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## BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME



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## PHILOSOPHY FOREIGN LANGUAGE COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME TRAINING

**Bucerius Law School offers** legal language training to fulfil its mission of providing practically oriented legal education with an international outlook. The language training is designed against the backdrop of globalisation and with regard to the fact that today's young lawyer is increasingly required to work across national borders. In addition, Bucerius Law School students often plan careers with international organisations, political institutions or in diplomacy.

Our immediate focus in the programme is to prepare you for the 7th trimester abroad, legal internships and, more importantly, the world of work, by providing you with the tools and skills you may need in your professional life. To this end, you will undertake authentic tasks which simulate communication with foreign colleagues or clients while engaging in activities such as discussion, mooting, negotiation, writing or legal research. In this way, you will also acquire the terminology and conceptual insights necessary for professional life. At the same time, you will experience other legal cultures, especially the common law as practised in England, the United States of America and most English-speaking jurisdictions. These insights into the 'mindset' of foreign lawyers are essential to the practice of law in an international context.

We hope you enjoy our courses and invite you to work with our teachers to continue to shape the programme.

# TRIMESTER SCHEDULE FOR LANGUAGES

English	French	Spanish	Chinese / Arabic	
TRIMESTER 1				
No courses offered				
TRIMESTER 2				
Introduction to Legal English *	Cours de Français Juridique I Français Intermédiaire	Español Jurídico (Introducción en el Derecho Procesal español) Español Intermedio	Chinese Beginner (Anfänger) Arabic Beginner (Anfänger)	
TRIMESTER 3				
Legal Negotiation Law and Society (Mooting)	Cours de Français Juridique I Français Intermédiaire	Español Jurídico (Introducción en el Derecho Civil español) Español Intermedio		
TRIMESTER 4				
Foundations of Contract Law *	Cours de Français Juridique I Français Intermédiaire	Español Jurídico (Derecho de los Contratos) Español Intermedio		
TRIMESTER 5, 6				
Language of Commercial Law Language of Company Law Language of IP and IT Law ** Introduction to M&A Bankruptcy and Debtor-Creditor Relations (Trim. 6 only) Legal Writing and Research (Trim. 6 only)	Cours de Français Juridique II Français Intermédiaire  Cours de Français Juridique II Français Intermédiaire	Español Jurídico (Derecho Mercantil) Español Intermedio  Español Jurídico (Compraventa internacional de mercancías) Español Intermedio	Chinese Elementary (Anfänger weiterführend) Arabic Elementary (Anfänger weiterführend)	
TRIMESTER 7				
– 7th trimester abroad –				
TRIMESTER 8				
English Legal Translation Research Paper / Research Proposal	Traduction de Français Juridique	Traducción de Español Jurídico	<b>According to demand:</b> Chinese Advanced (Fortgeschrittene) Arabic Advanced (Fortgeschrittene)	

\* Mandatory English courses \*\* IP Zertifikat



## GENERAL OVERVIEW OF LANGUAGE LEVELS OFFERED

### Language courses are offered on three levels

**Advanced (Legal Language)** – these courses include the mandatory English courses, other optional English courses, as well as Cours de Français Juridique I & II and Español Jurídico. They also enable you to qualify for a language proficiency certificate (“Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenprüfung”). All of our mandatory and optional legal language courses carry two credit points.

**Intermediate** – Français Intermédiaire and Español Intermedio are designed to improve your fluency and hopefully improve your language to the point where you can participate in advanced courses. Intermediate courses carry one credit point. We do not offer French and/or Spanish courses at a beginner level.

**Beginner/Elementary** – Chinese and Arabic. We have a limited number of courses offered at the beginner or elementary level, as legal studies at Bucerius Law School are demanding and there may be little time to learn and master a language from beginner level during your degree. Beginner courses carry one credit point.



# JURA PLUS

Please check the Jura Plus Programme, "Modul E1 Sprachen", for more information regarding the points you may carry into your LL.B.

Das bachelorrelevante Modul E besteht aus vier Teilmodulen:

## **Modul E: Jura Plus**

ECTS: min. 17, max. 37 \*

### **E1: Sprachen**

Mit der fremdsprachlichen Ausbildung erhalten die Studierenden Einblicke in fremde Rechtskulturen, speziell das „Common Law“ des anglo-amerikanischen Rechtssystems. Im Mittelpunkt steht die Simulation authentischer Situationen, die Sprachkompetenz und deren Rechtskonzepte. Somit erhalten die Studierenden wichtige Kenntnisse für das Auslandstrimester sowie wichtige Eindrücke vom späteren praktischen Berufsleben.

*ECTS: min. 4 (benotet)*

### **E2: Wirtschaft**

Durch die Vermittlung wirtschaftswissenschaftlicher Kenntnisse werden die angehenden Juristinnen und Juristen in die Lage versetzt, bei Ihren künftigen Überlegungen und Entscheidungen auch ökonomische Aspekte zu berücksichtigen.

*ECTS: min. 4 (benotet)*

### **E3: Schlüsselqualifikationen**

In verschiedenen Workshops werden ergänzend zum juristischen Studium Kenntnisse für die rechtsprechende, verwaltende, rechtsberatende und rechtsgestaltende Praxis vermittelt.

*ECTS: min. 2 (benotet)*

### **E4: Studium generale / Studium personale**

Im Studium generale und Studium personale setzen die Studierenden parallel zur juristischen Ausbildung durch die Teilnahme an Seminaren, Exkursionen und den musikalischen Ensembles individuelle Schwerpunkte in anderen fachlichen Disziplinen. In ausgewählten Workshops stärken sie ihre Schlüsselkompetenzen.

*ECTS: 7 (unbenotet)*

\* Aus den benoteten Teilmodulen 1–3 können mind. zehn ECTS, aus dem unbenoteten Teilmodul 4 sieben ECTS in Jura Plus eingebracht werden

## **Sprachen (Modul E1)**

**4 ECTS (Pflicht):** 2 juristische Pflicht-Sprachkurse (Introduction to Legal English, Foundations of Anglo American Contract Law)

**2 ECTS:** Juristische Wahl-Kurse (z. B. Legal Negotiation, Français Juridique)

**1 ECTS:** Nicht-juristische Wahl-Kurse (z. B. Arabisch, Chinesisch, Français Intermediaire)

## CREDIT POINTS

- **1 credit = 1ECTS<sup>1</sup>** and is equivalent to **30 notional study hours**, which includes class time and homework (for example, assignments, preparation, and so on).

In addition, we provide you with a **language record sheet** along with the LLB, which shows all the language courses you have taken at Bucerius Law School together with your grades.

In some courses students will be encouraged to take external examinations such as DELF or DELE. See page 24 for more detailed information.

Finally, we offer Bucerius Law School Language Proficiency Certification (FFP) – see pages 25–26 for more detailed information. We also provide certificates for specialisations in Legal English in either Commercial Law or Advocacy & ADR (see page 27).

We trust that these forms of assessment will give shape to your learning and motivate you to make progress.

<sup>1</sup> European Credit Transfer System

## REGISTRATION FOR COURSES

- Registrations for all optional language courses end after the **first 2 weeks of the trimester**. You also have the first 2 weeks to decide if you wish to continue taking the course.
- Once you have registered for a course, you may deregister for that course at any time during the first 2 weeks.
- However, once the **registration deadline has passed**, you **can no longer register or de-register** from our language courses.
- **Failure to deregister** from any courses during this time frame will mean you will need to participate in the course and complete all the requirements, **failing which you will be graded “0”**.
- **NOTE: Please note that due to oversubscription in some courses, we act on a “first-come, first-served” basis.** This means that we will close the course as soon as it has reached its maximum number of participants. Some courses are oversubscribed even before the trimester starts, so be sure to register for courses as soon as they open for registration. Should an oversubscription occur, the IHMAS system will select and reject students based on an automated point system. (Please feel free to ask Student Affairs for more information on the point system.)



# CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS

## Attendance

- When studying a foreign language, it is necessary to practise communication consistently, rather than simply reading and learning concepts. For this reason, **regular attendance is required** in all of our courses, and attendance sheets are distributed for students to sign in each class. If you have more than 3 unexcused absences, **you will automatically fail the course.**
- You are **expected to be present for the entire class.** Do not arrive late or leave early. Doing so can be very disruptive for the teacher and other students, and may have a negative effect on the lesson planning. In exceptional circumstances arriving late may be excused, particularly under emergency circumstances, but you should be prepared to explain your tardiness to the instructor after class. Likewise, the need to leave early should be explained to the instructor before class. **You will be marked absent if you miss the first 15 minutes of class or leave early.**

## Absences

- Inform the teacher in advance if you know you are going to miss a class. Also, take responsibility for obtaining missed assignments from other students. Do not expect that you will be allowed to make up work, such as unannounced quizzes or tests, after an absence. Teachers are not responsible for re-teaching the material you missed because of your absence.
- **NOTE:** Familiarise yourself with the attendance requirements for your course. **If you have more than 3 unexcused absences, you will automatically fail the course.**

## Classroom

- You are expected to behave in class in a way that is civil and courteous to others. You must refrain from behaviour that interferes with the rights of others to learn. Do not carry on side conversations in class. Do not eat or bring food into the classroom. Clean away all litter and do not leave any rubbish in the classroom when the lesson is over.

## Devices

- You may not receive or make telephone calls during class and must refrain from using your phone, computer, tablet or similar devices for browsing, games, texting or other purposes during class time.

## TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

- The information below is a summary of the main points in the official university examination regulations and language programme regulations (Richtlinien des Fremdsprachenprogramms). As a student, **you are responsible for reading through the necessary official university rules and regulations.**
- Assessment of student performance in courses is partly oral and partly written.
- Oral performance will be assessed generally in class, and also when you are asked to give presentations or take part in moots or negotiations.
- Written performance is assessed in a variety of ways, usually by setting essays and other written assignments.

**NOTE: You are required to pass ALL components of assessment, including:**

- **attendance,**
- **oral performance,**
- **written tasks, and**
- **exams (oral and written).**
- **All components have to be passed in order for you to receive a final grade.**

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### **No attendance certificates (Hörschein):**

In the interests of the best use of resources, language courses are tested as a matter of principle. No credit of any kind will be given for courses where you fail to take the written test. All students who are registered for courses are required to pass all components of assessment in order to pass the course and receive a final grade for it.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## ■ INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL ENGLISH

**When taken:** Trimester 2 (mandatory)

**Objectives:** The primary aim of the course is to give students a first insight into using English in legal work. Students will be introduced to English legal method, including concepts such as judicial precedent. Students take part in discussions and simulations, present legal arguments, read a variety of legal materials, and write essays or other assignments. Activities include partner and group work, with an emphasis on vocabulary development and learning legal terminology.

**Content:** Topics include Anglo-American legal education, the common-law system, the courts, sources of common law, tort and the protection of fundamental rights.

**Assessment:** Oral grade, assignments, and written test.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ FOUNDATIONS OF CONTRACT LAW

**When taken:** Trimester 4 (mandatory)

**Objectives:** This course is intended to give students the essential language of contracts based on an overview of English contract-law theory. The course is based on a course textbook and weekly case studies. Topics covered include contract formation, contract terms, discharge of the contract, and contractual remedies such as damages.

**Content:** Class work will involve discussion and negotiation based on leading cases, as well as exercises on terminology and written assignments. Students will also give a brief case presentation and write two legal texts according to a set format.

**Assessment:** Based on active class participation and consistent attendance, the case

presentation, two written essays, and a written examination consisting of a short-answer test based on the weekly reading and an essay based on a case summary.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

\* This information is subject to change over time



## ■ LAW AND SOCIETY (MOOTING)

**When taken:** Trimester 3 (optional)

**Objectives:** Mooting is a traditional exercise for law students that trains them in the skills of advocacy. Nowadays, mooting is practised internationally in a number of global student competitions. This course aims to improve student oral presentation skills, face-to-face communication, pronunciation, sentence structure and vocabulary, using the vehicle of weekly mooting exercises.

*The course is especially recommended as a general insight for those considering participation in mooting competitions (see pages 28–29).*

**Content:** The course will introduce students to the rudiments of mooting style, structure and language. Students read case scenarios and prepare skeleton arguments on a weekly basis. The arguments will be presented within a formal mooting format, with students taking on the roles of counsel and judges. The case scenarios will concern legal issues of general interest covering a diverse range of topics.

**Assessment:** Moot simulation, written submissions and general oral performance/classroom participation.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ LEGAL NEGOTIATION

**When taken:** Trimester 3 (optional)

**Objectives:** Students develop an awareness of negotiating styles, techniques of preparation, negotiation strategies, and legal aspects of negotiation. They will gain confidence and improve their oral skills through learning by doing.

**Content:** The negotiations will be based on a number of different scenarios, for which students will be given common facts as well as confidential information to be used as a basis for strategic preparation. Students will be taught a number of tools – how to set an agenda, identify objectives, handle difficult opponents, and so on – for use in developing their negotiation techniques.

**Assessment:** Oral grade, graded simulation, negotiation log, and a written test.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

\* Please note that optional courses are subject to change from time to time



## ■ LANGUAGE OF COMMERCIAL LAW

**When taken:** Trimesters 5–6 (optional), according to demand

**Objectives:** This course focuses on Anglo-American commercial law principles in a transactional context, specifically transactions involving the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG) and Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Students will be required to read and understand statutory law, discuss relevant legal issues using appropriate legal vocabulary, and apply what they have learned in written and oral exercises.

**Content:** Written work will consist of a client letter (two pages) and a memorandum (two pages), as well as a final exam. Active class participation is encouraged and counts towards the oral component of the final mark.

**Assessment:** Class work, written assignments, and a final examination.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)



## ■ LANGUAGE OF COMPANY LAW

**When taken:** Trimesters 5–6 (optional), according to demand

**Objectives:** This course focuses on Anglo-American company law principles: incorporation, stock subscription, liability of management, and corporate obligations. Students will be required to read and under-

stand statutory law, specifically the Revised Model Business Corporation Act, discuss relevant legal issues using appropriate legal vocabulary, and apply what they have learned in written and oral exercises.

**Content:** Written work will consist of a client letter (two pages) and a memorandum (two pages), as well as a final exam. Active class participation is encouraged and counts towards the oral component of the final mark.

**Assessment:** Class participation, written assignments, and final test of reading and writing.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ LANGUAGE OF IP AND IT LAW\*

**When taken:** Trimesters 5–6 (optional), according to demand

**Objectives:** This course will introduce students to the basic concepts related to intellectual property law and how these rights apply online. Topics include: business method patents, design law, trademarks and drafting aspects related to licensing.

**Content:** Course materials consist of case studies, as well as reading and listening texts. Written work will consist of a letter (250 words) and a short memorandum (500 words).

**Assessment:** Class participation, written assignments, and a final test.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

\* IP Zertifikat

## ■ INTRODUCTION TO M&A (TRIMESTER 5–6)

**When taken:** Trimester 5–6 (optional)

**Objectives:** The course focuses on the legal, business and procedural aspects of UK corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions. In addition to understanding the business reasons for mergers and acquisitions, we will look at the regulatory and contractual aspects of such transactions. In order to understand the acquisition process and documentation, we will follow the simple sale of a private company from start to finish. Students will be required to undertake some independent research into mergers and acquisitions, as well as read short texts, discuss relevant legal issues, and apply what they have learned in written and oral exercises.

**Content:** Written work will consist of a client e-mail and an answer to a problem question. Oral work will consist of a presentation on a researched merger. Active class participation is encouraged and will count towards the oral component of the final mark.

**Assessment:** Class participation, Assessed Presentation, E-mail to client, Essay

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ BANKRUPTCY AND DEBTOR-CREDITOR RELATIONS (TRIMESTER 6)

**When taken:** Trimester 6 (optional)

**Objectives:** The course is a survey of the debtor-creditor relationship from the creation of a security interest to the rights of the parties after default. The course will consist primarily of American law principles in Secured Transactions and Bankruptcy with comparison to other jurisdictions. Students will be required to read and discuss statutory law, specifically the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Article 9 and the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA).

**Content:** Written work will consist of a take-home assignment in the form of a memorandum analysing security interests and a final exam testing the basic principles Bankruptcy law. Each student will prepare and present an oral presentation detailing a bankruptcy case of their choosing. Active class participation is encouraged and counted towards the oral component of the final mark.

**Assessment:** Class participation, oral presentation, written assignment and final written test.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ LEGAL WRITING AND RESEARCH

**When taken:** Trimester 6 (optional)

**Objectives:** Students will be introduced to legal research methods, with a focus on the common law and comparative law. This course is intended as a preparation course for the research paper for those students who wish to hand in a research paper in trimester 8 in fulfilment of the FFP requirements.

**Content:** An overview will be given of the essential elements of legal research to equip students with the skills necessary to identify the sources of law, find relevant legal material to support the writing of a problem statement, and compile a research proposal. Students will also be given an overview of comparative methodology in legal writing, guidance on how to improve their writing style, and training on maintaining academic integrity.

**Assessment:** Oral grade based on active participation in class, weekly reading assignments, and a written research proposal to be submitted in trimester 8.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ ENGLISH LEGAL TRANSLATION (ENGLISH/GERMAN)

**When taken:** Trimester 8 (optional)

**Objectives:** Students will translate a variety of legal texts into German and to a lesser extent English. Material for translation into German will include academic writing and journalism on legal subjects. Here background knowledge of the Anglo-American legal system will be required. Material for translation into English will be provisions of German law and excerpts from contractual documentation, such as purchase agreements, company articles of association, share transfer agreements, and so on.

The course can be taken as a single course or as part of the FFP (see pages 20–21).

**Content:** Lessons will be organised around weekly translations to be completed at home and discussed in class.

**Assessment:** Oral participation, written work, and an examination.

**Credit points:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ COURS DE FRANÇAIS JURIDIQUE I

**Participation:** Trimester 2–4 (optionnel)

Ces cours s'adressent aux étudiants en droit ayant de bonnes, voire très bonnes, connaissances en français.

**Objectif:** L'objectif du cours est multiple: 1) initier les étudiants au droit français et faire face à des situations courantes de la vie juridique / 2) pratiquer les techniques de discussion / introduction à la communication juridique / 3) réviser certains points de grammaire / 4) se préparer au Diplôme de français professionnel juridique, examen de la CCIP (Chambre de commerce et d'industrie de Paris).

**Contenu:** Les domaines et sources du droit / le cadre institutionnel national / les juridictions (civiles, pénales) / les acteurs et procédures / études de cas: jugements et arrêts / différents sujets issus de l'actualité: matière à discussion préparant une prise de position argumentée (société, différences culturelles, vie des affaires, prévention des risques).

**Exigences:** Participation active et régulière, une présentation orale et un contrôle écrit à la fin du trimestre.

**Nombre de points:** 2 per trimestre (graded 1–18)

## ■ COURS DE FRANÇAIS JURIDIQUE II

**Participation:** Trimester 5–6 (optionnel)

Ces cours s'adressent aux étudiants en droit ayant de bonnes, voire très bonnes, connaissances en français.

**Objectif:** L'objectif de ce cours est triple: 1) acquérir des connaissances de base en droit français des contrats civils et commerciaux; se familiariser avec le lexique juridique et économique / 2) analyse de cas pratiques et d'arrêts en droit des contrats / 3) préparer l'étudiant à un séjour professionnel dans un pays francophone.

**Contenu:** Problèmes juridiques rencontrés dans la phase de formation du contrat et dans l'identification des divers types de contrats; travail en groupes de deux sur des arrêts et des cas pratiques. Grammaire: révision générale (modes et temps), expressions typiques.

**Exigences:** Participation active et régulière, travail hebdomadaire sur des arrêts et cas pratiques, une présentation orale et un contrôle écrit à la fin du trimestre.

**Nombre de points:** 2 per trimestre (graded 1–18)



## ■ TRADUCTION FRANÇAIS JURIDIQUE

**Participation:** Trimester 8 (optionnel)

**Objectif:** Ce cours n'est pas un cours de terminologie mais est destiné à familiariser les étudiants avec les difficultés inhérentes à la traduction juridique, les textes français et allemands traités relevant essentiellement du droit civil (droit conventionnel, droit des sociétés etc.)

**Contenu:** Les étudiants prépareront (de préférence par groupes de 2 ou 3) des traductions de ces textes qui seront alors discutées pendant le cours.

L'expérience active de la langue française et des connaissances suffisantes de français juridique sont de rigueur.

**Exigences:** Participation active et régulière, test écrit

**Nombre de points:** 2 (graded 1–18)



## ■ FRANÇAIS INTERMÉDIAIRE

**Participation:** Trimester 2–6 (optionnel)

**Objectif:** Améliorer l'expression écrite et orale ainsi que la compréhension écrite et orale en travaillant sur des articles de presse.

Acquérir un vocabulaire de

base permettant de comprendre et de commenter l'actualité politique, économique et juridique française.

**Contenu:** Analyse de textes d'actualité, discussions et débats, présentations, terminologie juridique de base, exercices de vocabulaire, de rédaction et révisions de grammaire. Préparation au DELF niveau B1.

**Exigences:** Participation active et régulière, une présentation orale, des exercices de grammaire et un texte à lire chaque semaine ainsi qu'un test à la fin du trimestre.

**Nombre de points:** 1 (graded 1–18)

## ■ ESPAÑOL JURÍDICO

**Participation:** Trimestres 2–6 (opcional)

**Objetivos:** Práctica y desarrollo de habilidades lingüísticas (expresión oral) y escritas (gramática, expresión escrita). Introducción en la terminología jurídica.

**Contenido:** Introducción en el Derecho Civil y Mercantil español. Lectura y debate (conversación) sobre temas de actualidad en Sudamérica/España/la UE para mejorar el nivel oral y especialmente el vocabulario.

**Evaluación:** Participación en el curso, tareas semanales y un examen al final del trimestre (parte del examen final del programa de idiomas).

**Puntos de crédito:** 2 por trimestre (graded 1–18)

## ■ TRADUCCIÓN DE ESPAÑOL JURÍDICO

**Participación:** Trimestre 8 (opcional)

**Objetivos:** Los estudiantes traducirán una variedad de textos de contenido jurídico al alemán y español. El material utilizado en ambos idiomas incluirá escritos de tipo académico y artículos en estilo periodístico sobre temas jurídicos, así como extractos de documentos, formularios, contratos, sentencias, etc. Es necesario tener conocimientos del sistema jurídico español y de la terminología jurídica y una gramática de nivel alto.

**Contenido:** Las lecciones se organizan alrededor de traducciones semanales que han de realizarse en casa para poder corregirlas y comentarlas junto con el vocabulario a la semana siguiente en clase.

**Evaluación:** Participación en el curso, examen escrito

**Puntos de crédito:** 2 (graded 1–18)

## ■ ESPAÑOL INTERMEDIO

**Participación:** Trimestres 2–6 (opcional)

**Objetivos:** Uso eficaz de la lengua en todas las tareas de la comunicación diaria. Preparación para el estudiante de leyes para su acceso al curso de lengua jurídica y de obtención del DELE.

**Contenido:** Debates sobre temas de actualidad, gramática, presentación

**Evaluación:** Participación en el curso, examen al final del trimestre.

**Puntos de crédito:** 1 (graded 1–18)



## ■ CHINESE BEGINNER (ANFÄNGER) / ELEMENTARY (ANFÄNGER WEITERFÜHREND) / ADVANCED (FORTGESCHRITTENE)

**When taken:** Trimesters 2–4 Chinese Beginner (Anfänger)  
Trimesters 5–6 Chinese Elementary (Anfänger weiterführend)  
Trimester 8 Chinese Advanced (Fortgeschrittene)

**Objectives:** Basic knowledge of Mandarin Chinese from a beginner level onwards.

**Content:** Course based on a course book – New Practical Chinese Reader (work- and textbook), vocabulary about different topics, as well as listening, speaking and writing exercises. Students will be exposed to topics related to Chinese culture and society.

**Assessment:** Oral participation and final exam.

**Credit points:** 1 (graded 1–18)

## ARABIC

## ■ ARABIC BEGINNER (ANFÄNGER) / ELEMENTARY (ANFÄNGER WEITERFÜHREND) / ADVANCED (FORTGESCHRITTENE)

**When taken:** Trimesters 2–4 Arabic Beginner (Anfänger)  
Trimester 5–6 Arabic Elementary (Anfänger weiterführend)  
Trimester 8 Arabic Advanced (Fortgeschrittene)

**Objectives:** The course prepares students to understand spoken Arabic, hold simple conversations in the language and read and write short descriptive compositions in Arabic.

**Content:** This course introduces students to basic vocabulary and the fundamentals of modern standard Arabic grammar, structure and pronunciation, as well as reading, writing and speaking. Aspects of contemporary Arabic culture and Arabic history are covered as well.

**Assessment:** Class participation and final exam.

**Credit points:** 1 (graded 1–18)





# LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

## 7th trimester abroad

The following advice is offered to help you plan and prepare for the 7th trimester abroad.

Although the decision about where you study abroad is yours, Bucerius Law School will ask that you meet certain language requirements, where necessary, to satisfy particular exchange universities or institutions offering internships.

Certainly, you will need adequate foreign language skills to benefit from legal studies in the 7th trimester at the foreign university of your choice. Certain exchange universities may also have their own language requirements.

Depending on the language you will use abroad, we generally require you to complete:

- **For English:** Introduction to Legal English, Foundations of Contract Law and at least 1 optional course (3 courses)

or

- **For French/Spanish:** 3 courses Français Juridique / 3 courses Español Jurídico by the end of trimester 4

or, in special circumstances,

- Diplôme d'Etudes de Langue Française (DELF) B2 alternatively, Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE) B2

Please note: Individual tests will be arranged in exceptional cases for other languages, as appropriate.

## International internships

Similar language considerations apply to the second internship (Vertiefungspraktikum).

It is also possible for you to do an internship abroad rather than in Germany. Here, the language requirements are likely to be more demanding than for study. It is quite likely, for example, that you will be interviewed over the telephone in the foreign language before receiving the internship place.

Assessing your language skills is often an individual matter, and we will do our best to assist and advise you.

# BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION (FFP)

Bucerius Law School offers a Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenprüfung (FFP) in English, French or Spanish. The FFP is intended to mark a high level of achievement in legal language at the end of your studies at Bucerius Law School.

Regular legal language classes in English, French (Français Juridique) and Spanish (Español Jurídico) taught in the Language Programme count as 20 hours each.

All other courses taught entirely in English at Bucerius Law School, other than in the Language Programme, are classed as advanced level and count towards the minimum number of hours.

### **FFP (Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenprüfung)**

Very good knowledge and professional competence: 'Excellent language user'

**Requirements: 190 hours of advanced language instruction, including at least half at Bucerius Law School (including translation/research paper), and courses taken during the 7th trimester abroad. Oral and terminology exam.**

### **Ordinary Proficiency Certificate (Fachsprachenzertifikat)**

Good knowledge and competence: 'Good language user'

**Requirements: 100 hours of advanced language instruction, including at least half at Bucerius Law School (including translation/research paper), and courses taken during the 7th trimester abroad. Oral and terminology exam.**

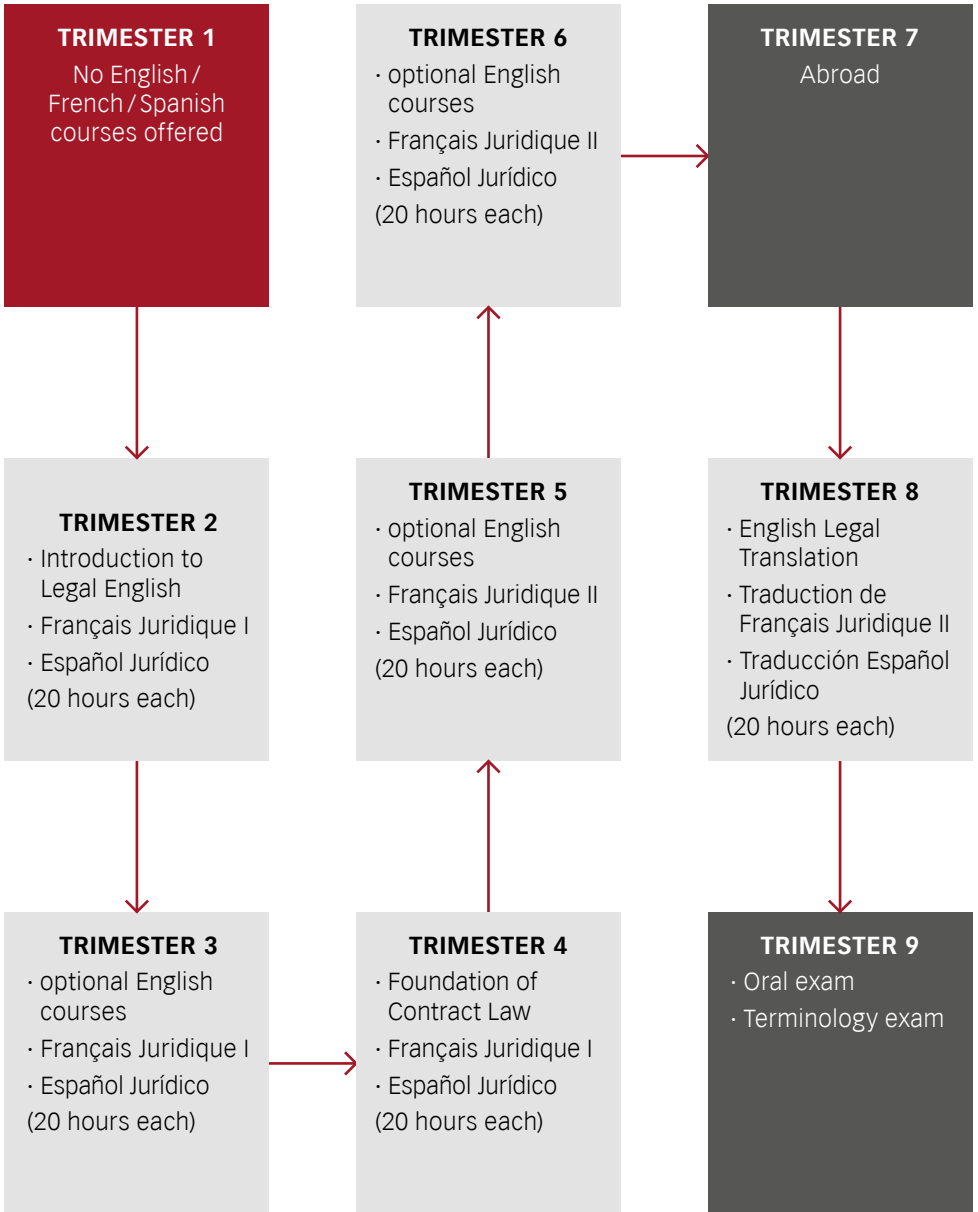
Instead of the English Legal Translation course, you can submit a Research Paper. If you choose this option, you will need to take "Legal Writing and Research" in trimester 6 and attend the "Research Proposal Seminar" in trimester 8.

### **External Examinations**

**TOEFL ITP (Institutional TOEFL):** The TOEFL ITP exam is offered to prospective students who wish to study at Bucerius Law School and require an English language proficiency certificate to verify their English language proficiency as an application requirement (see Bucerius Law School website for further information).

# FFP DIAGRAM

## ENGLISH/FRENCH/SPANISH



# LEGAL ENGLISH SPECIALISATIONS

## SPECIALISE IN EITHER COMMERCIAL LAW OR ADVOCACY & ADR

We would like to show you some of the possibilities you have for focusing your language training to optimise your study of law.

All students are required to take the two mandatory English courses, Introduction to Legal English and Foundations of Contract Law in trimesters 2 and 4 respectively.

Apart from that, there are various optional courses in Legal English which enable you to set language learning goals. The optional language courses begin in trimester 2, giving you time to assess the possibilities and set your priorities. **You must pass at least 3 courses under the relevant specialisation to obtain a certificate.**

**Legal English specialising in either:**

### **Commercial Law**

- Language of Company Law (5th – 6th Trim.)
- Language of Commercial Law (5th – 6th Trim.)
- \* Language of IP and IT Law (5th – 6th Trim.)

### **Advocacy & ADR**

- Law & Society Mooting (3rd Trim.)
- Legal Negotiation (3rd Trim.)
- Participation in any of the international mooting competitions in English.

\* **IP Law Zertifikat** Consult the Center for Transnational IP, Media and Technology Law and Policy for further information regarding the IP Zertifikat. Language of IP and IT Law also counts as credits towards the IP Zertifikat.

### **‘Certificate of Merit’**

#### **Recognising the top-performing students**

The Department may issue a “Certificate of Merit” in Introduction to Legal English and Foundations of Contract Law. The award is given to students who have achieved excellence in their study of the course. Usually granted to the highest-scoring student based only on the final grades, in some trimesters it may instead be given to a student who otherwise exemplified outstanding and particularly impressive academic excellence throughout the trimester, or in some trimesters it may not be given at all. The decision whether there will be a recipient and who it will be is at the sole discretion of each lecturer in conjunction with the Director.



## MOOTING AT BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL

Mooting is an age-old common-law tradition used as an intense intellectual and adversarial exercise to train students for careers in law. Students compete by presenting opposing sides of a legal question or case as though they were before an appeal court. Mooting technique forms an essential part of language teaching at Bucerius Law School, and there are special courses offered during your studies (see Law and Society (Mooting) on page 13).

### **Bucerius Law School Common Law Moot**

Students are encouraged to participate in the annual Bucerius Law School Common Law Moot, which is open to first- and second-year students. The competition enables participants to hone their legal advocacy skills in a formal “courtroom” setting, and is excellent training and preparation for the international mooting competitions.

## **International Competitions**

### **Bucerius Mooting Center**

The Bucerius Alumni Mooting Center is the first contact for information on all the Moot Courts at Bucerius Law School. Their aim is to support the participation of our students as well as coaching the existing Moot Teams and networking with the International Mooting Competitions.

- Arbeitsrechtlicher Moot Court (BAG) (German language)
- BFH Moot Court (German language)
- Frankfurt Investment Arbitration Moot Court (English language)
- HanseMoot (German language)
- ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition (English language)
- Model United Nations (MUN) (English language)
- MOVE Moot
- Oxford International IP Moot (English Language)
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (English language)
- Soldan Moot (German language)
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (English language)







## LEGAL LONDON TRIP

The annual Legal London Trip is offered to first-year LLB students and takes place after the second trimester of studies. It is a fantastic way to consolidate learning from the introductory courses offered by the language programme and to introduce students to legal practice. Students are exposed to a breadth of commercial and judicial organisations at the heart of both the United Kingdom and international legal practice, such as the courts, law firms, Inns of Court, and alternative dispute resolution. They also enjoy an evening theatre visit.





## **FINAL WORD – COMBINING LANGUAGES WITH LEGAL STUDIES**

Learning foreign languages is essential in the modern world – a lawyer without foreign languages is becoming inconceivable.

At the same time, language study at Bucerius Law School needs to be carefully balanced with the study of law. Given the intensity of the law programme and the extramural activities offered, this may be a difficult task.

We ask you to consider your workload very carefully in your first few months at Bucerius Law School and to create learning strategies to make the best of the language training offered. Naturally, we would be happy to advise you individually on this if you wish.

### **How is the Bucerius Language Programme designed to meet your needs?**

- Our language training is intended to be enjoyable and a break from legal studies.
- Class sizes are small to encourage extensive interaction between trainers and students.
- Legal language training is taught by experienced native language professionals with legal and business backgrounds.
- Language tests are designed to be low on stress, and activities are designed to be practical, requiring active participation, consistent attendance and regular learning.

We trust that this brochure provides you with the necessary information. We encourage you to visit the Bucerius Law School website for further information. Please feel free to speak to the team directly if you have any questions concerning the programme.

*Kind regards,*



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