

CUSL Program of Study – Schedule Recommendation

Semester	Recommendation	Classes
SEMESTER 1	We recommend not taking CUSL classes in your first semester and instead focusing on German domestic law courses.	
SEMESTER 2 Beginner	<u>Beginner</u> The classes in the “beginner” semester set the basic foundation for all following classes. This enables you to first gain a fundamental understanding of the American legal system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to US Law and Terminology
SEMESTER 3 Basic Theory Knowledge	<u>Basic Theory Knowledge</u> These classes pick up where the curriculum of the “beginner” semester left off. Broad background knowledge is not necessary, but you will get more detailed insights into certain fields of law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussing American Legal Issues ▪ Environmental Law: Basics and Comparative Studies ▪ US Legal Culture ▪ US Constitutional Law: State Structure ▪ US Constitutional Law: Individual Rights ▪ US Contract Law ▪ US Tort Law ▪ US Property Law ▪ US Criminal Law and Procedure
SEMESTER 3 Basic Practical Knowledge	<u>Basic Practical Knowledge</u> These practically oriented classes focus on skills essential for the working environment. However, some basic background knowledge and cursory understanding of the American legal system will be helpful.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafting Contracts ▪ Legal Negotiations ▪ Gender and Negotiations ▪ Practice Skills for Lawyers
SEMESTER 4/5 Advanced Knowledge	<u>Advanced Knowledge</u> These classes should be taken after gaining a foundational knowledge of the American legal system. The content of these courses is more complicated and technical. These classes are the true core of both the CUSL program and litigation practice in the US.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Law of US Federal Evidence ▪ US Civil Procedure ▪ US Business Law ▪ US Family Law ▪ US Environmental Law