# **Syllabus**

#### Name:

# **EU and German Competition Law I (Basics, Cartels, Sanctions)**

## Responsible:

Professor Florian Bien, Chair for International Business Law, International Arbitration Law and Private Law

Program:	Туре:	Term:	ECTS:
State Examination Bachelor	Lecture	Winter	3 CP

# **Contents & Objectives:**

The first part of the lecture deals with the basics of European Competition Law. Restrictive agreements such as cartels can impact the functioning of competition and the structure of a market. Competition authorities have to find the right sanctions to neutralize the effects of collusion. Private parties who suffer losses resulting from unlawful cartel activities may also claim damages based on private law.

# Prerequisites:

It is not required to have some basic knowledge in Competition Law.

#### **Course Structure:**

Week	Content	
1	Introduction (basic provisions of competition law)	
2	History of EU Competition Law	
3	Economic Basics of Competition Law	
4	Extraterritorial reach and enforcement of EU competition law	
5	The relationship between national and EU competition law	
6-10	The prohibition of restrictive agreements in Art. 101 TFEU	
	Horizontal and vertical agreements; concerted practices; exemption for agreements and categories of agreements according to Art. 101(3) TFEU (Block Exemption Regulations, individual Assessment of restrictive agreements)	
11-15	Sanctions and legal consequences	
	Cartel administrative proceedings (Commission decisions: termination of infringements, commitments decisions), antitrust fines, and private enforcement of competition law (in particular private damages claims)	

## **Grading:**

There will be a proctored written examination.

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