



Universität Regensburg

Module Manual

for the course of study

“German and Comparative Law”

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

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Module MCL-M01: German Law and German Jurisprudence in Comparative Perspective

1. Name of the module:		German Law and German Jurisprudence in Comparative Perspective				
2. Area of specialization / responsible:		Prof. Alexander Graser, Prof. Martin Löhnig				
3. Contents of the module:		Overview of the legal system of the Federal Republic of Germany (legislative procedure, court organization, hierarchy of norms). Comparison of sub-areas of German law with different foreign counterparts. Basic knowledge of German law in the respective personal area of interest.				
4. Qualification objectives of the module / skills to be acquired:		After completing the module, students will gain an understanding of the system of substantive and procedural law in the Federal Republic of Germany from a comparative perspective, which will enable them to recognize and evaluate the similarities and differences between the different legal systems. Depending on their personal research focus, students are able to critically compare the two legal systems by attending relevant courses from the Faculty of Law's teaching program. Students gain basic knowledge for possible future work in interaction with German lawyers.				
5. Requirements for participation:						
a) recommended skills:		none				
b) obligatory proof:		none				
6. Applicability of the module:		LL.M. German and Comparative Law				
7. Frequency of the module:		Winter semester				
8. The module can be completed in:		1 semester				
9. Recommended semester:		1				
10. Workload / number of credit points:		Workload: Total hours: 500, of which: 1. attendance time: 370 hours (11 SWS) 2. self-study (incl. exam preparation and exam): 130 hours Credit points: 20				
11. The module is successfully completed when the requirements described below have been met.						
12. Module components:						
Nr.	obligatory / compulsory	Teaching method	Subject area/topic	semester hours	ECTS	study achievement
1	O	lecture	Introduction to German law	1	1	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended)
2	O	exercise	Comparative exercise on German law	2	11	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended) and presentation
3	C	lecture/exercise/seminar	Courses offered by the Faculty of Law	Courses of min. 8 semester hours	8	Reflection as part of the comparative exercise
13. Module exam:						
Competence / topic/area	Type of examination	Duration	Time	Percentage of module grade		
2	term paper	4 weeks	During the lecture-free period	100 %		
14. Comment:						
In consultation with the module supervisors, students choose from the range of courses offered by the Faculty of Law in addition to the compulsory lecture and the compulsory tutorial, depending on their personal research interests, attend these (without proof of performance) and present their findings on the differences between the legal norms dealt with in each case and those of the country in which they obtained their law degree in the compulsory tutorial in a presentation and a term paper.						

Modul MCL-M02: Legal history, comparative law and foreign law

1. Name of the module:		Legal history, comparative law and foreign law				
2. Area of specialization / responsible:		Prof. Dr. Alexander Graser, Prof. Dr. Martin Löhnig				
3. Contents of the module:		Objectives and methods, standard topics and recent developments in comparative law with special consideration of legal transfer research. Independent exemplary reflection and application of methods of legal history and comparative law.				
4. Qualification objectives of the module / skills to be acquired:		After completing the module, students will have basic knowledge of the methodology of comparative law and legal history and will be able to apply the knowledge they have acquired to solve relevant cases and critically examine the legal issues raised. In addition, students will be able to independently apply the theoretical knowledge from the lectures on legal history and comparative law.				
5. Requirements for participation:						
a) recommended skills:		none				
b) obligatory proof of:		none				
6. Applicability of the module:		LL.M. German and Comparative Law				
7. Frequency of the module:		yearly				
8. The module can be completed in:		2 semester				
9. Recommended semester:		1 - 2				
10. Workload / number of credit points:		Workload: Total hours: 500, of which: 1. attendance time: at least 135 hours (9 SWS) 2. self-study (incl. exam preparation and exam): 365 hrs. Credit points: 20				
11. The module is successfully completed when the requirements described below have been met.						
12. Module components:						
Nr.	obligatory / compulsory	Teaching method	Subject area/topic	semester hours	ECTS	study achievement
1	O	lecture	Comparative law and legal transfer	1,5	3	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended)
2	O	lecture	Comparative European legal history	1,5	3	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended)
3	O	seminar	Comparative law and historical research	2	4	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended) and presentation
4	C	lecture/exercise/seminar	Introductions to the legal systems or sub-areas of other countries or legal cultures or specialized foreign language course	at least 2 courses totaling at least 4 semester hours	min. 10	Passed performance records according to the lecturer's requirements
13. Module exam:						
Competence / topic/area	Type of examination	Duration	Time	Percentage of module grade		
3	seminar paper	4 weeks	During the lecture-free period	100 %		
14. Comment:						
Students are required to attend the two lectures and apply the knowledge they have acquired in the seminar, which is also compulsory. The seminar paper serves as the module examination. Furthermore, in consultation with the module supervisors, they select suitable courses to the extent specified from the courses offered by the Faculty of Law or the Center for Language and Communication. With the approval of the module coordinators, other courses corresponding to the content requirements may also be taken. In the case of elective courses, the performance assessments must be taken and passed in accordance with the respective requirements of the lecturers.						

Modul MCL-M03: Abschlussmodul

1. Name of the module:		Final module				
2. Area of specialization / responsible:		Prof. Dr. Alexander Graser, Prof. Dr. Martin Löhnig				
3. Contents of the module:		This module comprises the final study phase. Candidates learn the basics of legal academic work in German legal culture (literature genres, research options, citation methods, argumentation and structuring standards, etc.), present their Master's project in a research colloquium and write a Master's thesis.				
4. Qualification objectives of the module / skills to be acquired:		After completing the module, students are able to write a scientific text in accordance with the applicable standards of the respective subject in which the thesis is written.				
5. Requirements for participation:						
a) recommended skills:		Participation in the winter semester courses of the modules MCL-M01 and MCL-M02				
b) obligatory proof of:		none				
6. Applicability of the module:		LL.M. German and Comparative Law				
7. Frequency of the module:		Summer semester				
8. The module can be completed in:		1 semester				
9. Recommended semester:		2				
10. Workload / number of credit points:		Workload: Total in hours: 500 of which: 1. attendance time: 30 hours (2 SWS) 2. self-study (preparation of the Master's thesis and presentation): 470 hours Credit points: 20				
11. The module is successfully completed when the requirements described below have been met.						
12. Module components:						
Nr.	obligatory / compulsory	Teaching method	Subject area/topic	semester hours	ECTS	study achievement
1	O	exercise	Standards of legal research in Germany	2	2	Thorough study of the subject matter (regular attendance recommended)
2	O		Writing of the Master's thesis		18	-
13. Module exam:						
Competence / topic/area		Type of examination	Duration / Workload	Time	Percentage of module grade	
2		Master's thesis	Duration: 12 weeks Volume: 50-70 pages	Usually begins in the first third of the lecture period of the summer semester	100 %	
14. Comment:						
The Master's thesis is completed in the subject area chosen by the candidate.						