

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 1
---	------------	---------------------	------

<b>Module title</b>	<b>(1) Actors in International Law</b>
Module code	
Department / Faculty / Institute	Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters	International Law (LL.M.); semesters 1 and 2
Responsible for the module	Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn, M.Phil.
Prerequisites for attendance	None

Goals of study:

Students will

- have a basic understanding of legal personality in international law
- be familiar with the main sources and principles applicable to legal personality in international law
- understand the challenges emerging from non-state actors
- be able to explain the implications of non-traditional actors
- comprehend the role and influence of the various actors in international law
- have a coherent understanding of research theory and practice applicable to this field whilst exhibiting critical thinking
- be able to evaluate complex situations, problems and case studies by way of assignments, oral presentations, group discussions (via internet or during on-site classes) and summative assessment

Module contents / classes:

(Part 1) Non-Traditional Actors (Individuals, Business Actors, and Others) and Civil Society

- The Emergence of New Categories of Actors
  - The Individual in Public International Law
- Transnational Corporations and Other Business Actors
  - Public Private Partnerships
- The Rise of Non-Governmental Organizations
  - The Relationship between NGOs and Traditional Actors
- Participation by NGOs in International Law-making
- The Role of NGOs in Ensuring Compliance with International Law
- Criticism Voiced Against NGO-Participation

(Part 2) Status-Based Relations in International Law

- Diplomatic and Consular Relations
- Diplomatic Protection
- Immunity
- Membership and Participation in International Organizations
- Standing before International Courts and Arbitral Tribunals

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 2
---	------------	--------------	------

(Part 3) Interrelationship between International Law Status and Domestic Law		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jurisdiction</li> <li>- The Reach of Domestic Law in the International Arena</li> <li>- National Implementation of International Law</li> <li>- Possible Interferences between Municipal and International Court Rulings</li> </ul>		
Course form(s)	<p>Students will be provided with comprehensive, online study materials and suggestions for further reading. Virtual classrooms, facilitated by a computer programme, which will be available for students for free, will bring lecturers and students together in a classroom atmosphere at regular intervals. Flexible tools enable discussions, use of a virtual whiteboard and active participation by all students. These distance-learning elements will be enriched by an intense session at Giessen University. This session will provide an opportunity for revision, final questions, as well as a lively workshop with expert practitioners of the field. The latter will demonstrate the practical relevance of the module and work on the practical implementation of students' knowledge in different forms, which may include the drafting of new norms or international agreements, the simulation of court hearings or arbitration proceedings and others.</p>	
Form(s) of examination	One written exam at the end of the module, to be sat at Giessen University.	
workload (hours)	Total amount	270
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa')	22
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab') ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of class</i> )	44
	... self-study, exam preparation (,T-WL B')	201
	... examination (,T-WL C')	3
examination	Examination consists of	Several essay questions. Students will have the opportunity to choose a set number of questions from a larger catalogue (for example, they may choose 8 out of 10 questions). The exam will extend over 3 hours.

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 3
---	------------	---------------------	------

	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade for the module equals the grade awarded for the written exam.
Credit Points		9
Duration and intervals		Taught over 2 semesters; offered each semester
Language		English
Preconditions for examination		None

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 4
---	------------	--------------	------

<b>Module title</b>	<b>(2) International Trade and Business Transactions</b>
Module code	
Department / Faculty / Institute	Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters	International Law (LL.M.); semesters 1 and 2
Responsible for the module	Prof. Dr. Michael Hahn
Prerequisites for attendance	None
<u>Goals of study:</u>	
Students will	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have comprehensive and systematic legal knowledge of theoretical and practical questions pertaining to principles of international trade and the free flow of capital against the background of values and norms reflected in the different layers of economic integration as well as different legal systems</li> <li>- understand the importance of international law for economic change</li> <li>- comprehend the role of the WTO</li> <li>- have a coherent understanding of research theory and practice applicable to this field whilst exhibiting critical thinking</li> <li>- be able to evaluate complex factual situations, problems and case studies by way of assignments, oral presentations, group discussions (via the internet or among classes held in Germany) and summative assessment</li> </ul>	
<u>Module contents / classes:</u>	
(Part 1) The Law of International Business Transactions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sources of International Economic Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transnational Law and Lex Mercatoria</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Uniform Sales Law and the UNIDROIT Principles</li> <li>- International Standard Setting Bodies</li> </ul>	
(Part 2) International Trade Law, in particular WTO Law	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Interplay of International Economic Law with other Legal Regimes</li> <li>- Principles of World Trade Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The WTO and its Contribution to International Trade Law</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Enforcement and Dispute Settlement within the WTO</li> <li>- International Monetary Cooperation</li> </ul>	
(Part 3) Regional Economic Integration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Trade Agreements – an Overview</li> <li>- Regional Trade Agreements in Light of WTO Law</li> <li>- Selected Free Trade Agreements and their Scope</li> </ul>	

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 5
---	------------	---------------------	------

- Overlap and Conflict between Regional Trade Agreements		
Course form(s)		Students will be provided with comprehensive online study materials and suggestions for further reading. Virtual classrooms, facilitated by a computer programme, which will be available for students for free, will bring lecturers and students together in a classroom atmosphere at regular intervals. Flexible tools enable lively discussions, use of a virtual whiteboard and active participation by all students. These distance-learning elements will be enriched by an intense session at Giessen University. This session will provide an opportunity for revision, final questions, as well as a lively workshop with expert practitioners of the field. The latter will demonstrate the practical relevance of the module and work on the practical implementation of students' knowledge in different forms, which may include the drafting of new norms or international agreements, the simulation of court hearings or arbitration proceedings and others.
Form(s) of examination		One written exam at the end of the module, to be sat at Giessen University.
workload (hours)	Total amount	270
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa')	22
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab') ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of class</i> )	44
	... self-study, exam preparation (,T-WL B')	201
	... examination (,T-WL C')	3
examination	Examination consists of	Several essay questions. Students will have the opportunity to choose a set number of questions from a larger catalogue (for example, they may choose 8 out of 10 questions). The exam will extend over 3 hours.
	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade for the module equals the grade awarded for the written exam.
Credit Points		9
Duration and intervals		Taught over 2 semesters; offered each semester

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 6
---	------------	---------------------	------

Language	English
Preconditions for examination	None

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 7
---	------------	--------------	------

<b>Module title</b>	<b>(3) Access to and Protection of Resources</b>
Module code	
Department / Faculty / Institute	Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters	International Law (LL.M.); semesters 3 and 4
Responsible for the module	Prof. Dr. MMag. Christina Binder, E.MA
Prerequisites for attendance	None
<u>Study goals:</u>	
Students will	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have the capacity to critically apply theories, concepts, principles, legal rules, processes, and structures to assess factual and real world issues pertaining to vital public goods and natural resources</li> <li>- coherently understand the legal regimes in place to handle the growing scarcity of natural resources and resulting conflicts</li> <li>- be able to explain the major challenges in relation to setting up a legal system as an effective answer to global phenomena</li> <li>- demonstrate an ability to identify and analyze complex issues or case studies in the field of public goods and natural resources and apply suitable research methods, theories, legal principles and values to debate or critique solutions to relevant current problems</li> <li>- have a coherent understanding to research theory and practice applicable to this field whilst exhibiting critical thinking evaluation complex factual situations, problems and case studies by way of assignments, oral presentations, group discussions (via the internet or among classes held in Germany) and summative assessment</li> </ul>	
<u>Module contents / classes:</u>	
(Part 1) Commodities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- International Regulation of the Production of and the Trade in Commodities</li> <li>- International Commodity Agreements and the WTO</li> <li>- The UN Common Fund for Commodities</li> </ul>	
(Part 2) Investment Law	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approaches to Investor-State Relations</li> <li>- Bilateral Investment Treaties</li> <li>- The Settlement of International Investment Disputes (with a particular Focus on ICSID)</li> </ul>	
(Part 3) Access to Vital Public Goods (Water, Food and Health)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regulatory Approaches to Vital Public Goods</li> <li>- The Relevance of International Human Rights Law</li> <li>- Obligations of Non-state Actors and Access to Remedies</li> </ul>	
Course form(s)	Students will be provided with comprehensive online study materials and suggestions for

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 8
---	------------	--------------	------

		further reading. Virtual classrooms, facilitated by a computer programme, which will be available for students for free, will bring lecturers and students together in a classroom atmosphere at regular intervals. Flexible tools enable lively discussions, use of a virtual whiteboard and active participation by all students. These distance-learning elements will be enriched by an intense session at Giessen University. This session will provide an opportunity for revision, final questions, as well as a lively workshop with expert practitioners of the field. The latter will demonstrate the practical relevance of the module and work on the practical implementation of students' knowledge in different forms, which may include the drafting of new norms or international agreements, the simulation of court hearings or arbitration proceedings and others.
Form(s) of examination		One written exam at the end of the module, to be sat at Giessen University.
workload (hours)	Total amount	270
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa')	22
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab') ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of class</i> )	44
	... self-study, exam preparation (,T-WL B')	201
	... examination (,T-WL C')	3
examination	Examination consists of	Several essay questions. Students will have the opportunity to choose a set number of questions from a larger catalogue (for example, they may choose 8 out of 10 questions). The exam will extend over 3 hours.
	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade for the module equals the grade awarded for the written exam.
Credit Points		9
Duration and intervals		Taught over 2 semesters; offered each semester
Language		English
Preconditions for examination		None

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 9
---	------------	--------------	------

<b>Module title</b>	<b>(4) Compliance and Responsibility in International Law</b>
Module code	
Department / Faculty / Institute	Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters	International Law (LL.M.); semesters 1 and 2
Responsible for the module	Dr. Ignaz Stegmiller
Prerequisites for attendance	None
<u>Study goals:</u>	
Students will	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- discuss, analyze and assess possible strategies for dispute settlement under international law</li> <li>- be familiar with prominent cases and institutions of international peaceful dispute settlement</li> <li>- understand the responsibilities and the legal framework relevant to private actors in international law</li> <li>- have a basic understanding of the scope and limits of international criminal law</li> <li>- be able to explain the concepts of private standard setting, codes of conduct and best practices</li> <li>- have a coherent understanding of research theory and practice applicable to this field whilst exhibiting critical thinking</li> <li>- be able to evaluate complex factual situations, problems and case studies by way of assignments, oral presentations, group discussions (via the internet or among classes held in Germany) and summative assessment</li> </ul>	
<u>Module contents / classes:</u>	
(Part 1) Conceptual Framework & Institutional Settings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to Ensure Compliance with International Law? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dispute Settlement</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Compliance Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enforcement</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Obligation of Peaceful Settlement of Disputes</li> <li>- Non-judicial Settlement of Disputes</li> <li>- Distinguishing Courts and Arbitral Panels</li> </ul>	
(Part 2) International Arbitration	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History of Commercial Arbitration</li> <li>- The Legal Regime Applicable to Commercial Arbitration</li> <li>- Arbitration Practice</li> <li>- Enforcement of Arbitral Awards</li> </ul>	

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 10
---	------------	---------------------	-------

(Part 3) Judicial Settlement of Disputes: International Courts and Tribunals

- The Establishment of International Courts and Tribunals
- Standing before International Courts
- Effects of International Judgements
- Judicial Settlement of Disputes in Practice

(Part 4) International Criminal Law

- Crimes under International Law
- The International Criminal Court and ad hoc Tribunals
- International and Mixed Criminal Tribunals
- Immunity and Conflicting Jurisdiction (Municipally and Internationally)
- International Criminal Procedure
- Enforcement of Sentences by International Criminal Courts

(Part 5) Corporate Social Responsibility

- Private Standard Setting, Codes of Conduct and Best Practices
- Human Rights Accountability
- Due Diligence

Course form(s)

Students will be provided with comprehensive online study materials and suggestions for further reading. Virtual classrooms, facilitated by a computer programme, which will be available for students for free, will bring lecturers and students together in a classroom atmosphere at regular intervals. Flexible tools enable lively discussions, use of a virtual whiteboard and active participation by all students. These distance-learning elements will be enriched by an intense session at Giessen University toward the end of the summer. This session will provide an opportunity for revision, final questions, as well as a lively workshop with expert practitioners of the field. The latter will demonstrate the practical relevance of the module and work on the practical implementation of students' knowledge in different forms, which may include the drafting of new norms or international agreements, the simulation of court hearings or arbitration proceedings and others.

Form(s) of examination

One written exam at the end of the module, to

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 11
---	------------	---------------------	-------

		be sat at Giessen University.
workload (hours)	Total amount	360
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa‘)	30
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab‘) ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of class</i> )	60
	... self-study, exam preparation (,T-WL B‘)	267
	... examination (,T-WL C‘)	3
examination	Examination consists of	Several essay questions. Students will have the opportunity to choose a set number of questions from a larger catalogue (for example, they may choose 8 out of 10 questions). The exam will extend over 3 hours.
	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade for the module equals the grade awarded for the written exam.
Credit Points		12
Duration and intervals		Taught over 2 semester; offered each semester
Language		English
Preconditions for examination		None

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 12
---	------------	--------------	-------

<b>Module title</b>	<b>(5) Wahlpflichtmodul / Specialization</b>
Module code	
Department / Faculty / Institute	Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters	International Law (LL.M.); semesters 3 and 4
Responsible for the module	Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn, M.Phil.
Prerequisites for attendance	None

Study goals:

This module provides students with the opportunity to deepen their knowledge according to their personal academic interest, thus raising their profile. Depending on their choice of subjects, students may raise their profile pertaining to either more economically relevant or more societal and structural areas of international law. Students may choose any two of the four classes offered.

Depending in their choice, they will

- have the capacity to evaluate and critically analyze legal reform within the confines of international human rights law and non-discrimination
- understand the relationships between international intellectual property treaties, the United Nations international environmental treaties, the relevant customary norms and soft law and be able to navigate through the network of obligations formed by this regime.
- Have a basic understanding about the structure and principles of the German Legal System as an example of a) a Civil Law System, and b) a national legal system influenced by legal obligations and mechanisms of the European Union.

Students will also

- have a coherent understanding of research theory and practice applicable to this field whilst exhibiting critical thinking
- be able to evaluate complex factual situations, problems and case studies by way of assignments, oral presentations, group discussions (via the internet or among classes held in Germany) and summative assessment

Module contents / classes:

Students will choose two out of the following four fields of international law:

(Part 1) International and Comparative Human Rights Law

- International and Regional Human Rights Treaties
- Rights Guaranteed
- National Implementation of International Human Rights Law
- Reporting and Complaints Procedures, Human Rights Courts

(Part 2) Non-discrimination

- Equal Treatment in International Law
  - Non-discrimination in International Law
  - CERD and CEDAW

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 13
---	------------	---------------------	-------

<p>Part (3) Biodiversity, Plant Variety and Intellectual Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Universal Protection of Biodiversity in Historical Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regulatory Approaches to the Protection of Biodiversity and Plant Variety</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The Convention on Biological Diversity, UPOV, the ITPGR, and other Related Treaties</li> <li>- The Interface between Biodiversity and IPR (with a particular Focus on TRIPS and WIPO)</li> </ul> <p>(Part 4) Introduction to the German Legal System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- German Public Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- German Private Law</li> <li>- German Criminal Law</li> <li>- The Courts</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The German Legal System within the Framework of the European Market Integration</li> </ul>		
Course form(s)	<p>Students will be provided with comprehensive online study materials and suggestions for further reading. Virtual classrooms, facilitated by a computer programme, which will be available for students for free, will bring lecturers and students together in a classroom atmosphere at regular intervals. Flexible tools enable lively discussions, use of a virtual whiteboard and active participation by all students. These distance-learning elements will be enriched by an intense session at Giessen University. This session will provide an opportunity for revision, final questions, as well as a lively workshop with expert practitioners of the field. The latter will demonstrate the practical relevance of the module and work on the practical implementation of students' knowledge in different forms, which may include the drafting of new norms or international agreements, the simulation of court hearings or arbitration proceedings and others.</p>	
Form(s) of examination	One written exam at the end of the module, to be sat at Giessen University.	
workload (hours)	Total amount	180
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa')	18
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab') ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of</i>	36

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	<b>9.20.01</b> Nr.2	S. 14
---	------------	---------------------	-------

	<i>class)</i>	
	... self-study, exam preparation („T-WL B‘)	123
	... examination („T-WL C‘)	3
examination	Examination consists of	Several essay questions. Students will have the opportunity to choose a set number of questions from a larger catalogue (for example, they may choose 8 out of 10 questions). The exam is designed for a duration of 3 hours.
	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade for the module equals the grade awarded for the written exam.
Credit Points		6
Duration and intervals		Taught over 2 semesters; offered each semester
Language		English
Preconditions for examination		None

Spezielle Ordnung für den berufsbegleitenden Weiterbildungsstudiengang ‚International Law‘ Anlage 2: Modulbeschreibungen	31.03.2015	9.20.01 Nr.2	S. 15
---	------------	--------------	-------

Module title		(6) Thesis module
Module code		
Department / Faculty / Institute		Law
Employed in study programmes / semesters		International Law (LL.M.); semester 4
Responsible for the module		Prof. Dr. Thilo Marauhn, M.Phil.
Prerequisites for attendance		None
<u>Study goals:</u>		
Students will have to demonstrate an advanced ability to retrieve, critique, integrate and communicate information and research findings using the resources of academic discourse. This ability will be assessed by way of a written dissertation which reflects the students' ability to select and apply research methods applicable to the research topic. Students will have to find, identify, analyze and integrate information applicable to their research topic adhering to accepted legal and academic convention.		
<u>Module contents:</u>		
Writing and handing in a master's thesis. A maximum of 20,000 words shall not be exceeded.		
Course form(s)		n/a
Form(s) of examination		n/a
workload (hours)	Total amount	450
	Percentage thereof for ... attending classes (,T-WL Aa')	n/a
	... preparation and revision of classes, (,T-WL Ab') ( <i>at least 30 minutes of preparation and revision per hour of class</i> )	n/a
	... self-study, exam preparation (,T-WL B')	n/a
	... examination (,T-WL C')	n/a
examination	Examination consists of	The thesis will be marked by two examiners individually.
	Final grade (and its components)	The final grade will be the average of those two individual grades.
Credit Points		15
Duration and intervals		Time limit for completion is six months; starting time subject to individual agreement although the regular starting time is at the beginning of the fourth semester
Language		English
Preconditions for examination		None