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Information Brochure, 4th Edition

1. STUDYING **ANGLO-AMERICAN LAW IN REGENSBURG**

Legal Education traditionally focuses on the national law system. However, in the modern globalized world, the traditional home-centred approach does not fit the needs of legal thinking any more. Lawyers must face the challenges of multi- and **transnational legal transactions** and proceedings. Thus, legal education has to take into account the growing importance of foreign legal systems.

Due to the political and economic influence of the United States of America, working knowledge of **Anglo-American law** has become an essential part of judicial skills. Not only the work in transnational law firms and international organisations, but also the day-to-day legal service of lawyers requires at least a basic knowledge of Anglo-American law.

In addition, the active participation of lawyers in the process of **harmonisation of European law** requires at least a fundamental understanding of the case

law-based methods of the English legal system.

For the fourth time, the Faculty of Law at Regensburg University offers a **unique summer programme** for lawyers and law students interested in Anglo-American law.

The courses are designed not only **to prepare** those who intend to participate in an **LL.M. programme** in the UK or U.S. but also to give an insight into Anglo-American law for anyone whose work is or will be related to the Anglo-American legal system.

The **lectures** will focus on an introduction to civil, constitutional and criminal law and will be taught by well-known law professors from Oxford and Edinburgh University as well as U.S. judges and lawyers.

Participants will profit from small courses (max. 40 students) in one of the most historic places in Bavaria. The **case studies** in the afternoons will provide a comparative approach on specific topics of law. They will be taught in cooperation between the guest lecturers and professors and lecturers from the Regensburg Fac-

ulty of Law. In joint lectures they will present important cases and their legal solutions both in Anglo-American and in German law.

This **comparative approach** enhances the understanding of how Anglo-American law works "in real life" as well as the students' abilities to work in an intercultural context.

In addition to the lectures, a presentation of LL.M.-studies abroad and of a **U.S. criminal trial** will be provided.

Regensburg, proud of its Celtic and Roman origin and the century-long location of the well-known Perpetual Imperial Diet ("Immerwährender Reichstag") of the Holy Roman Empire, has not only been declared a world heri-

tage site, but is also famous for its cultural attractions, its beer gardens and its role as an ambassador between East and West.

German and foreign students are strongly encouraged to apply for this summer programme. The University of Regensburg will grant scholarships and will carefully select the participants to guarantee excellent studying conditions.

All courses and exams will be held in English. Knowledge of German is not a requirement. At the end of the course, students will receive a **certificate of participation**.

– **See you in Regensburg in summer 2013!**

2. ORGANISATION

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3. THE CURRICULUM

The Regensburg Summer School addresses law students, graduates and lawyers from countries whose legal systems are not based on Anglo-American legal culture. The Regensburg Summer School is not a language course but will present the **methodology** and the **central aspects** of Anglo-American law. As all courses will be held in English a solid understanding of the English language is an indispensable condition for the success of your participation. Advanced knowledge of the native legal system will enhance the understanding of Anglo-American Law.

Although the Summer School is open for lawyers at all stages of their career, the courses are an **ideal preparation** for those who are planning a master or doctoral programme in the Anglo-American law system or want to prepare themselves for an internship or assignment in an international law firm or organization. The fact that all the lectures will be given by speakers who come

from world-leading faculties and institutions will guarantee a high standard.

While the Summer School focuses on the general structure of the law and legal methods, detailed study of substantive law will not be neglected. The main courses you will attend in the morning are: **Civil Law** (in particular the law of contracts and tort law), **Constitutional Law** and **Criminal Law**.

In the afternoon you will participate in interactive **case studies** which focus on the practice of legal reasoning. Moreover, German lecturers will attend the case studies in order to make comparative references to German law.

Upon successful completion of the programme, each student will receive a **Certificate of Participation**. Law students from the University of Regensburg will have the opportunity to write an English paper that replaces the obligatory first seminar paper.

4. COURSE SCHEDULE AND LECTURERS

The 2013 programme will begin on Monday, 22 July 2013 and will end on Friday, 2 August 2013.

Extra-curricular activities will be provided for the weekend of 27/28 July 2013.

1st week:

	9:15-10:45	11:15-12:45	14:15-15:45
Mo 22.7.	9:00-9:15 Introduc- tion	Civil Law (Prof. Stefan Vo- genauer)	
Tu 23.7.	Civil Law (Professor Stefan Vogenauer)		Case Study (Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Serva- tius)
We 24.7.	Civil Law (Professor Stefan Vogenauer)		Case Study (Prof. Dr. Carsten Herres- thal)
Th 25.7.	Civil Law (Professor John Cartwright)		Case Study (Dr. Christoph Schärtl)
Fr 26.7.	Civil Law (Professor John Cartwright)		"Master of Laws (LL.M.) – more than just another law degree" (Dr. Philipp Fischinger) "Working for an U.S. law firm" (Andreas Miebler)

2nd week:

	9:15-10:45	11:15-12:45	14:15-15:45
Mo 29.7.	Constitutional Law (Professor Anthony W. Bradley)		Case Study (Prof. Dr. Alexander Graser)
Tu 30.7.	Constitutional Law (Professor Anthony W. Bradley)		Case Study (Prof. Dr. Alexander Graser)
We 31.7.	Constitutional Law (Professor Anthony W. Bradley)		"Plea Bargaining" in U.S. and German criminal trials (Wolfgang Staudinger)
Th 1.8.	Criminal Law (Chief Judge Roslyn O. Silver)		Case Study (Prof. Dr. Sönke Gerhold)
Fr 2.8.	Criminal Law (Chief Judge Roslyn O. Silver)		Practical training of U.S. criminal trial (SJA LTC Francisco A. Vila)



The courses will be held by well-known lecturers:

Professor Anthony Wilfred Bradley
M.A., LL.M (Cambridge), B.A. (Law),
LL.B., LL.D. (University of Staffordshire,
University of Edinburgh)
Emeritus Professor of Constitutional Law
at Edinburgh



Professor John Cartwright
B.C.L., M.A. (Oxford)
Professor of the Law of Contract,
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Commercial Criminal Law and European
Criminal Law



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5. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Early-welcome meeting** (beer garden, 21 July 2013)
- **Guided city tour through historic Regensburg** (22 July 2013)
- **Law Faculty Union's party** (22 July 2013)
- **Visit of the famous monastery of Weltenburg possible** (27 July 2013)

Departing from Regensburg by bus we will visit the old town of Kelheim, a typical Bavarian city famous for its **Befreiungshalle** (Hall of Liberation), a memorial commemorating the victorious battles against Napoleon in the Wars of Liberation from 1813-1815.

Afterwards we will walk along the "**Limes**", the famous Roman mounting against the Germanic tribes. Arriving at the world-famous **Benedictine Abbey of Weltenburg**, the oldest monastery in Bavaria, founded around 600 A.D. by the monks of St. Columbanus, we will visit its re-

nowned baroque church built by the architect brothers Cosmas Damian Asam and Aegid Quirin Asam.

Then we will enjoy the famous beer brewed at Weltenburg in one of the most picturesque **beer gardens** of Bavaria. We will visit the old brewhouse and watch an English film about the monastery and its history.

Afterwards we will pass the scenic **Donaudurchbruch** (Danube gorge) with its spectacular rock formations. We will finish this eventful day with a relaxing evening in the beautiful scenery of the historic city centre of Regensburg.

- **Church service in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Regensburg with the famous "Regensburger Domspatzen"** (28 July 2013)
- **Elſa-Party** (1 August 2013)



6. SCHOLARSHIPS

Regensburg University grants scholarships for the tuition fee for students with very good results in their university exams if there is a reasonable need for financial assistance.

Applicants for scholarships must present a reference letter by a professor of law, an instructor on a law faculty or a qualified law-

yer. The reference may be written in English or German. It shall include comments on the applicant's academic aptitude, general suitability for summer course, and any other information that is considered relevant to the application, particularly the applicant's recent course of study and the marks attained.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Regensburg University can organize accommodations in Regensburg for participants at reasonable prices, either in a student dormitory or in private b&b. For further information or booking contact us at summer-school@jura.uni-regensburg.de.

8. TUITION FEE

500 Euro (excluding accommodation and travel). After admission students have to pay a deposit of 200 Euro within 7 days; the outstanding 300 Euro will have to be paid after separate announcement.

Students and absolvants from the Law Faculty of Regensburg do not have to pay the tuition fee.

9. INSURANCE

Health Insurance

Neither Regensburg University nor the programme is liable for accidents that occur on the way to and from Regensburg University or for illness that occur during the programme.

Therefore, you will need to be covered by a Germany-approved provider of health insurance during your stay. For participants from countries of the European Union and those whose health insurance is valid in Germany, it is recommended that your EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) be brought with you. Further

information can be obtained from your home health insurance company.

Accident Insurance

Neither Regensburg University nor the programme is liable for accidents that occur on the way to and from Regensburg University or for accidents that occur while on a programme excursion. Participation in the excursions is at one's own risk. Thus, we strongly recommend having private insurance against accidents if you do not have it already.

10. APPLICATION

In the interest of maintaining the programme's high standards, the number of participants will be limited to 40.

Prerequisites for participation are a minimum of one year of legal training at a university and a good command of written and spoken English. Knowledge of German is not a prerequisite.

➤ **Please send the following supporting materials in a pdf file**

- a) **Statement of motivation**
- b) **Curriculum vitae, photo**
- c) **Exam results in law studies**

Participants should enclose copies of all exams taken to date. Foreign Certificates must be translated into English or German and must explain the grading system.

➤ **Deadline: 31 May 2013**

➤ **Please send the e-mail to:**
summer-school@jura.uni-regensburg.de

11. SOCIAL LIFE AND ATTRACTIONS

Regensburg – Italy’s most northern city was inscribed to the UNESCO World Heritage list in 2006. Ancient cultural traditions meet the fascinating life of a university town. Today, 150,000 people live here, among them about 22,000 students.

The Gothic **St. Peter’s Cathedral** with its 105-meter towers is one of Regensburg’s most impressive monuments. On Sunday you have the chance to listen to the world famous “Domspatzen” (Regensburg Cathedral’s boys’ choir).

Another unique masterpiece of architecture is the **Stone Bridge**. Built between 1135 and 1146, it attests to the medieval importance of Regensburg as a trading centre and important transition point on continental trade routes.

Another famous attraction is the palace and cloister of **St. Emmeram**. Although the Princess of Thurn and Taxis still lives there, some representative rooms are open to visitors: the ballroom, the marble staircase, the chapel and the conservatory.

If you want to learn something about Regensburg’s history, you should visit one of the **museums** - the Historical Museum, “document Neupfarrplatz”, the Cathedral Treasury Museum, the Stonebridge Tower-Museum, the Danube Navigation Museum or the Imperial Diet Museum.

The numerous cafés, bars, discotheques and **beer gardens** invite you to stay a while. Especially on balmy summer evenings, the “Bismarckplatz” attracts students to enjoy themselves on a nice summer evening. Otherwise you can spend leisurely hours on the banks of the **Danube**. Young people and families enjoy a barbecue on the so called “**Jahninsel**” – in the centre of the city, right underneath the famous Stone Bridge. At this place you have a splendid view of the panorama of Regensburg and the famous “Historische Wurstküche” (ancient sausage kitchen), which is also worth a visit.

If you are interested in an excursion, you should take part in a “**Strudelrundfahrt**” on the Danube. The whirlpools of water in the rapids created by the Stone Bridge are called “Strudel”.

The **Walhalla** nearby Donaustauf and the **Befreiungshalle** at Kelheim (Hall of Liberation) as well as the Bavarian forest are further tourist attractions around Regensburg.

As Regensburg is located in the centre of Bavaria, day trips to Munich or Nuremberg, Neuschwanstein, one of the

beautiful Bavarian lakes like Schliersee or Chiemsee are also possible.

There are much more attractions in and around Regensburg. It's impossible to list all of them. For further information see:

<http://www.regensburg.de/tourismus>



12. PICTURES OF SUMMER SCHOOL 2012









**If there are any further questions regarding the programme,
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**We look forward to welcoming you
to the University of Regensburg!**

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