



Hauser Global Law School Program

Bucerius Law School Hamburg, Germany

Exchange Program Information Package 2010-2011



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We are pleased you are interested in New York University School of Law's overseas exchange program with Bucerius Law School, in Hamburg, Germany. This package gives a general description of the program as well as details about some of its more important aspects. The information in this pack was taken from a variety of sources made available by Bucerius Law School, such as their website – <http://www.law-school.de>, Incoming Student Handbook, and other informational guides. Carefully review this information before deciding whether to apply.

Please plan to attend an informational meeting. If you can't, or if you have additional questions about the program, please feel free to stop by the Hauser Global Law School Program Office (FH 340) to speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs.

Important Application Dates

January 21	NYU application deadline
Mid-January to Mid-February	Applicants screened
Mid to late February	Selections made
March 31	Bucerius application due

I. Program Description and Information

A. About the Program

Up to two NYU Law students may study at Bucerius Law School during the Fall semester. The program is open to second- and third-year students only who have spent at least one full-year at NYU School of Law.

Each fall, Bucerius offers its visiting foreign exchange students the opportunity to participate in a specially-designed program in International and Comparative Business Law, entirely in English. The program's emphasis is on intensive, high-level international academic and practical training, personal development opportunities, and a close community. Each year, approximately 75 students come to the program from Bucerius' many partner schools, offering a truly diverse academic learning environment. They come from as close as France and Spain, and as far away as Singapore, Australia, Canada, the United States and Argentina, to name a few. Students who are proficient in German also have the opportunity to audit courses from the school's wide array of offerings in the German curriculum.

The program will take place from August to December, and is divided into two sessions, each session extending over six weeks. The program is designed primarily for non-German law students from Bucerius' 80 partner law schools wishing to deepen their understanding of the forces shaping international business law. In addition, students gain an insight into the day-to-day practice of international business law from experienced professionals working in the field. The program offers a unique opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of German, European and international law.

The exchange program with Bucerius is designed to offer a serious study of international and comparative business law in an international setting, one deeply involved in one of the most important international developments of our time, the formation of the European Union. This is definitely not the same thing as a college semester abroad. If you are looking for a semester abroad with a light course load and plenty of time to sightsee, drink German beer and spend time relaxing in one of Hamburg's many beautiful parks, this is not the program for you. This is not to say that you will have no time to sightsee and familiarize yourself with German culture. You will. But we do want to emphasize that this program is much more academically rigorous than many overseas programs at the undergraduate level.

B. Bucerius Law School

Founded in 2000 by the ZEIT-Stiftung, one of Germany's largest, private, non-profit foundations, Bucerius Law School is the first and only privately operated law school in Germany. Its founders had the goal of offering prospective law students an alternative to the standard legal education provided at German state universities: their main objective was to create an academically accomplished, practice-oriented, and bi-lingual legal education with a focus on international business law.

Already hailed as one of the top law faculties in Germany, one of Bucerius' strengths is its internationalism. Students pursue the LL.B. degree, and each is required to spend a semester at one of Bucerius' more than 80 worldwide partner institutions. They also gain insights into legal practice through mandatory internships. Bucerius' faculty includes several practicing members of the legal profession, so students learn from both scholars and practitioners. The Bucerius curriculum boasts foreign language courses conducted in Chinese, English, Russian, and Spanish; lectures in business administration; courses in national and international business law; and a diverse, obligatory general studies program.

Bucerius Law School is located in a beautiful historic building—newly renovated and equipped with the most advanced technology. A modern auditorium building complements the campus. The Hengeler Mueller Library at Bucerius, as well as the Freshfields Bruckhaus

Deinger IT Center are open 24 hours/7 days a week. Wireless Internet access is available on campus. Almost all Bucerius Law School facilities are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

C. The City of Hamburg

Hamburg, Germany's second largest city, is not often thought of as a beautiful city, as it is more known for its industrial port than the stunning lake and surrounding architecture. Hamburg boasts 2,302 bridges, more than the total of all bridges that Venice and Amsterdam have to offer. Fourteen percent of the city is made up of green spaces and recreational areas. With more than 90 consulates, Hamburg ranks only second to New York as the city with the most consulates in the world. Hamburg is also culturally and commercially the center of all of Northern Germany. The city itself has 1.7 million inhabitants, and the metropolitan region consists of 3.5 million people, for whom Hamburg is the shopping and cultural metropolis.

Located off the coast of the North and the Baltic Sea and on the shore of the Elbe, Hamburg—"the Venice of the North"—is a port city. The port is the heart of Hamburg, sustaining the business life of the city but also setting the cosmopolitan tone of open-mindedness and international connections. With its ultra-modern airport handling over 10 million flights per year, its container port - the largest in Germany and second largest in Europe, and a well-planned road and rail infrastructure, Hamburg is the preferred location for trading houses and businesses. Over 350,000 companies of all sizes are located in the city. Industries include manufacturing in fields as diverse as aerospace and paper, hi-tech and handicraft. As the German centre for broadcasting and publishing, Hamburg has a host of associated service industries including advertising, insurance, and information technology. Serving all this economic activity are the lawyers of Hamburg (from a large number of firms with connections across the globe, including the United States). Germany's largest international law firms have their offices here.

The cosmopolitan feel of Hamburg made it the one and only natural choice for the site of Bucerius Law School. Culture thrives with renowned theatres, opera, ballet and a classical music scene worthy of Mendelssohn and Brahms, both sons of the city. The undercurrent to all this is the Hamburg mentality, understated but alert, meticulously polite but friendly – the product of centuries of internationalism.

The legal culture is also central to Hamburg life. Hamburg is proud of its political autonomy as a city state within the Federal Republic of Germany. This independence has a long history with the earliest constitutional documents and legal statutes for Hamburg dating from the 13th century. Today Hamburg is host to legal institutions of national and global significance: The Hamburg state courts, the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and Comparative Law, and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

Despite its size, Hamburg is, in some ways, also a college town with a total of 65,000 students enrolled at Hamburg's various universities and colleges. From bars and clubs to restaurants and cafés, museums and galleries, concert halls and parks, the city has it all. Bucerius Law School is centrally located—a short walk or bus ride from the university quarter, downtown Hamburg, the historic botanical gardens, the Reeperbahn, and the harbor. Hamburg itself is a train ride or a short flight away from cities such as Copenhagen, London, Paris, Amsterdam and Prague.

D. Program Dates

Program dates for Fall 2010 are to be confirmed. The completed 2009 Bucerius Law School calendar, with all important dates can be found online at: <http://www.law-school.de/69.html?&L=1>. Below is an approximation of the Fall 2010 calendar.

End of August/Early September	Orientation
September – October	Session I
Middle of October	Exam Week Session 1
Middle of October	Study trip
End of October - December	Session II
Middle of December	Exam Week Session II

You will be expected to arrive in Hamburg no later than the last week of August. You will likely want to arrive considerably before then to secure your housing arrangements. All international students are required to remain in Hamburg through the middle of December due to the exam schedule.

The program is divided into two sessions, with a week-long, organized study trip for all exchange students between the sessions. A detailed itinerary of the study trip can be found on the Bucerius website <http://www.law-school.de/67.html?&L=1>.

E. Course

Course Requirements

NYU students are required to take a minimum of five classes (each worth 2 credits). Most of the courses run in intensive three- or four-week sessions, though some run the entire fall semester. Prior to finalizing their courses for the semester, students must

submit a list of courses (along with the days of the week and times the class meets, and total number of class meetings during the semester) to the Hauser Program Office for approval.

NYU students will participate in Bucerius' annual International and Comparative Business Law Program. NYU School of Law students may select as many courses as they wish, but should note that they will receive no more than 12 credits on their NYU transcript for courses taken at Bucerius. Please note that the German Law Survey Course is required by Bucerius. For a list of courses being offered in Fall 2009, visit <http://www.law-school.de/69.html?&L=1>

You can expect to select from a list similar to that above and also audit any of the school's German-taught courses, provided you are fluent in German (and with permission directly from Bucerius Law School). You can also take German and other language courses free of charge (not for credit) at Bucerius if you so desire, and additional German language courses for a modest fee at the Colón Language Center.

F. Evaluation and Grades

With rare exceptions, courses are graded based on students' performances in the final exams. Exams will not be graded on a curve.

Your exams will be graded in the first instance by Bucerius faculty in accordance with the Bucerius grading system. Bucerius grades its students in the International Program on a scale of A-F, similar to that in the U.S. However, because grading standards between NYU and Bucerius may differ, a direct translation to NYU's letter grading system is extremely difficult. Therefore, participating NYU students will, upon successfully completing a course, receive a designation of "pass/fail" for the course on their transcripts. **All students must receive the equivalent of a letter grade C in order to receive credit for the class.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CREDIT OR GRADE FOR ANY COURSE TAKEN IN THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION BY NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW. We expect, however, that all credits earned at Bucerius will count towards New York University School of Law credits.

G. Program Cancellation

We expect the program to go forward as planned and anticipate no obstacles to implementation. However, in the highly unlikely event that the entire program has to be canceled, students selected for the program will be informed immediately by telephone, email, or in person, and notices of cancellation will be posted on the Hauser Global Law School Program website. In addition, individual meetings will be arranged with any student who wishes one. If in the even more unlikely event that the Program is canceled after students have arrived in Hamburg, Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs, will contact all participating students by telephone, if possible, or by email. Should particular courses be canceled or rescheduled, students selected for the program will be informed by email, telephone, or in person to the extent that we are made aware of these changes.

II. Bucerius Staff and Facilities

A. Program Staff

The Program Director is Professor Karsten Schmidt, the President of Bucerius and internationally known professor of corporate law. Prof. Schmidt received his doctorate in 1972, followed in 1975/76 by a post-doctorate in Bonn in civil law, commercial law, business law and civil procedural law. Following a professorship in Göttingen (1976), he held a professorial chair at the University of Hamburg from 1977 to 1997 and was Director of the Departments of Commercial, Maritime and Economic Law. Since 1997, Prof. Schmidt has been professor at the University of Bonn and Director of the Institute for Commercial and Business Law.

Prof. Schmidt is a member of the Joachim Jungius Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Hamburg, and the Academia Scientiarum et Artium Europaea, Salzburg, as well as Honorary Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London. He is a corresponding member of the Academia Nacional de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Cordoba/Argentina and serves as a member of the academic board of the Institut für Wirtschaftsverfassung und Wettbewerb (FIW), Cologne. Prof. Schmidt served as vice-chairman and chairman of the Zivilrechtslehrervereinigung from 1987 to 1999 and was an assessor for the German Research Association from 1988 to 1996. He sits on the supervisory board and the Kuratorium of the Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius ZEIT Foundation, Hamburg.

Prof. Schmidt is publisher and editor of the Zeitschrift für das gesamte Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht, joint publisher of the Zeitschrift für Wirtschaftsrecht (ZIP), and sits on the editorial board of the International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal. He has written textbooks on commercial and company law, as well as monographs, commentaries and numerous academic articles.

The Director of the International Program at Bucerius is Ms. Birte Gall. She is the main contact for visiting exchange students and handles all of the applications, orientation, and student affairs-related issues. Her contact information is:

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The International Office will assist you with student services such as housing, banking and visa application. You will also receive an information package with important information prior to your arrival at the Bucerius Law School.

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B. Academic and Library Facilities

The **Bucerius Law School** building (main building and auditorium) and the campus grounds are owned by the ZEIT-Stiftung. The total investment (acquisition and renovation of the building and the construction of the new auditorium) amounts to €34 million. The money invested in Bucerius' infrastructure has resulted in a state-of-the-art campus, with all of the latest technological innovations available to students. Bucerius is equipped with a high bandwidth connection to the internet; multimedia presentation equipment in lecture halls and classrooms support learning at the school; and students can use the internet via wireless LAN connections after registration of their WLAN card.

The library offers different academic databases for student use (WestLaw, LexisNexis, Juris, to name a few). Several copy machines are also available. The library's holdings include over 200 legal periodicals, and should a book or document not be available in the library, it also has an extensive interlibrary loan network.

Students at Bucerius have 24-hour access to the library with their identification card.

III. Preparing for Your Trip

A. Anticipated Tuition, Fees and Living Costs

Tuition is the same as the tuition at New York University School of Law. Participating NYU students will pay New York University the normal tuition for a semester at NYU.

Additional living costs, including transportation, food and personal expenses will come to about €450 per month. Eating out, entertainment and transportation are approximately the same as in New York, if not slightly more expensive. Below is an estimated chart of expenses that may be occurred during your time at Bucerius Law School. However, please note that students' requirements can vary significantly, depending on how much is spent on housing, travel and living expenses. One Euro is approximately \$1.40.

Books and Course Materials	€200
German Course (optional)	€150
Berlin trip (optional)	€250
Health Insurance	€130
Liability Insurance	€50
German Residency Permit	€50
City Registration	€10
Housing (300-650 euros/mo.)	€1,600

Food, Clothes, Etc.	€1,100
Travel and Other Expenses	€1,400
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Total	€4,940

If you plan on traveling around Germany or Europe during your exchange, you will want to budget more to cover additional expenses.

B. Student Housing and Living Arrangements

Bucerius cannot offer housing for any of its students, but will do their best to assist all exchange students in securing suitable accommodation for their time in Hamburg. German Bucerius Law school students studying abroad during the fall term sublet their apartments to international students; therefore, there may be a limited number of such apartments open to visiting NYU School of Law students. To facilitate the process for both parties, Bucerius Law School will post available sublets on their website. Incoming students will be able to access the website with a Bucerius password after admission into the program (from June 1st onwards).

C. Visa and Residence Permit Information

Residence Permit

US citizens do not require a visa to study in Germany, but must obtain a residency permit once in Germany. Applications for a residence permit require the following documents:

- Valid passport for the full duration of your stay (submit upon arrival)
- Two application forms (to be filled out with Bucerius' assistance during the Orientation Program)
- Two passport photos (which you should have already submitted with your Bucerius application)
- Proof of financial support (proof that you are able to support yourself financially for the duration of the program) – due by July 15
- Proof of health insurance for your full stay in Germany – due by July 15
- A birth certificate for any accompanying children, if applicable (submit upon arrival)

Full details on all of the above requirements are available on Bucerius' website. If you have additional questions regarding residency permit, please contact Kasia Kwietniewska at kasia.kwietniewska@law-school.de.

D. Financial Affidavit

The Immigration Office requires proof that you have sufficient funds to meet your educational needs and cost of living during your stay in Hamburg. For this purpose you need to submit a Financial Affidavit.

In compliance with the regulations of the Immigration Office are the following sources of subsistence acceptable: personal savings, family support or financial aid/scholarships from other institutions. In each of these cases you need to provide supporting documentation:

- Personal Savings: Enclose an official and original bank statement signed by a bank official certifying that you have sufficient funds for your living expenses in Germany. The amount certified needs to be at least EUR 3.000 for your entire stay in Germany.
- Family Support: Enclose a formal obligation from someone in your immediate family who is willing to support you during your stay here (e.g. parents or spouse). This "Formal Obligation" form is available and has to be written and signed in a German embassy. The person who is willing to support you will need to prove that he/she possesses sufficient funds, e.g. bank statement, salary statement, tax declaration etc. The support amount certified by your family needs to be at least EUR 650 x the number of months of your stay in Germany.
- Financial Aid/Scholarship from Government Agencies, Private Foundations, Bank, etc.: Enclose an official and original letter specifying the amount and availability of funds.

G. Health Insurance

In compliance with the regulations of the Immigration Office and to obtain a German residency permit, students must provide proof of health insurance with coverage you in Germany. You can purchase travel insurance in their home country or ask whether your current health insurance policy will cover you during your stay in Germany. Students should also be covered in other countries they wish to visit.

Bucerius can assist you in getting coverage under an affordable German insurance policy. The policy satisfies the German requirements for the residence permit. Coverage costs approximately EUR 25 per month, and would be pro-rated. Further information may be

found on the Bucerius website under "International Program", "Administration", and "Insurance".

If you are insured through NYU's Student Health Insurance, you are covered for emergencies when traveling more than 100 miles from your campus address through Assist America. Do carry your Assist America card with you when traveling. In case you do get into an emergency, you are to contact Assist America to arrange all medical services. You will not be reimbursed for any services that are not arranged through Assist America. Reimbursement is the same as the NYU-sponsored Basic plan of 20%/80% co-insurance. For more information, visit http://www.chickering.com/stu_conn/travel_assistance.aspx.

It is possible to waive your NYU Student Health Insurance. In order to do this, you must have an insurance policy that is comparable to NYU's Basic plan. For more information, visit <http://www.nyu.edu/shc/about/how.to.enroll.waive.html> or contact NYU Student Health Insurance Services at 212-443-1020. **Your waiver will not be processed until Student Health Insurance Services confirms that your insurance plan meets the University's criteria.** To avoid being obligated to pay for two health insurance plans, please do not purchase another health insurance plan before your waiver request is approved by Student Health Insurance Services.

H. Liability Insurance

If the person from whom you rent your apartment or room in Germany requires you to have liability insurance, it is possible for you to be covered under a Bucerius group policy that costs approximately EUR40 for the entire time you are in Hamburg. All international students subletting an apartment from a Bucerius student are required to purchase liability insurance through the International Office.

I. Provision for Students with Disabilities

The Bucerius Law School facilities (excluding the library cupola) are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you are interested in the program and will need some special assistance due to a disability, please speak with Christine Jensch, Coordinator for Global Fellows and Exchange Programs, who will contact Bucerius to obtain information about the availability of needed services.

J. Resources for Living in Germany and Traveling

Below are websites you can get more information about living, studying and traveling in Germany.

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/deutschland/leben-in-deutschland/04665.en.html>

<http://www.about-germany.org/life/cost.php>

<http://www.internationale-studierende.de/en/home/>

<http://www.hamburg-tourism.de/>

<http://www.lets-go.com>

<http://www.roughguides.com>

Student Travel Agencies

When buying your flight, you should consider using a student travel agent. Not only might you get a better price, you may also get a more flexible ticket that allows cancellation or date changes. The fees for these are often less than other agents or the airline itself.

STA Travel. There are branches around the city and all over the world. Also online at www.statravel.com

Travel CUTS. There is an office on MacDougal Street. Also online at www.travelcuts.com.

www.studentuniverse.com. Online only. You do not need an ISIC card to purchase products from this site. You must have an active university email address.

Getting Around

The German national railway is extensive, fast, efficient, and affordable. Traveling around the country by train is a pleasure. For travel to neighboring countries, you should also consider taking the train rather than flying. However, there are many budget airlines that fly from Paris, making destinations further afield more affordable and within reach. Long distance uses are seldom used except by those on extremely low budgets.

Budget Airlines

www.airberlin.com

www.germanwings.com

<http://www.tuifly.com/de/index.html>

www.ryanair.com

www.easyjet.com

Most national carriers have changed their fare structure to compete with the budget airlines. You may be able to get a reasonable airfare using those airlines. Bear in mind that many budget airlines often use an airport that is further away than the city's main airport, and you may incur additional expenses when traveling to the city centre.

By train

www.eurail.com

www.raileurope.com/us/index.htm

www.reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en

By Bus

<http://www.eurolines.com>

Student Discounts

International Student Identity Card. This is the only internationally recognized student identity card. It is available at student travel agencies. An ISIC card costs \$22 and is valid for a calendar year. ISIC cards purchased in September are valid through the following calendar year. With an ISIC card, you can get discounts on flights, tour packages, entry to attractions, and more. Visit www.isic.org to find out what discounts are available in the country you are going to.

IV. Semester Follow-Up

Please note that all NYU School of Law students selected to participate in a study abroad program will be requested to submit to the Hauser Global Law School Program upon completion of their studies abroad:

- 1) A one or two-page report evaluating their experiences in the program
- 2) A Student Questionnaire Form at the end of their studies to be used to provide a resource for future students interested in the program with Bucerius Law School.

V. How to Apply

If you decide to apply to the Exchange Program with Bucerius, you must complete a written NYU application available from the Hauser Global Law School Program website:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/global/intlprograms/studyabroadprograms/applicationprocedures/index.htm>

In screening applicants, we will look for such things as a strong academic record, serious interest in international and comparative law, and experience with different cultures and overseas travel. The timetable for the application process is as follows:

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Mid-late February	Selections made and applicants notified
March 31	Bucerius application deadline

If you are nominated by NYU to participate in the exchange program with the Bucerius, you will be given instructions on completing the Bucerius application. This is done online but there are also forms to submit to the Hauser Office by **March 12, 2010**. We will then forward your documents to Bucerius where it will be considered for admission. Should you be accepted by Bucerius, you will receive an acceptance letter and instructions for obtaining your visa.

VI. Additional Information

One of the resources we offer to our students to provide further information on our exchange programs is a collection of questionnaires that have been completed by our past students about their experiences while studying at each of our partner institutions. If you are interested in looking at these questionnaires, please feel free to stop by our office (Furman Hall, Suite 340) between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM.

Additionally, we maintain a list of past students at each program who have indicated their willingness to speak with interested students about their experiences while abroad. Should you be interested in receiving a copy of this document, please either stop by our office or send us an email at: lawglobal@exchange.law.nyu.edu.