

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL LAW

Introduction to Criminal Law is an introduction to legal concepts, principles and procedures of the German criminal law. The course is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the structure of the German criminal justice system including the role of the court; the basic principles of German law; the role of lawyers, law enforcement and other legal professionals; and case study. The course will integrate reading, writing and media into lessons. Students are also expected to participate in in-class activities relating to various criminal law concepts. This course is designed for international students interested in the German criminal law.

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OVERVIEW OF COURSE

Introduction: What is *Strafrecht*?

Characteristics of the German Criminal Law System

The *Tatbestand*

The Defenses: *Rechtfertigungsgründe*, *Guilt and Excusatory Defenses*

The Attempt

Principals, Aiders & Abettors

Homicide

Sexual & Property Offenses

RESOURCES

Strafrecht-online.org (Strafrecht AT translated materials)

Police Crime Statistics 2015,

<https://www.bka.de/EN/CurrentInformation/PoliceCrimeStatistics/2015/pcs2015.html;jsessionid=9EDE4523B07D08FEA3369EA5374A32F3.live0601?nn=39580>

Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany (Grundgesetz – GG),

https://www.bundestag.de/blob/284870/ce0d03414872b427e57fccb703634dcd/basic_law-data.pdf

The German Criminal Code (StGB), https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_stgb/englisch_stgb.pdf

The German Criminal Procedure (StPO), https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/englisch_stgb/englisch_stgb.html

The Principles of German Criminal Law, Prof. Dr. Michael Bohlander

Criminal law: a comparative approach, Markus Dubber and Tatjana Hörnle.