



**Tübingen Chapel Hill
Law Program:
US and European Law from a
Trans-Atlantic Perspective**

A Platform for Research and Teaching Exchange: The Deans' View



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“For decades now, both European students and legal scholars have looked to the US legal system for inspiration in relation to a wide range of fields of the law. In today’s world, whose great problems are of a global nature but where nationalism and parochialism are on the rise, Trans-Atlantic academic exchange clearly has become ever more important. Against this backdrop, we are happy and proud to launch the Tübingen Chapel Hill Law Program: a unique platform to foster academic and student exchange at various levels, with regular visits of faculty and students, and an institutional framework for cooperation and intellectual debate. Within this program, law students at Tübingen will benefit in two ways – a selection of introductions to the US legal system and selected fields of US law, to be offered annually in the summer term, as well as an opportunity to participate in the student exchange with classes at UNC Chapel Hill in the spring holidays.”



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“In an increasingly global world, practical experience and knowledge of international law and other nations' legal systems and cultures is increasingly indispensable for lawyers, legal scholars and law students alike.

UNC School of Law is committed to the exchange and dissemination of legal knowledge on an international level. We believe it is beneficial for students and faculty to learn about the laws of jurisdictions other than that of the United States.

Opportunities to become familiar with other cultures, languages, and societal norms, and to understand how culture and language affect the practice of law in these societies, are powerful educational aspects of learning for law students. We are honored to be part of the Tübingen Chapel Hill Law Program and provide academic and cultural opportunities for students and faculty at both institutions in our respective cities.”



A Global View on Global Issues: The Program

Trans-Atlantic exchange at all levels of academic life: The Tübingen Chapel Hill Law Program promotes and facilitates cooperation and collaboration both in research-oriented and in teaching formats. Alongside joint research workshops and symposia on matters of common interest on both sides of the Atlantic, we create added value for our student communities through a strong teaching component designed so as to promote mutual understanding and awareness of each other's legal systems and cultures. As a core element of the program, faculty and students from Eberhard Karls University Faculty of Law and UNC meet each other in annual visits organized in two modules of two weeks each. Within each module, both resident and visiting students will be exposed to research-based workshops and an attractive extracurricular program including excursions to institutions like parliaments, central banks, and courts.



Module 1

Module 1 is offered by UNC faculty at the University of Tübingen towards the end of the summer term. Within this module, a general introduction to “Law and Institutions of the United States” is coupled with two or three more specific courses on subjects taught by participating academics, with a focus on areas of interest from a comparative perspective. Subjects may include, but are not restricted to, the law of corporations, competition and antitrust, or securities regulation. The participation of a selected number of UNC students in the visit to Tübingen forms a core element of this module.

Module 2

Module 2 is offered by Tübingen faculty at UNC School of Law each spring, with a number of students from Tübingen also visiting UNC and participating in the course program. Similar to Module 1, UNC students will be provided with a general introduction to the “Law and Institutions of the European Union”, which forms the institutional framework and basis for a substantial body of harmonized commercial and economic law within its Member States. Participating academics will then offer specialized courses in their respective areas of research, including, for example, financial regulation, competition and antitrust, and comparative tax law.



Law at Tübingen University

The Faculty of Law was one of the first four faculties of Eberhard Karls University and has existed without interruptions since 1477. For centuries, prominent legal scholars have studied, researched, and taught at what is one of the oldest faculties in the country. Located in the beautiful Neckar valley, near Stuttgart, the capital of the State of Baden-Wurtemberg, Tübingen has a population of about 87,000. The University's premises are located in the picturesque and lively old town. With an excellent library and modern facilities domiciled in the historic environment of *Neue Aula*, an impressive neoclassicist building, academic life benefits from a highly stimulating atmosphere.

Today, the Faculty is a vibrant community with a clear international focus. It is proud to be part of one of Germany's "Excellence Universities", a top league selected on account of academic excellence and enjoying special financial support from the federal government. With 19 full professors and junior staff catering for more than 2,200 students, the Faculty offers an undergraduate program, an LL.M. program for international students, as well as a doctoral program. Jointly with the University of Aix-en-Provence in Southern France, the Faculty also offers an attractive Masters' Program, giving students the opportunity to complement their undergraduate studies with a French Masters' Degree. A strong network of partner universities across Europe and beyond provides places for one or two terms abroad.

Our specializations include commercial and corporate law, civil procedure and bankruptcy, public finances and tax law, European and international law, public economy, infrastructure and environmental law, as well as criminology and the law relating to economic offences. Close links to renowned law firms and legal departments, as well as to courts and administrative bodies, facilitate a fruitful exchange with legal practice. A strong group of teachers from practice, including two senior members of the Federal Court of Justice and the Federal Fiscal Court, provide our students with insights into their future career paths.



The UNC Chapel Hill School of Law

Chapel Hill is perched on a rise in the middle of the North Carolina Piedmont, with the cool Blue Ridge Mountains to the west and the stunningly beautiful Outer Banks to the east, about 3 hours either way. Chapel Hill joins with Raleigh and Durham to form the Research Triangle – a metropolitan area of more than two million residents. The area is home to the Research Triangle Park (RTP), boasting Fortune companies and innovative start-ups in the areas of technology, biotech, health, pharmaceuticals and banking. The town surrounds the University with nationally recognized restaurants and casual pubs, wine bars and edgy public art, extraordinary botanical beauty and a live music scene to rival much larger cities. Chapel Hill is a university town that's both walkable and sophisticated.

The UNC campus offers its own attractions. The Morehead Planetarium and Science Center is one of the largest of its kind in the nation. Art and performance lovers can enjoy paintings and photographic exhibits at the Ackland Art Museum and attend world-renowned performances at Carolina's Memorial Hall. Enjoy plays by one of America's leading theater companies, as actors perform both classic and contemporary favorites, from Shakespeare to Stoppard, at the Playmakers Repertory Company.

Your time at Carolina Law will take you far beyond the books. You'll have a chance to study core legal subjects while honing your analytical, research and writing skills. We also offer more than 100 externships, seven clinical programs, five journals, 50+ student organizations, an exceptional pro bono program, and numerous trial advocacy and mock trial programs to ensure you have the practical experience you need for a successful legal career.

Carolina Law's reputation among legal scholars is the 21st strongest in the United States, according to the 2019 U.S. News & World Report ranking. Through the school's clinics, academic centers and institutes, distinguished experts tackle the toughest issues and will work with you to analyze, evaluate and explore current and emerging legal areas.



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