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

HWR Berlin Summer School 2027
Systems, Sustainability, and Shaping Futures

Overview
Sustainability is more than an environmental challenge—it is transforming the way we live, work and do business. This interdisciplinary blended course brings together multiple perspectives, e.g. from law, psychology, finance, communication, innovation, AI, and the circular economy to explore how meaningful change happens. Work with experts, collaborate across disciplines and develop the mindset and skills to help shape a more sustainable future.

Dates
29 June – 9 July: Virtual Reading Period
11 – 24 July: On-site classes in Berlin

Course Content
- Sustainability Challenges and its aspects
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Circular Economy
- Corporate Social Responsibility

The course programme also includes:
- Study visits to companies and institutions
- 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 (after two years of study) or graduates with good standing from different disciplines (e.g. business, engineering, environmental background, IT, social science)

Number of Participants
25

Course Fees
€ 950 (without accommodation)
This includes tuition and programme fees, study visits, culture and leisure time programme.

Credits
150 hours workload / 6 ECTS credits include
- 50 contact hours business course
- 10 contact hours German culture and society
- Reading Period incl. monitored self-tests
- Excursions and company visits

Accommodation
- Student hotel (double occupancy)
- Arrival 11 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

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

Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Silke Bustamante (academic head), Prof. Dr. Christine Gockel, Dr. Stephan Sina, Prof. Dr. Uta Stäsche, Prof. Dr. Caroline Rudzinska, Dr. Stefan Paulus, Prof. Dr. Alexander Adrowitzer, and others

Part 1

Virtual Reading Period

The virtual reading period aims at gaining a comprehensive understanding of sustainable development and its multifaceted challenges and opportunities. The readings cover key aspects such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Altogether, students are asked to study papers and answer associated questions (monitored self-tests).

Part 2, Week 1

On-site Programme in Berlin

Students gain a deep understanding of the current sustainability challenges and take a closer look at its different dimensions, such as politics, legal systems and finance. A first field trip and corporate talk promise expert insights.

Day	
1	• Setting the Scene/ Vision & Objectives: SDG Game
2	• Microeconomic Foundations of Sustainability • Contested Transformation Strategies • Global Climate Change Politics
3	• Psychological Aspects of Sustainability • Sustainability and Ethics
4	• Relevant Legal Systems • Emission Trading Systems • Reporting Obligations • Field Trip
5	• Sustainable Finance • Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship • Future Workshop

Week 2

On-site Programme in Berlin

The second week on-site focuses on circular economies and the basics of Corporate Social Responsibility. A future workshop and a field trip will allow students to explore the topics in more depth. The programme concludes with the poster presentation, an interdisciplinary analysis of selected sustainability challenges.

Day	
1	• Corp. Responsibility & Sustainability Management • Communication for Transformation
2	• AI and Sustainability • Corporate Talk
3	• Recap Session • Field Trip
4	• Circular Economy
5	• Poster Presentation

Weeks 2–3: Cultural 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

Exemplary Schedule Outline:

Time	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning	**9 AM - 1.30 PM**	**9 AM - 13.45 pm**
	9 AM -11.15 PM "Using Psychology for a Sustainable Future"	9 AM - 10.30 AM "Sustainable Finance"
	11.30 AM -13.30 PM "Sustainability & Ethics"	10.30 AM - 12 PM "Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship"
Lunch		
Afternoon	**14.30 - 17 PM**	**13 PM - 17 PM**
	14.30 PM - 17.30 PM "Climate Change Politics"	13 PM - 14.30 PM „Reporting on Human Rights"
		15 PM - 17 PM Field Trip: Futurium

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

Combine this programme with our on-site add-on "Cross Cultural Management: Culture, Diversity and Sustainability" (4 – 10 July 2027)