

**German Public Law in a Nutshell  
Syllabus**

1	October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Basics (German statehood, private / public law, hierarchy of norms, rule of law) (Heintzen)
2	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	The German Constitutional Court (Kau)
3	October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Elections, Parliament, Procedure of Legislation (Heintzen)
4	November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Government, Administrative and Judicial Procedure (Heintzen)
5	November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Federalism; Public Finance and Budget (Heintzen)
6	November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open Statehood (The position of European Law and International Law in the German legal order) (Kau)
7	November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Don't mention the war: The armed forces under the German constitution (Kau)
8	December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Human Rights I: General survey, human dignity, the individual's right to personality, proportionality (Kau)
9	December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Human Rights II: Equal treatment, non-discrimination (Kau)
10	December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Human Rights III: Freedom of speech; Germany's Defensive Democracy; Freedom of religion (plus: relationship between state and churches) (Kau)
11	January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Human Rights IV: Freedom of professional and commercial activity; guarantee of private property; outlook to tax and to social security law (Heintzen)
12	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	General administrative law I: organization, forms of administrative action, procedure (Heintzen)
13	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	General administrative law II: remedies, liability; civil service (Heintzen)
14	January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Germany's security services (police law; intelligence services) (Kau)
15	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Building and planning law; services of general interest (Kau)
16	February 10 <sup>th</sup>	How to administer 3,5 million people: the organization of Berlin (Heintzen)