

Guidelines for Semester Study Abroad

Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany

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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, 212 Hutchins Hall and 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.

Equal Opportunities

Bucerius Law School values student diversity and is committed to providing a learning environment where there is no discrimination on the basis of gender, race, religion/belief, age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or other irrelevant distinction. No student should feel disadvantaged or excluded from class participation.

Furthermore, Bucerius Law School tries to ensure that accessibility needs are met. The building, its lecture rooms and parking facilities are wheelchair-accessible. The city of Hamburg is continuously working on improving its accessibility services. The public transportation network currently offers low-floor buses and is taking measures to improve barrier-free access to its subways and train stations. (<http://www.hvv.de/en/>)

Course Offerings and Requirements

A listing of course offerings for Fall 2017 is available on the Bucerius web site: <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/international-exchange-program/> (click on Program Details and then Courses and Faculty). Courses are in English. Knowledge of German is not required. Course descriptions and professor biographies are also available on the web site.

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 Studies 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 Theresa Kaiser-Jarvis (tkjlaw@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 a German language course. In addition, students can choose to go on a study trip to Berlin (October 28-30, 2017) which is currently estimated at 170 Euro. This takes place between the two course sessions. These fees plus estimated cost of living fees can be found here: <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/international-exchange-program/> (click on Costs & Financing).

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 - 6, 2017. The semester is divided into two 6-week sessions. Courses in Session I begin September 7, and end on October 20, 2017. Exam week for Session I is October 23 - 27, 2017. The optional study trip to Berlin is from October 28-30. Courses in Session II begin November 6, and end on December 15, 2017. Exam week for Session II is December 18 - 22, 2017. (Students will not be on the same academic calendar as regular Bucerius students.) The academic calendar for Bucerius' International Exchange Program 2017 is available at <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/international-exchange-program/> under Downloads.

Housing

Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing, but the International Office assists students in finding suitable accommodation. The Bucerius campus is centrally-located and easily accessible via public transportation. All exchange students will receive a free semester ticket for public transportation.

For detailed information on housing, please refer to the Bucerius web site: <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/prepare-your-stay/>

General Administrative Matters

The Bucerius Clifford Chance International Office will assist students with administrative matters such as housing, banking, and visa applications. Students who are approved to study abroad at Bucerius will also receive a comprehensive information package with important information prior to their arrival at Bucerius Law School. For information about these administrative matters, please refer to the Bucerius web site: <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/prepare-your-stay/>

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 complete a Bucerius application form and upload various materials via <http://www.law-school.de/prospective-students/international-exchange-program/how-to-apply/>.

Bucerius reserves the right of final approval of Michigan applicants.

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Research focus

Private international law, comparative law and family law

Biography

Katharina Boele-Woelki studied law from 1975-1979 at the University of Göttingen and the Freie Universität Berlin and completed doctoral work at the FU Berlin in 1982. She has taught and conducted research in the Netherlands since 1982 and served as a member of the Faculty of Law at Utrecht University since 1990, since 1995 as a Professor for Private International Law, Comparative Law and Family Law. In addition, Boele-Woelki directs numerous research programs, supervises dissertation work and chaired her faculty's Department of Private Law three times from 1995-2012, each time for a term of two years. She holds the Claussen Simon Foundation Professor of Comparative Law.

She is a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law and was elected to her current role as President in 2014; until 2014, she was additionally President of the Dutch Association of Family Law and a member of the board of the Dutch Association of Comparative Law. She is a member of the German Society of International Law (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationales Recht) as well as the Academic Association for Family Law (Wissenschaftliche Vereinigung für Familienrecht). In 2007, she

established the Utrecht Centre for European Research into Family Law (UCERF). She has been the chair of the Commission on European Family Law, which was established upon her initiative, since 2001. In 2013, she was elected to the International Advisory Board of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.

Boele-Woelki serves as an editor to several Dutch, South African and European journals and book series including the European Family Law Series since 2003. She has organized prestigious international conferences, delivered numerous guest lectures at various universities around the world, was a visiting professor at Columbia University, New York, USA, and has served as a reporter, speaker, expert and panel member at many international conferences.

Honorary doctorates and awards

- Honorary doctorate of the University of Uppsala, Schweden (2011)
- Anneliese Maier Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation for outstanding work in the area of international and European Family Law (2012)
- Honorary doctorate of the University of Lausanne, Schweiz (2015)
- Honorary doctorate of the University of Antwerp, Belgium (2016)

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 212 Hutchins Hall). 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/prospective-students/international-exchange-program/> including the information under "Downloads" (particularly the "Information Sheet").

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The information about the overseas program contained herein is provided by the host institution and is subject to change. Interested students should confirm all information with the host institution prior to departure to ensure that the opportunity meets their goals.