



Program in International and Comparative Business Law
(International Exchange Program)
Information Sheet 2014

Name of University	Bucerius Law School
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Language of Instruction	English Students whose knowledge of German allows may also take a limited number of regular courses for German students.
Language Requirements	<p>Students from universities where the language of instruction is not English must submit proof of English fluency. We accept the following tests / minimum scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 577 points on the paper-based TOEFL- 90 points on the internet-based TOEFL- 7 points on the IELTS- 792 points on the TOEIC <p>We also accept other English proficiency tests. Such cases are decided upon on an individual basis.</p>

Application Procedure	<p>A complete application consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A completed application form (available online as of January 2014), 2. A brief statement of purpose (approximately 1 – 2 pages explaining student’s areas of special interest, why you wish to study at Bucerius, previous international experience, etc.), 3. A nomination letter or an e-mail from home university confirming that student has been selected to apply for the International Exchange Program at Bucerius, 4. A transcript of grades in English or German from the current university, including a description of the grading system and, if possible, the student’s class rank, 5. Proof of English proficiency (see above for details), 6. One passport-sized photo (electronic or printed) to be used for a student directory and student id card. <p>With the exception of the transcript, which must be submitted in hard copy, all other application documents may be sent electronically.</p>
Application Deadline	April 15, 2014
Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program	At least two years of previous law studies when law is studied at the undergraduate level or at least one year of previous law studies when law is studied at a graduate level.
Semester Dates 2014	<p>Semester Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 8 – December 19 <p>Exam Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session I: October 20 – 24 - Session II: December 15 – 19 <p>Study Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 27 – October 31
Orientation Program	<p>There is a mandatory Orientation Program for all International Exchange students.</p> <p>Orientation Program 2014: September 3 – 5 (3 days)</p>
Course Enrollment / Registration	<p>Students pre-register for courses online. Some courses have quotas. Important dates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January: Course list posted online - Late March: Course descriptions posted online - August 1 – 15, 2014: Course pre-registration online
Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students	<p>There are two sessions during the International Exchange Program and Bucerius Law School requires a minimum course load of 4 American Bar Association (ABA) / 8 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits per session. The German Law Survey course is the only mandatory course. Although credits can be earned with this course, they do not count towards the minimum requirement of 8 ABA / 16 ECTS credits during the program described above.</p> <p>Approximately 18 – 20 courses are offered during the semester.</p>

	<p>Courses are either worth 2 ABA / 4 ECTS credits or 1 ABA / 2 ECTS credits. Students generally take a total of 6 – 7 courses.</p>
<p>“Certificate in Management and Leadership for Lawyers”</p>	<p>As of 2013, Bucerius offers the unique opportunity to earn a “Certificate in Management and Leadership for Lawyers”, which students can enroll in as an optional module during their semester at Bucerius.</p> <p>Certificate courses are offered in cooperation with the Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession, which was founded in 2010 to observe current developments in the legal services market and to provide lawyers with technical knowledge that extends beyond a mere understanding of law.</p> <p>Course topics cover areas such as negotiation, business skills for lawyers, mediation and lawyering in a globalized world.</p>
<p>Extracurricular Activities</p>	<p>Academic studies are balanced by a selection of interesting extracurricular activities, such as guided tours in and around Hamburg, visits to museums, lectures on the German political system and current political situation, an excursion to Lübeck, a study day at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea and several social events with Bucerius students, all of which are free of charge.</p> <p>An optional five-day trip to Berlin and Potsdam is offered during the one-week study break at an additional cost.</p> <p>Exchange students are also welcome to participate in the numerous student activity groups on campus, including music, political and sport groups.</p>
<p>On-Campus Housing</p>	<p>Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing, but it tries to secure rooms in several nearby dormitories in Hamburg. Accepted students receive information on applying for dormitory housing in May.</p>
<p>Off-Campus Housing</p>	<p>Bucerius Law School provides assistance in finding suitable accommodation. Often German Bucerius students who will be studying abroad sublease their apartment or room to international students.</p> <p>Further housing options and relevant information are provided once students are accepted to the program.</p>
<p>Health Insurance Requirements</p>	<p>To obtain a German student visa / residency permit, students need to have health insurance covering them in Germany for at least EUR 30,000 for the duration of their stay. They can purchase an affordable health insurance plan through Bucerius Law School or provide proof of their own insurance, provided it meets the minimum requirements set forth by the German Immigration Office.</p>
<p>Immigration Information</p>	<p>All non-EU citizens must obtain a student visa / residency permit for their stay in Germany.</p> <p>Depending on their citizenship, some students will need to apply for an entry visa to Germany in their home country prior to their arrival, which they may later need to extend once they are in Germany for</p>

	<p>their studies. Others will be able to enter Germany as a tourist and apply for a student residency permit once they are at Bucerius. Accepted students receive detailed immigration information as well as assistance with the process of extending or applying for a residency permit in Germany. Nonetheless, students are responsible for making any necessary inquiries at their local Germany Embassy or Consulate in a timely manner on their own after being accepted to the program.</p>
Available Language Courses	<p><u>German Language Courses:</u> Bucerius offers German language classes during the program, which stretch over 20 lessons (2 x 90 minutes a week). A written and oral placement test will take place during the Orientation Program. As of 2011, students may choose to earn 1 ABA / 2 ECTS credits with the German language course, although these do not count towards the 8 ABA credit minimum required by Bucerius.</p> <p>These courses come at an additional cost.</p> <p>Other courses: Bucerius Law School offers courses in French, Spanish, Chinese and Russian for German students. Ashurst Mooting Courses are also available. These are all open to exchange students and are free of charge.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living per Semester	<p>Below is an estimate of the cost of living in Hamburg for the exchange program. The amounts listed are approximations only.</p> <p><u>Total: €5,400 / Details below:</u></p> <p>Housing: €2,000 Food & clothes: €1,100 Health insurance: €130 Liability insurance: €50 German residency permit: €100 City registration: €10 Books and course materials: € 150 - 200 Travel and other expenses: €1,400 German course (<i>optional</i>): €150 Study trip to Berlin (<i>optional</i>): €260</p>
Additional Fees	<p>Bucerius Law School has a small gym on campus, which students may join for a one-time fee of €50.</p>
Other Important Information	<p>The International Office assists exchange students in setting up a German bank account. This helps them avoid international transfer fees.</p> <p>Bucerius provides a public transportation ticket for the greater area Hamburg for all exchange students free of charge.</p> <p>The International Office organizes a "buddy system" between exchange students and German students.</p>