Exchange Program with Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany

At Bucerius Law School, Germany’s first private law school, there are about 750 students including more than 150 international students from almost 30 countries around the world. During the 2021-22 academic year, zero Minnesota Law students participated in the semester exchange.

Summary of Course Offerings
Visit the exchange program courses and faculty page for more information about classes offered.

Semester Dates (offered fall only)
Fall semester: Early September through mid-December

Language of instruction
English; if taking classes in German, language level requirement is B2 or higher

Courses/Credits/Grades
The minimum course load for exchange students is 8 ABA / 16 ECTS credits per semester. Each course is either worth 2 ABA / 4 ECTS or 1 ABA / 2 ECTS
2 ECTS Credits = 1 Minnesota Credit; Maximum 15 Minnesota Law credits may be transferred per semester abroad

Registration
Students may register for classes online before arriving in Hamburg, beginning in August.

Minnesota Law Enrollment
Register for 12-15 credits worth of classes at Minnesota Law as usual for the term you will be away. Before leaving for your semester abroad, contact the Law School registrar at lawreg@umn.edu to convert your credits to Off-campus Legal Studies.

Housing
Bucerius Law School does not have on-campus housing. Assistance is provided to find suitable accommodations off campus once students are accepted to the program.

Financial Aid and Tuition Payment
Financial aid will remain in effect for the semester you are abroad. Please make arrangements to have the balance (after tuition is deducted) sent to you if disbursement occurs after you have departed the U.S.

Insurance
CISI health insurance is required and will cover you while you are outside of the country. Complete the U of M's travel registration which includes CISI coverage. Once you have signed up, you will receive proof of insurance.
U of M student health coverage for the semester is about $1,000.00. It is highly recommended in the event you need to return home for any reason prior to the end of the semester. This expense has not been included in the estimated budget.
Travel Documents
You must have a valid passport to travel abroad. If you do not have a passport, please apply immediately. You will need a visa to enter Germany. Your student visa must be obtained BEFORE you leave the U.S. You will not be able to get it after you arrive in Germany. Contact the German embassy for more information.

Cancellation Policy

Student Cancellation Due to Program Changes
In the event that course offerings for exchange students are changed so as to offer no comparable program of study, or changes in other significant aspects of the program occur, you are entitled to a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid should you find the program as altered unsuitable to your goals.

State Department Advisories
The most current Consular Information Sheet on is available on the internet at http://travel.state.gov/ In the event the U.S. State Department issues any information or warning about current events which would impact your safety, or the stability in the geographic region, you will be notified via your U of M email account and telephone prior to your departure. If, based upon the information conveyed to you, you wish to cancel your enrollment in the program, you will receive a full refund of any and all tuition and fees paid.

Cancellation of Program by University of Minnesota Law School
The University of Minnesota Law School reserves the right to cancel this program within six weeks prior to the start of classes for the semester in which you intend to enroll. The Law School has never exercised this option and cancellation is not expected to occur this year. In the event of cancellation, however, arrangements will be made to permit you to enroll in courses offered at the University of Minnesota Law School.

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Accessibility
Information regarding Bucerius’ accessibility to individuals with disabilities is posted online.

**Estimated Costs for One Semester in Hamburg, 2022-23**
Estimated cost of living per month in US Dollars
- Accommodation $685
- Food & Clothing $400
- Travel $350
- TOTAL $1,435/month

Fees and Resident* Tuition - U of M Law School (for 2021-22) $23,320

Estimated average living expenses for four months 7,900

Books & Course Materials for one semester 170

One-Time Fees: City Registration, Health and Liability Insurance 190

Mandatory CISI health coverage for five months** $240

**ESTIMATED TOTAL:** $31,820

**NOTES:** No estimate for round trip air travel is included in this proposed budget. University of Minnesota student health coverage is not included in this proposed budget.

# All estimates associated with living expenses are based on information provided by the Bucerius’ International office

* Non-resident tuition and fees total $27,808 for one semester

** The University of Minnesota requires any student spending a semester abroad to purchase this coverage