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Module description: Legal Methodology		
Module Code	w.BA.XX.3JurM-BL.XX	
ECTS Credits	3	
Language of Instruction/Examination	German	
Module Description	Students address the question: What is law? They become familiar with how the legal system is structured and organized. They get to know the sources and the tools used to apply the law. They also engage with the special way that legal professionals approach a problem.	
Organizational Unit	Institut für Unternehmensrecht	
Module Coordinator	Philipp Sieber	
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Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Law 	
Legal Framework	Academic Regulations BSc dated 29.01.2009, for the degree programs in Business Administration, International Management, Business Information Technology, Business Law, Business Law and Applied Law, first adopted on 12.05.2009	
Module Category	Module Type Compulsory	Program Phase First Year-Studies
Prerequisite Knowledge		
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives (by the concerned Module)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Competence • Methodological Competence • Social Competence 	
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Module Learning Objectives	<p>Students...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are able to explain the purpose, functions, and dimensions of the law. • are able to distinguish between legal entities, legislators, and legal practitioners. • are able to describe how the legal system is structured and organized and name specific areas of the law. • are able to explain the concept and characteristics of laws and legal documents and examine basic examples. • are able to explain the concept and characteristics of court decisions and examine basic examples. • are able to explain the concept and special characteristics of customary law, doctrine, and other sources and aids for the application of law and examine basic examples. • are able to describe the elements of legal practice and illustrate them using simple examples. • understand how laws are interpreted and apply the concept to simple examples. • understand how private declarations of intent are interpreted and apply the concept to simple examples. • understand the concept of filling judicial gaps and apply it to simple examples. 	

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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose and functions of the law• Concept and dimensions of the law• Legal practitioners and legislators• Structure of the legal system• Structuring criteria• Legal fields• Laws and legal documents• Judicature• Other legal sources and aids• Elements of legal practice• Interpreting laws• Interpreting private declarations of intent• Gap-filling																																							
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• w.BA.XX.3Ba-BL.XX• w.BA.XX.3WPro-BL.XX• w.BA.XX.3LeMe-BL.XX																																							
Digital Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching Videos• Legal databases																																							
Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Case Studies• Exercises• Literature Review• Application Tasks• Interactive Instruction			Social Settings Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Work																																				
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Classroom Attendance Requirement	None																																							
Compulsory Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wiederkehr René/Sieber Philipp, Juristische Methodik, Zürich 2024. ISBN: 978-3-7255-9732-1																																							
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