

Pls. observe Unit I is taught in German, but assignments are provided upon request
Unit 2 is taught in English

Private Business Law III						
Unit 1: Introduction to Competition Law and the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights						
Unit 2: Introduction to Insolvency Law						
Number		Workload	Credits	Semester	When offered	Duration
WR 4.1		150 hrs	5 ECTS	4th	Summer semester	1 semester
1	Coursework Interactive seminars and practical exercises		Contact hours 4 hrs/week = 72 hrs		Self-study 78 hrs	Language German
2	Course prerequisites Formal: None Recommended: None					
3	Type of Examination Written					
4	Requirements for the award of credit hours Passing grade on module examination					
5	Course share of final grade: 5 / 200 (= 2.5%)					
Unit 1: Introduction to Competition Law and the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights						
1	Learning outcomes Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Explain the principles of legislation governing competition and the protection of intellectual property rights, and the systematics and structures of these fields of law– Recognize anti-competitive behavior and violations of intellectual property rights, and categorize them within the respective bodies of law and regulations– Integrate new developments of a technical or legislative nature, as well as those arising from judicial decisions– Apply their knowledge of competition law and the protection of intellectual property rights to real-world cases and generate appropriate courses of action and solutions					
2	Unit content <ul style="list-style-type: none">– The principles of competition law, including the concept, definition and objectives of fair trading legislation; unauthorized acts in business dealings; the legal consequences of anti-competitive violations; and enforcement of claims under the provisions of competition law, particularly the procedural regulations pertaining to and the statutory definition of a crime under the German Unfair Competition Act (UWG)					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The fundamentals of protecting intellectual property rights and the legal basis for doing so (patent, trademark, utility model and design laws; the nature and purpose of the granted rights and how they arise; legal effect; and the transfer and termination of such rights) – Overview of copyright law – International and European conventions and agreements
3	Teaching methods Interactive seminars and practical exercises
Unit 2: Introduction to Insolvency Law	
1	Learning outcomes Students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Explain the fundamental principles, systematics and structures of insolvency law, and effectively argue complex insolvency law related issues and solutions to specialists – Use simple, practical examples to identify threats to the solvency of a going concern and devise countermeasures should the business be failing – Describe the grounds for opening insolvency proceedings, how such proceedings operate, and all the parties involved – Illustrate and predict the consequences that a corporate insolvency may have on the workforce and develop appropriate solutions based on similar business cases, circumstances and corporate practices
2	Unit content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Principles of insolvency law (grounds for opening insolvency proceedings; petitioning; procedural matters; selection, appointment and duties of the insolvency administrator; and the creditors in the insolvency) – Insolvency types (personal and corporate) – Shareholder and/or managing director liability in cases of insolvency – The consequences of insolvency on the workforce – Avoiding insolvency (an overview of corporate crises, risk and crisis early warning and detection, and countermeasures) – Measures to restore a business to a sound economic position – The main principles of consumer insolvency proceedings
3	Teaching methods Interactive seminars, practical exercises and case studies