

Valid from 2025.HS

Module description: Foundations of Criminal Law		
Module Code	w.BA.XX.3StrafG-BL.XX	
ECTS Credits	3	
Language of Instruction/Examination	German	
Module Description	Students understand and are able to interpret the essential regulations and modes of operation of the General Part of the Swiss Criminal Code. Using precise language, students solve concrete criminal law cases methodically and correctly. They can critically reflect on the topics covered and apply them in the context of selected offenses.	
Organizational Unit	Fachstelle für Wirtschaftsstrafrecht	
Module Coordinator	Markus Alder	
Deputy Module Coordinator	Valentina Mele	
Program and Specialization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Law</li> </ul>	
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"> <li>• Professional Competence</li> <li>• Methodological Competence</li> <li>• Social Competence</li> <li>• Self-Competence</li> </ul>	
Contribution to Program Learning Objectives	<p><b>Professional Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowing and Understanding Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> <li>• Apply, Analyze, and Synthesize Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> <li>• Evaluate Content of Theoretical and Practical Relevance</li> </ul> <p><b>Methodological Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem-Solving &amp; Critical Thinking</li> <li>• Scientific Methodology</li> <li>• Work Methods, Techniques, and Procedures</li> <li>• Information Literacy</li> <li>• Creativity &amp; Innovation</li> </ul> <p><b>Social Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written Communication</li> <li>• Oral Communication</li> <li>• Teamwork &amp; Conflict Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Self-Competence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-Management &amp; Self-Reflection</li> <li>• Learning &amp; Change</li> </ul>	
Module Learning Objectives	<p>Students...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are able to explain the aim of criminal law and how it functions.</li> <li>• are able to apply the rules of the General Part of the Swiss Criminal Code to selected offenses.</li> <li>• are able to solve criminal cases in a way that is methodologically correct by analyzing concrete, detailed descriptions of cases and assigning them to selected offenses.</li> <li>• are able to reflect on the values underlying the elements of an offense and the respective appropriate punishment.</li> <li>• can use clear, concise language to describe the analytical process of solving a case.</li> <li>• are able to engage in self-study to work out the dogmatics of criminal law on the basis of demanding legal literature.</li> <li>• are able to critically reflect on judicial decisions.</li> </ul>	

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Module Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aim and functions of the General Part of the Swiss Criminal Code.</li><li>• Methodology of solving a case: the facts of a case, illegal behavior, and guilt.</li><li>• Solving criminal cases.</li><li>• Dealing with the literature and with judicial decisions.</li></ul>																																							
Links to other modules	This module is linked to the following modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• w.BA.XX.3WstrafR-BL.XX</li></ul>																																							
Digital Learning Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Teaching Videos</li><li>• Teaching Materials</li><li>• Practice and Application Exercises (with Key)</li><li>• Case Studies (with Key)</li></ul>																																							
Methods of Instruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exercises</li><li>• Literature Review</li></ul>		Social Settings Used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Group Work</li><li>• Pair Work</li><li>• Individual Work</li></ul>																																					
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Classroom Attendance Requirement	None																																							
Compulsory Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trechsel, S. &amp; Noll, P. &amp; Pieth, M. Schweizerisches Strafrecht - Allgemeiner Teil (Allgemeine Voraussetzungen der Strafbarkeit). Zürich: Schulthess. ISBN 978-3-7255-6594-8. newest edition.</li><li>• .</li></ul>																																							
Recommended Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excerpts from criminal law commentaries and textbooks, uploaded to Moodle.</li></ul>																																							
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