



Title	<u>Law and Economics</u>
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Brief description	<p>The course introduces law students to the economic analysis of law. It assumes basic familiarity with the concepts microeconomics. Its main focus is private law (including property rights, contracts and torts) and criminal law. It also covers questions of legal and extra-legal enforcement as well as the legal process (trials and settlements). While it is based on models on rational choice, it also pays attention to bounded rationality as discussed by behavioural economics.</p> <p>Students become familiar with the basic analytical tools of economics and how to apply them to real-life legal institutions and cases.</p> <p>Prerequisite for incoming students: a course on the Principles of Economics or Microeconomics.</p>
Schedule	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The approach(es) of economics to law: rational choice and boundedly rational behaviour.2. The economic concept of property rights. Types of property rights.3. Conflicts between holders of property rights. Acquisition and transfer of property.4. Intellectual property.5. The economic functions of contracts.6. Validity of contracts.7. Performance and breach of contracts.8. The basic economic model of torts.9. Causation and tort liability.10. Economics of crime and criminal sanctions.11. Law enforcement. Non-legal sanctions..12. Economics of the legal process.

Materials/Recommended readings	<p>Compulsory textbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooter, Robert and Thomas Ulen: Law and Economics. 6th edition. Addison Wesley, 2012. <p>Recommended readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Miceli, Thomas J., The Economic Approach to Law. Stanford University Press, 2004. <input type="checkbox"/> Bouckaert, B. and G. De Geest (eds.), Encyclopedia of Law and Economics, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2000. http://encyclo.findlaw.com/tablebib.html <input type="checkbox"/> Friedman, David D.: Law's Order. Princeton – Oxford, Princeton University Press, 2000. <input type="checkbox"/> Posner, Richard A.: Economic Analysis of Law (8th edition). New York: Aspen. 2011. <input type="checkbox"/> Shavell, Steven, Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law, Belknap Press, 2004 <input type="checkbox"/> Teitelbaum, Joshua: Research Handbook on Behavioural Law and Economics. Edward Elgar, 2019.
Assessment/Exam	<p>The course uses the method of problem-based learning. Students are expected to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> read and digest weekly assigned readings according to pre-assigned questions <input type="checkbox"/> do a minor problem-solving exercise every week on their own <input type="checkbox"/> participate actively in classroom discussion <input type="checkbox"/> write three major home assignment during the semester.