Syllabus

Students will better understand the workings of the EU through an analysis of the political processes and legal structures that underpin it. During the course they will explore the process of European integration; EU labour and human rights law; and corporate governance and competition law.

This exploration will help students to understand the EU's interactions with the wider world, the relationships between EU member states and the challenges that the EU faces going forward.

For a more detailed syllabus, please email summer@hwr-berlin.de

Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Aden, Prof. Dr. Stefanie Lorenzen, Prof. Dr. Peter Ries

Week 1

Day	European Governance
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is governance – what is European governance? Governance and multi-level governance in the EU; diversification of governance
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The entrepreneurial process The EU institutions and their role in the EU multi-level system Law-making in the EU
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judicial governance: the European Court of Justice, national courts and litigants
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal states in the EU multi-level system: the impact of Europeanisation on the German Federal Council (Bundesrat) Study visit to the German Federal Council (Bundesrat) EU multi-level governance 1 – internet, data protection and artificial intelligence law and policy
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU multilevel governance 2 – environmental policy and climate change: laws and new environmental policy instruments Assessment: written test

Week 2

Day	Human Rights and Labor in the EU
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing human rights in labour at the international level International labour standards and the International Labour Organisation
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU sources of law on human rights and labour issues
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU non-discrimination law concerning employment EU directive on Transfer of Undertakings
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee representation in the European Union National representation and European Works Council
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study visit: The Representation of the EU in Berlin
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment: written test

Week 3

Day	EU Corporate Law
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Corporate Law: European legislation, decisions of the ECJ
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Social Responsibility: history of CSR and ESG Anglo-American approach, EU approach, hard and soft law
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corporate Governance models in the European Union: One-tier and two-tier system Different approaches of member states of the European Union
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study visit to a local court Case Studies: supply chain, corporate governance models in different member states of the EU, CSR- and ESG activities of a company
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment: written test

Weeks 1–3: Additional Module

German Culture and Society: Intercultural Perspectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be exposed to various aspects of German culture and society through a series of site visits and reflective papers The reflective papers (one per study week) should be related to an aspect of German culture and society and/or students' intercultural experience

* Course content/lecturers may be subject to change

Last but not least: Get more out of your summer school experience!

Combine this programme with our add-on "Cross-Cultural Management"