

Entry requirements

The application procedure to follow depends on your background and qualifications. For more information visit: www.uni-passau.de/en/apply/

Good German language skills are required to study this degree programme, as that is the language of instruction. If you need to learn or perfect your German first, we have just what you need: www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german/

Further information and contact details

Programme page on the web
www.uni-passau.de/en/longcycle-law/

The Faculty of Law
www.jura.uni-passau.de

Academic Advice Service
Primary contact for prospective international students seeking advice on study options and entry requirements
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E-mail: advice@uni-passau.de
www.uni-passau.de/en/academic-advice/

International Office
Assists international students with the immigration formalities and with getting settled in Passau
www.uni-passau.de/en/international/

Student Registration Office
Contact for enquiries related to your application
www.uni-passau.de/en/student-registration-office/

Language Centre
A wide range of foreign language and German courses
www.sprachenzentrum.uni-passau.de/en/

Careers Service and iStudi Coach for int'l students
Contact for internships and career opportunities
www.uni-passau.de/en/careerservice/
www.uni-passau.de/en/iStudi/

Centre for Key Competencies
Transferable and soft skills courses for students
www.zfs.uni-passau.de

German Courses Passau
German language courses for international students
www.uni-passau.de/en/learn-german/



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Law undergraduate programme



Top-rated programme



About the programme

Law as an academic discipline is concerned with studying the existing body of laws and regulations, the legal system and its terminology and how they are related to other facets of life, such as politics, society and business.

The undergraduate Law programme gives students the necessary knowledge and skills to complete the First State Examination. Graduates may then continue with an academic career path by taking up doctoral study. Alternatively, graduates who wish to become lawyers or judges in Germany may follow up with a two-year practical clerkship and then the Second State Examination for Jurists, which will give them the required qualification to practise as a lawyer or become a judge. The curriculum is prescribed in the German Judiciary Act.

With about 80% of law graduates working as lawyers, the undergraduate Law programme gives special consideration to this line of work. Legal practitioners need to be able to think in terms of abstract and formal legal concepts as well as constantly changing life situations in their daily work; both need to be taken into account simultaneously.

Features

- The Faculty can boast an **excellent reputation** in Germany and outstanding results in various university rankings.
- Study one of nine **law-specific language programmes** alongside your degree programme.
- The many university partnerships make it easy for you to **study abroad almost anywhere in the world**.
- Study the **University of London's Certificate of Higher Education in Common Law (CertHE) or Bachelor of Laws (LLB) International Programmes** as a supplementary qualification.
- **Double degree options** with e.g. Université Toulouse 1 Capitole or Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo.
- Gain attractive additional qualifications, such as the English-taught **Certificate of Studies in European, Comparative and International Law (CECIL)** and the German-taught **Certificate of Studies in Eastern European Law**.
- The University's Institute for the Didactics of Law offers students a **free year-long exam preparation course** for optimum preparation for the state examination.
- Law undergraduate programme graduates may continue their studies at the University of Passau with e.g. the **double degree programme in German and Russian Law**.



Programme syllabus

The law undergraduate programme concludes with the First State Examination for Jurists (Erste Juristische Prüfung), which covers the compulsory subjects and their historical, social, economic, political, philosophical and European law underpinnings, as well as one elective which forms your specialisation.

The first examination in law is a two-part examination, consisting of the state examination proper ('Erste Juristische Staatsprüfung') on the compulsory subjects and an examination set by the University ('Juristische Universitätsprüfung') on the chosen specialisation. Currently there are **26 different specialisations** for you to choose from.

If you choose Foreign Law as your specialisation you can complete 30% of the first state examination in law abroad, e.g. at:

- Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo (Spain)
- Université Toulouse 1 Capitole (France)
- Università degli studi di Torino, Turin (Italy)
- Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic)
- Saint Petersburg State University (Russia)
- Siberian Federal University Krasnoyarsk (Russia)

Law-specific language programmes

The University's subject-specific language programmes allow you to complement your degree studies with a specialised language programme in one or more languages, whilst learning about the legal system of the relevant world region(s).

Subject-specific language training significantly enhances your employment prospects and facilitates access to internationally-operating authorities, multinational businesses and the diplomatic service. Subject-specific language programmes are available for Chinese, Czech, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Career prospects

The First State Examination for Jurists is followed by a two-year clerkship/traineeship at a court of law, administrative authority or other official body. This stage of your training concludes with the Second State Examination for Jurists.

Jurists who have completed the second state examination in law have the prerequisites for a legal career in the civil service (judge, prosecutor, administrative lawyer), as legal counsel (lawyer/barrister), in contract law and in certifying authority (civil notaries, solicitors), in businesses (insurance companies, legal departments, advisory staff) and associations.

