Hochschule für
Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin
Berlin School of Economics and Law

HWR Berlin Summer School 2027

How Europe Works: Institutions & Law in the EU (ILEU)

Overview
Ever wondered how the European Union really works? You will explore the EU from different perspectives, combining business, law, politics and culture. Through lectures, study visits and cultural activities in Berlin, you will gain a deeper understanding of the institutions, laws and decisions that shape Europe and its role in the world.

Date
4 July – 24 July 2027

Course Content
- European Governance
- EU Law and Labour Rights
- EU Corporate Law

The course programme also includes:
- Study visits to companies
- Module on German culture and society from an intercultural perspective

Course Language
English. Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL iBT 90 or equivalent) is required.

Prerequisites
Upper undergraduate students of law, business and public administration, international relations and related fields (after two years of study) or graduates with good standing.

Number of Participants
20–25

Course Fees
€ 995 (without accommodation)
This includes tuition and programme fees, study visits, culture and leisure time programme.

Credits
- 6 ECTS: Business Law Programme
- 1 ECTS: German culture & society module
- Up to 7 ECTS credits

Accommodation
- Student hotel (double room)
- Arrival 4 July (move-in), departure 24 July (move-out)
- Optional booking upon request

Culture and Leisure Time Programme
The summer school team offers participants a wide variety of cultural and social events in Berlin and surrounding area (e.g. museums, boat trip, palaces, trips to Potsdam and Sachsenhausen) about twice a week.

Registration Deadline
- 1 April 2027
- 15 March 2027 for nominated students from partner universities
- Early-Bird 10% by 10 March 2027

Contact, Enquiries and Registration
HWR Berlin Summer and Winter School
Email: summer@hwr-berlin.de
www.hwr-berlin.de/summerschools

Syllabus

Students will better understand the workings of the EU through an analysis of the political processes and legal structures that underpin it. During the course they will explore the process of European integration; EU labour law; and corporate governance and competition law. This exploration will help students to understand the EU's interactions with the wider world, the relationships between EU member states and the challenges that the EU faces going forward.

For a more detailed syllabus, please email summer@hwr-berlin.de

Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Aden, Prof. Dr. Torsten Tristan Straub, Prof. Dr. Johannes Schäffer Dr. Ole Jensen, Dr. Raoul Sievers.

Week 1

Day	European Governance
1	• What is governance – what is European governance? • Governance and multi-level governance in the EU; diversification of governance
2	• The entrepreneurial process The EU institutions and their role in the EU multi-level system • Law-making in the EU
3	• Judicial governance: the European Court of Justice, national courts and litigants
4	• Federal states in the EU multi-level system: the impact of Europeanisation on the German Federal Council (Bundesrat) • Study visit to the German Federal Council (Bundesrat) • EU multi-level governance 1 – internet, data protection and artificial intelligence law and policy
5	• EU multilevel governance 2 – environmental policy and climate change: laws and new environmental policy instruments • Assessment: written test

Week 2

Day	EU Foreign Policy / Labour Rights
1	• EU's Foreign Policy Framework under the Lisbon Treaty • EU Economic Sanctions • Case Study: Sanctions Against Russia
2	• "Football Slavery" and the FIFA / UEFA as cartels under EU Law
3	• Unveiling? Religious Clothing and Labour Rights under European Law • Whistleblower protection under European Law
4	• Foreign Policy vs. Trade Policy?
5	• Study visit: The Representation of the EU in Berlin • Assessment

Week 3

Day	Commercial Dispute Resolution in the EU
1	• Cross-border commercial disputes in the EU • Judicial cooperation as a driver for EU integration • The Brussels I Recast Regulation • Lis pendens, parallel proceedings and the "Italian torpedo" • Recognition and enforcement of judgments • Jurisdictional scenarios – identifying the competent forum
2	• ADR in the EU: the Mediation Directive, sectoral ADR mechanisms, and the limits of non-binding dispute resolution • From ADR to arbitration: why commercial parties choose arbitration – confidentiality, neutrality, expertise, enforceability • Arbitral institutions in the EU and their role
3	• The seat of arbitration: legal significance, "friendly" & "unfriendly" jurisdictions within the EU • The arbitration agreement: model clauses, multi-tier clauses, pathological clauses, separability • Anatomy of arbitral proceedings: from request for arbitration to final award – constitution of the tribunal, written submissions, document production, hearings, deliberations, award
4	• EU law and arbitration • Need for an EU Arbitration Regulation? • EU competition law and arbitration • EU law as a limit to party autonomy • EU sanctions and arbitration
5	• Assessment: written test

Weeks 1–3: Additional Module

German Culture and Society: Intercultural Perspectives
• Students will be exposed to various aspects of German culture and society through a series of site visits and reflective papers
• The reflective papers (one per study week) should be related to an aspect of German culture and society and/or students' intercultural experience

* Course content/lecturers may be subject to change

Last but not least: Get more out of your Summer School experience!

Combine this programme with our add-on politics module "The EU – Chances & Challenges for Political Integration" (June 27 – July 2, 2027)