



International Exchange Program Information Sheet 2012

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Language of Instruction	<p>English</p> <p>Students whose knowledge of German allows may also take regular courses for German students.</p>
Language Requirements	<p>Students from universities whose language of instruction is not English must submit proof of English fluency. We accept the following tests / minimum scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 233 points on the computer based TOEFL- 577 points on the paper based TOEFL- 90 points on the internet based TOEFL- 7 points on the IELTS- 792 points on the TOEIC <p>We also accept other English proficiency tests. Such cases are decided upon on an individual basis.</p>
Application Procedure	<p>A complete application consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A completed application form (available online starting in January 2012),

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. A brief statement of purpose (approximately 1 – 2 pages explaining your areas of special interest, why you wish to study at Bucerius, previous international experience, etc.), 3. A nomination letter or an e-mail from the home university confirming that student has been selected to apply for the International Exchange Program at Bucerius, 4. A transcript of grades in English or German from the current university, including a description of the grading system and, if possible, the student's class rank, 5. Proof of English proficiency (see above for details), 6. One passport-sized photo (electronic or printed). <p>With the exception of the transcript, which must be submitted in hard copy, all other application documents may be sent electronically.</p>
Application Deadline	April 15, 2012
Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program	At least two years of previous law studies when law is studied at the undergraduate level and at least one year of previous law studies when law is studied at a graduate level.
Semester Dates 2012	<p>Semester Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 10 – December 21 <p>Exam Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session I: October 22 – 26 - Session II: December 17 – 21
Orientation Program	<p>There is a mandatory Orientation Program for all International Exchange students.</p> <p>Orientation Program 2012: September 5 – 7</p>
Course Enrollment / Registration	<p>Students pre-register for courses online. Some courses have quotas. Important dates are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - April 15, 2012: Course descriptions posted online - August 1 – 15, 2012: Course pre-registration online
Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students	<p>Bucerius Law School requires a minimum course load of 4 American Bar Association (ABA) / 8 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits per session. There are two sessions during the International Exchange Program.</p> <p>The German Law Survey course is the only mandatory course. Although credits can be earned with this course, they do not count towards the minimum requirement of 8 ABA credits during the program described above.</p> <p>A total of 15 – 18 courses are offered. All courses in the Exchange Program are taught in English. Most courses are worth 2 ABA / 4 ECTS credits. Students generally take 6 – 7 courses.</p>
Extracurricular Activities	Academic studies are balanced by a selection of interesting extracurricular activities, such as guided tours in and around Hamburg, visits to museums and theaters, lectures on the German political system and current political situation, an excursion to Lübeck, a study day at the International Tribunal for the Law of the

	Sea and several social events with Bucerius students.
On-Campus Housing	Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing, but it tries to secure rooms in several nearby dormitories in Hamburg. Accepted students receive information on applying for dormitory housing in May.
Off-Campus Housing	Bucerius Law School provides assistance in finding suitable accommodation. Often German Bucerius students studying abroad during the same semester sublease their apartment or room to international students. Further housing options and relevant information are provided once students are accepted to the program.
Health Insurance Requirements	To obtain a German student visa, students need to have health insurance covering them in Germany for the duration of their stay. Students can purchase an affordable health insurance plan through Bucerius Law School or provide proof of their own insurance, provided it meets the minimum requirements set forth by the German Immigration Office.
Visa Information	All non-EU citizens must obtain a student visa for their stay in Germany. Depending on their citizenship, some students will need to apply for an entry visa to Germany in their home country prior to their arrival, which they will need to extend once they are in Germany for their studies. Others will be able to enter Germany as a tourist and apply for a student visa once they are at Bucerius. Accepted students receive detailed visa information as well as assistance with the process of extending their visa or applying for a visa in Germany. Nonetheless, students are required to make any necessary inquiries at their local Germany Embassy or Consulate in a timely matter before their studies begin.
Available Language Courses	<u>German Language Courses:</u> Bucerius offers German language classes during the program, which stretch over 20 lessons (2 x 90 minutes a week). A placement test / interview takes place during the Orientation Program. As of 2011, students may choose to earn 1 ABA / 2 ECTS credits with the German language course, although these do not count towards the 8 ABA credit minimum required by Bucerius. These courses come at an additional cost. <u>Other courses:</u> Bucerius Law School offers courses in French, Spanish, Chinese and Russian for German students. Ashurst Mooting Courses are also available. These are all open to exchange students and are free of charge.
Estimated Cost of Living per Semester	Below is an estimate of the cost of living in Hamburg for the exchange program. The amounts listed are approximations only. Total: €5,190 / Details below:

	<p>Housing: €1,800 Food & clothes: €1,100 Health insurance: €130 Liability insurance: €50 German residency permit: €100 City registration: €10 Books and course material: € 150 - 200 Travel and other expenses: €1,400 German course (<i>optional</i>): €150 Study trip to Berlin (<i>optional</i>): €250</p>
Additional Fees	<p>Bucerius Law School has a small gym on campus, which students may join for a one-time fee of €50.</p>
Other Important Information	<p>The International Office assists exchange students in setting up a German bank account. This helps them avoid international transfer fees.</p> <p>Bucerius provides a public transportation ticket for all exchange students free of charge.</p> <p>The International Office organizes a “buddy system” between exchange students and German students.</p>