

Course Description – Winter Semester 2024/2025

Title	Anglo-American Law
Faculty	Business Law
Professor	Prof. Dr. Rainer Schackmar
ECTS	2,5
Level	Bachelor
Requirements	open to all students
Add. Information	Start: Course Assessment: Presentation Workload: 75 hours
Content	<p>The course gives an overview on the English and American legal system. The students should learn about the history, characteristics and the structure of the common law system. The focus is on the interpretation of legal statutes and the application, distinguishing and overruling of judicial precedents. Besides English civil law, the students get an insight into the basics of the U.S. legal system. They get to know the differences between the German and the Anglo-American legal system.</p> <p>At the same time, students are made familiar with the English legal terminology. The students understand English legal texts, especially court judgments. The legal issues are discussed by using examples and decisions by English and U.S. courts as well as legislative acts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic features of English law • English and German law compared (methods, approach, importance of history, style of statutes and judgments) • sources of law (primary sources: legislation, judicial precedent, EU law; subsidiary sources: custom, books of authority) • statutory interpretation • the hierarchy of the courts in England • common law jurisdiction (finding and citing cases, the doctrine of stare decises) • legal personality • selected areas of legal practice, esp. equity and trusts, contract law, law of tort, company law • overview: U.S. legal system