

The "Glasgow Program":
Specialisation in Scots Law
Schwerpunktbereich Schottisches Recht

Gutenberg Law School and
Glasgow School of Law

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The basic idea of the program

- Gutenberg Law School students are admitted to Glasgow School of Law to a program of one year duration:
 - LL.M. (Master of Law) course or
 - A special study program in ERASMUS+
- In Mainz, their study year in Glasgow is recognised as „Specialisation“ courses and examination, which counts 30% of their First Law Examination.

An overview of German legal education

- Concepts of **"Uniform Jurist"** (*Einheitsjurist*) and **"Fully Trained Jurist"** (*Volljurist*)
- One common legal education for **all** legally-regulated professions (judge / public prosecutor / lawyer)
- Two parts:
 - University education within the course of studies "First Law Examination" (4.5 years)
 - Practical Training (*Referendariat*) in different legal professions, leading to the Second State Examination (2 years)
- Majority (70 %) of law students is enrolled in this type of course
- Highly regulated legal framework on federal and state level
- Strong national focus
 - No implementation of the Bologna process
 - Very limited possibilities of recognition of studies abroad

The course of studies "First Law Exam" at GLS

1st – 4th semester:

- Basic courses in German Civil Law, Public Law, and Penal Law
- 2 courses in foundational subjects (e.g. Legal History)*
- 1 course in the legal terminology of a foreign language or on a foreign legal system*

4th semester: Intermediate Examination should be completed

5th – 6th semester:

- Advanced courses in German Civil Law, Public Law, and Penal Law

7th – 8th semester:

- Specialisation courses (*Schwerpunktbereich*) – university specific options – if they refer to European or Foreign or International Law*
- Preparation for the First Law Examination

9th semester: First Law Examination

- 13 weeks of practical training*

* Could be recognised after studying/working abroad

The First Law Examination

The First Law Examination (*Erste Juristische Prüfung*) has two parts:

- **Mandatory Examination** (*Pflichtfachexamen*): 70 % of the final mark
 - Responsibility of the State Ministry of Justice
 - Contents are stipulated on the federal level
 - Covers the whole range of German law and its foundations
 - 6 written tests (5 hours), 1 oral examination (30 minutes)
- **Specialisation Examination** (*Schwerpunktexamen*): 30 % of the final mark
 - Responsibility of the university
 - Covers only the field of specialisation
 - 2 written tests, 1 oral examination
 - Alternative: Study Abroad Model in French or Scots Law = **The "Glasgow Program"**

The "Glasgow Program"

Step 1: Admission of Mainz students in Glasgow

The University of Glasgow Law School offers a wide range of LL.M. courses. Seven LL.M. courses are open to students from Mainz.

Admission possibilities:

- Option 1: LL.B. (Bachelor of Law)
- Option 2: Individual validation of previous studies → suitable for Mainz students having not completed the First Law Examination

Prerequisites:

- Marks clearly above average in the advanced law courses
- Good knowledge of English
- Recommendations by professors from Mainz and nomination by Gutenberg Law School
- Preparation courses on Scots law in Mainz

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Step 2: Recognising the LL.M. degree

The Gutenberg Law School defined the study year in Glasgow in its study regulations as

"Specialisation in Scots Law" (*Schwerpunktbereich Schottisches Recht*)

- Prerequisites in German Law: Completed advanced law courses
- Preparation courses on Scots Law before the year abroad
- 2 study options in Glasgow:
 - LL.M. courses (with tuition) **or**
 - ERASMUS+ and choosing advanced courses from a limited course catalogue (tuition free, limited places)
- Acquiring of 60 ECTS credits
- The study year in Glasgow is recognised completely as the Specialisation courses and examination.

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Participation in the Program

Academic Year	LL.M. Students in Glasgow	ERASMUS+ Students in Glasgow
2014/15	11	1
2015/16	14	0
2016/17	31	2
2017/18	19	2

One third to half of all outgoing students participate in the Glasgow Program.

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Thank you for your attention.