

Chair of Common Law Schwerpunktbereiche 27 and 28

SPB 27: Common Law (USA)

Important trading partners of Germany and Bavaria, both within the European Union and beyond, are common law or mixed legal systems. The United States is of particular relevance here given the size of its economy and the increasing number of German and American companies that seek to develop new or expand existing transatlantic business activities. Schwerpunktbereich 27 Common Law (USA) provides a unique specialization that combines practically relevant knowledge in key areas of U.S. law with problems arising from cross-border relationships more generally as well as wider themes of comparative private and constitutional law. This Schwerpunkt is both an alternative and/or a supplement to the Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law and the LL.B (University of London).

The Schwerpunkt provides an introduction to the common law tradition as well as courses on U.S. tort law (including the commercially relevant area of products liability), U.S. contract law (including the Uniform Commercial Code) and selected issues of U.S. constitutional law that provide a better understanding of how American law plays out in legal practice (for example federalism or the U.S. court system). A short course on U.S. civil procedure and a seminar that invites students to explore in depth a topic selected from a wide range of legal areas complement these core offerings.

Classes are held entirely in English using a variety of teaching methods such as Socratic dialogue, wider class discussion, and short lectures. Students cover the same materials as their peers at leading U.S. law schools. Exams are also held in English.

Winter	Summer
The Common Law Tradition	U.S. Contract Law (including the UCC)
U.S. Tort Law (including products liability)	U.S. Constitutional Law
	Seminar
	U.S. Civil Procedure

SPB 28: Common Law (UK)

Hinweis: nur für Studierende der University of London

Winter	Summer
UK Contract Law	UK Contract Law
Legal System and Method	Legal System and Method
UK Public Law	UK Criminal Law
	Seminar

Der Schwerpunkt 28 ist ein Angebot (ausschließlich) an Studierende der University of London, die erfolgreich das Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) abgelegt haben und nicht den LL.B. zu Ende studieren.

Die im Rahmen des CertHE erzielten Leistungen werden als studienabschließende Leistung angerechnet, zusätzlich ist eine schriftliche Arbeit im Rahmen eines Seminars zum Common Law anzufertigen.

The Chair of Common Law in Passau

The University of Passau established the Chair of Common Law in 2013. Recognizing the political, economic, and cultural importance of common law jurisdictions such as the United States, England, Australia or India for an increasingly globalized legal practice as well as the immense educational value of foreign law and comparative methodology for the training of young lawyers, considerable resources were made available to create and sustain a unique crossroads between the Anglo-American and civilian legal traditions in the very heart of Europe.

The Chair, which reflects Passau's continued commitment to the integration of foreign and international law into the traditional German law school curriculum, compliments the Faculty's cooperation with the University of London by offering students a firm grounding in the law of the United States. Young researchers are invited to pursue exciting opportunities on both sides of the Atlantic and contribute to the ongoing exchange of ideas and knowledge between the common law world and civilian systems of law. The entire common law curriculum, which forms part of *Wahlschwerpunkte* 27 and 28, is taught and examined in English.

The first holder of the Chair, Professor Dr. Jörg Fedtke, has held senior academic appointments in the United Kingdom and the United States. He continues to work at Tulane Law School (New Orleans) and is deeply involved in constitutional transition processes across the Middle East.

Professor Fedtke strongly believes in promoting cultural literacy as an integral part of higher education. His main research and teaching interests include public law, torts and alternative dispute resolution.

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