

LA2E2-15 Introduction to German Law

25/26

Department

School of Law

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% exam

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This module prepares students on the Law with German LL.B. for their year abroad and the academic demands of Warwick's partner universities in Germany. The module is taught in German and is available to any student with an adequate knowledge of the language.

Module aims

Students are introduced to the basic features of the German legal system and the German legal method. The module will cover a general overview of German law, a short introduction into constitutional law and a discussion of key concepts of German private law as laid down in the Civil Code (BGB). Throughout the themes are presented by using the specific German legal method.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

week 1: introduction and overview

week2: Germany as a social, federal and democratic republic under the rule of law

week 3: organs of the state and law-making

week 4: the basic rights under the German constitution
week 5: introduction to Civil Code and the German case method
week 6: reading week
week 7: claims for performance: contracting, capacity
week 8: claims for performance: agency, mistakes,
week 9: claims for damages: breach, impossibility, default
week 10: summary and conclusions

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts and the structure of German law
- Identify key concepts of the German constitution, in particular the notion of basic rights
- Find, identify and apply court decisions
- Apply the German Civil Code by solving cases and commenting on German Court decisions
- Apply the law according to the specific legal methodology applied in German law
- Identify and apply relevant statutes
- Identify questions of law that require interpretation and analyse and evaluate possible solutions developing an own argument
- Carry out independent work/case solving (planning and managing tasks with limited guidance)
- Use journals, commentaries, court decisions relevant to the case
- Understand and apply German Law and German Legal Terminology
- Write and speak about German Law (e.g. case solving) with accurate use of specific terms and lingual structure

Indicative reading list

Klunzinger, Einführung in das Bürgerliche Recht: Grundkurs für Studierende der Rechts- und Wirtschaftswissenschaften, 2019, 17th edition

Simon and Funk-Baker, Deutsche Rechtssprache: ein Studien- und Arbeitsbuch mit Einführung in das deutsche Recht, 2017, 6th edition

Robbers, Einführung in das deutsche Recht, 2012, 5th edition

International

This module is taught in German and applies German law and methodologies.

Subject specific skills

knowledge of aspects of German constitutional law
knowledge of aspects of German private law

Transferable skills

analysing legal texts in German
ability to find judgment and academic commentary
legal interpretation and argumentation
familiarity with German legal method

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	8 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Private study	102 hours (68%)
Assessment	22 hours (15%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

Private study.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Assessment group B1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Final Exam	100%	22 hours	No

This is a 2hr exam.

Feedback on assessment

Exam: students receive a generic feedback sheet

[Past exam papers for LA2E2](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of ULAA-M134 Undergraduate Law with German Law