

First Term

In this term, all students are offered two introductory tutorials and they must attend the same four fundamental courses. The Foundations course is divided in two parts.

Tutorial in Mathematics

The economic analysis of law rests upon basic mathematical tools. This tutorial provides students having a legal background with the fundamentals of differential calculus and statistics.

Tutorial in Basic Concepts of Law

This tutorial is designed to provide a basic introduction to law for students having an economic background. The foundations of law and its application from a national, European and international perspective are illustrated. This tutorial also touches upon different methods of comparison, different areas of law, as well as the main differences between the Civil Law and Common Law tradition.

Foundations of Law and Economics I: Microeconomics

Economic analysis of law investigates legal rules and enforcement from an efficiency perspective. The main purpose of this course is to equip students with a set of conceptual tools of microeconomics, which can be applied to different economic and regulatory problems.

Foundations of Law and Economics II: Comparative Law and Economics

The aim of the course is to illustrate the features of, and the differences between, the main legal systems and furthermore to show the underlying legal philosophy and legal thinking of those systems. This is exemplified in more detail for a few areas of comparative private law. The differing solutions are contrasted with the assumptions, predictions, and recommendations of economic analysis of law.

Public Law and Economics

This course offers an introduction to the economic analysis of regulation, which is broadly interpreted as government intervention in market processes. The course illustrates the purposes of regulatory intervention from a welfare economics perspective, and it discusses the tension between public and private interest in regulatory choices. A special focus of this course is on issues of European regulation and on cost-benefit analysis.

Tort Law and Economics

This course offers a comparative analysis of the basic principles governing the law of torts in Europe. The implications of liability rules on individuals' behaviour and the causation of harm are investigated with the tools of microeconomics. The course also covers the interaction between tort law and insurance.

Competition Law and Economics

Competition policy (also called "antitrust policy") is a term used broadly to describe intervention by public authorities to ensure competition in markets for goods and services. This course aims at making students familiar with the application of economic arguments in European competition law. Comparisons with US antitrust law are included where appropriate for a better understanding of cases and the implications of legislation and court rulings on economic efficiency.