# COURSE DETAIL

| EUROPEAN LEGAL TRADITIONS |
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| **Country**<br>Germany |
| **Host Institution**<br>Free University of Berlin |
| **Program(s)**<br>European Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Legal Studies History |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>100 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>EUROPEAN LEGAL TRADITIONS |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>EUR LEGAL TRADITION |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>4.50 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>3.00 |

**Course Description**

The course provides a broad and theoretical overview of European legal traditions from social, political, economic, and comparative perspectives. Starting with Roman Law, its coverage ranges from discussing the authority of law in history, literature, economics, and religion, through the creation of the European legal frameworks up to the establishment of a human rights tradition. Focus is given to the wider scope of legal developments in history that have shaped the conceptualization of law in present-day Europe and beyond. The course is roughly divided into two parts. The first part encompasses a brief overview of European legal thought from Roman law to the development of the common and civil legal traditions. In the second half of the course, the course examines the more recent developments of European politics and law. The first session will be dedicated to how social aspects (i.e. geography and religion) influence European legal developments. The second session deals with the fascist tendencies leading to World War Two. The last two sessions are dedicated to European integration and the formation of European Union mainly as an answer to the two World Wars. The focus here is on the legal coverage of the Union's economy and respect for human rights through supranational cooperation.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

**Host Institution Course Number**
FU-BEST 17

**Host Institution Course Title**
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**Host Institution Course Details**
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**Host Institution Campus**
Free Univ. Berlin

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| **Host Institution Faculty** |
| **Host Institution Degree** |
| **Host Institution Department**<br>FU-BEST |
| **Course Last Reviewed**<br>2021-2022 |

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