Department of Law

Nineteen full professors, their staff and numerous renowned associate lecturers conduct research and teach about 1,100 students at the Department of Law. The department places clear emphasis on the fields of commercial and business law. Close ties to legal and business practice, combined with an interdisciplinary profile in the economic sciences, are hallmarks of the Department of Law.

As part of the research activities conducted at the Department of Law, a close cooperation with other faculties and departments of Mannheim University as well as with numerous German and international universities and institutes takes place. The majority of research activities is concentrated in various institutes.

European Union law, international business law

banking and financial market law

public law, law of net regulation

competition law and intellectual property rights

insurance law, insolvency law

tax law, trade and corporate law

Research areas

medical law, public health law and bioethics

traffic and transportation law

corporate law, labour law

private law, history of European law

The Department of Law is Germany‘s leading law school in the field of business law.
Study Programmes

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
- Bachelor of Law programme which maintains the high standards of the first state examination
- Business Law, Business Administration & Private Law
- Language of Instruction: German
- 3 year programme (plus 2 optional semesters abroad)

Master of Laws (LL.M.)
- In depth education in Business Law and Business Administration
- Major: Tax, HR & Management
- Language of Instruction: German & elective modules in English
- 2 year programme (incl. 1 optional semester abroad)

First State Examination
- A German government licensing examination for jurists
- Public Law, Criminal Law & Private Law
- Language of Instruction: German
- Consecutive 2 year programme (only open for alumni of the Mannheim LL.B. Programme)

Master of Comparative Business Law (M.C.B.L.)
- Joint Degree Master, 1st semester at the University of Mannheim & 2nd semester at the University of Adelaide, Australia/two semesters at the University of Mannheim (only if 1st degree obtained outside of Germany)
- Language of Instruction: English (no German required)
- 1 year programme
Course Programme

Students can select from a wide range of courses, most of which focus on commercial and business law. These courses are taught in either English or German. For the latest information, please have a look at:

http://www.uni-mannheim.de/aaa/courses

The University offers in addition elective courses from other departments and schools for exchange students to choose from.

A variety of (intensive) German language courses are offered before and during the semester.
Student Experiences

In a global survey for international exchange students, the International Student Barometer Fall 2012, we were ranked in Germany as follows:

# 1 for campus buildings
# 1 for living cost (even # 1 ranking worldwide!)
# 1 for academics’ English
# 2 for sport facilities
# 2 for transport links
# 2 for host culture

“I chose the University of Mannheim because of its excellent reputation in teaching and research. Its central location in the heart of Europe makes it easy to explore Germany and Europe.”

“As a student from the School of Business, Economics and Law in Gothenburg, I chose the Department of Law at Mannheim University because of the clear emphasis on the fields of commercial and business law. Moreover, it is a great opportunity to meet students from all over the world!”

Yan-Ru Lin
Exchange student from Taiwan

Johanna Maxson
Exchange student from Sweden
What Mannheim has to offer

The University

- Founded in 1907, there are about 12,000 students studying at the University of Mannheim. About 900 international exchange students from 70 countries and 400 partner universities are coming to Mannheim each year.

- The University of Mannheim adopted the more commonly used international academic calendar. The fall semester runs from September to December, and the spring semester runs from February to June.

The City

- A vibrant, multicultural city with a population of 325,000

- Affordable accommodation and a broad range of cultural events, such as the Palace Festival and the International Film Festival of Mannheim and Heidelberg

- A broad variety of museums, theatres, bars, restaurants, shops and green spaces, Mannheim has it all!
The Region

- As one of the most important economic locations in Germany, the Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region is home to numerous multinational companies.
- Mannheim is surrounded by the beautiful Palatinate region, which is very popular for hiking, cycling and wine tasting.
- Amsterdam, Berlin, Munich, Paris and Zurich can all be reached in less than 5 hours.
- Frankfurt Airport is a 30 minutes train ride from Mannheim.
Welcome to Mannheim Law School!

With its vibrant academic community, a talented set of students from around the globe and its unique campus in and around a major baroque palace, the Department of Law offers an extraordinary environment in which to study law.

The University of Mannheim is recognized as one of the leading academic institutions in Germany and Europe. Within this context, the law school enjoys a pivotal role in the research of business law in national, European and international contexts. The 19 chairholders, leading practicing lawyers, and distinguished visiting academics from abroad would love to share their experience with you in the classroom. Providing a challenging and rewarding intellectual exchange on the key problems of today and tomorrow is our mission.

There is a large and ever increasing range of courses you can chose from. Our core programme on law in German is supplemented by a substantial range of courses taught in English. They are centered in Mannheim’s Master of Comparative Business Law, a joint degree with the University of Adelaide.

The faculty and its students are superbly supported by excellent and highly motivated staff and extensive resources, including the library of the Department of Law. It houses a large collection of legal materials on- and off-line. The comprehensive support provided to international students, allows incoming students to settle down quickly and have a smooth start to their studies here. You will be very welcome in the sunblessed Palatinate!

To find out more about studying at the Department of Law, please visit our website: international.jura.uni-mannheim.de