



BUCERIUS LAW SCHOOL
HOCHSCHULE FÜR RECHTSWISSENSCHAFT

Exchange Program in International and Comparative Business Law

Factsheet 2025

Excellence

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Semester Dates

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- September 1 – December 19

Exam Sessions 2025(tbc)

- Session I: October 20 – 24
- Session II: December 15 – 19

Study Break 2024 (tbc)

- October 27 – 31

Mandatory Orientation Program(tbc)

- September 1 & 2 (2 days)

Any late arrival and departure must be approved by the Bucerius International Office

Academic Requirements

- 2 years of legal study if studied at undergraduate level
- 1 year of legal study if studied at graduate level (e.g. U.S.)

Language Requirements

Language of Instruction is English; some courses in German available only if student is fluent in German

- TOEFL: 90
- IELTS: 7
- CAE: B
- CPE: C
- Duolingo: 120

Nomination/Application Deadline

- **Nomination Deadline** April 1, 2025
- **Application Deadline** April 15, 2025

Application Procedure

STEP 1: Partner university nominates student(s) via an online platform

- Transcript must be included
- Access to the platform is granted via email every January

STEP 2: Nominated students receive login credential for online application portal

- Online application form with questions about their motivation for studying at Bucerius, their international and professional experience etc.
- Uploads: proof of English language proficiency and a photo for a student directory

Course Enrollment/Registration

Students pre-register for courses online. Some courses have quotas and pre-requisites. Important dates are:

- January: Course list posted online
- Late March: Course catalogue posted online
- July (tbc): Course registration online

Minimum Course Load: 4 ABA or 8 ECTS credits per session (total of 2 sessions), most students take 6-7 courses

Mandatory: "Introduction to German Law" (does not count toward minimum course load)

Total Course Offer: 20-25 courses

Credits: 1 ABA/2 ECTS or 2 ABA /4 ECTS

Exchange program participants can opt to enroll in a module of specialized courses intertwining law, economics and management to earn a **Certificate in Management and Leadership for Lawyers** from the Bucerius Center on the Legal Profession.

In addition to law courses, there are also German language courses on various levels available. The credits do not count toward the minimum course load. These courses come at an additional cost.

Extracurricular Activities

The International Office offers a **free extracurricular program** including guided tours in Hamburg and surrounding cities, visits to museums, lectures on the German political system and current political situation, and social events with Bucerius students.

Exchange students are also welcome to participate in the numerous student activity groups on campus.

Housing

Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing, but it works to secure rooms in various (privately-run) residence halls in Hamburg.

The International Office provides a list of **housing resources/platforms** to accepted students. Often Bucerius LLB students who will be studying abroad sublet their apartment or room to international students.

Health Insurance

Health insurance coverage is mandatory and should ideally be purchased through Bucerius. Information will be provided to admitted students.

Student health insurances must fulfill certain requirements (no payment limit, deductible < €5,000, pre-existing conditions cannot be excluded, among others). This must be demonstrated if students wish to use an insurance that is not purchased through Bucerius.

EHIC and GHIC are acceptable.

Living Expenses

Recommended budget: €7,000 - €7,500 for four months.

A detailed list of the individual amounts can be found on our website:

<http://buceri.us/finances>.

Immigration Information

All non-EU citizens must obtain a student visa / residence permit for their stay in Germany.

The International Office provides necessary documentation and detailed information to accepted students.

Some students will have to apply for a visa before arrival, others can enter Germany without a visa and apply for a residence permit after arrival.

Students should refer to the website of the German embassy/consulate in their country of residence. Ultimately, it is the students' responsibility to receive their visa on time.

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 continuously works on improving accessibility.

Further Services

- Bucerius provides a public transportation ticket for the greater area Hamburg for all exchange students free of charge.
- The International Office organizes a "buddy system" between exchange students and German students.
- Students from our partners receive a discount of 15% off the full tuition fee for their participation in one of our [Summer Programs](#).

Team



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Campus – at a glance



Centrally located in between downtown area and the popular *Planten un Blomen* park



Easily accessible via public transportation; 10 minutes by subway from main station



Reference Library accessible 24/7
Remote access to online publications and databases



Cafeteria and Coffee Lounge



Various teams and clubs: e.g. sports, culture, music or social engagement

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