

# Munich

## Comparative IP Law

**Classes: June 11 – July 9 (4 units)**

**Internships: July 10 ~ August 3 (2-3 units)**



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This cutting-edge course examines the patent, trademark and copyright laws of western Europe, as well as the European and international systems for intellectual property protection. The course provides some comparison to the U.S. intellectual property laws. The classes are designed for individuals with no prior coursework in intellectual property.

## About the Program

The focus of this program is on European and German intellectual property systems, with some comparative reference to U.S. systems. Patenting systems are explored in some depth. However, no expertise or prior background is needed for the course work. The course is designed as an introduction for the generalist as well as those seeking to specialize eventually in intellectual property law. (Either German or technical background may be required for most internships)

Intellectual property is no longer national. One working in this field must have a working knowledge of international systems, in particular those in Europe. The Santa Clara program provides an ideal venue for this knowledge.

Munich, the capital of the state of Bavaria is

the third largest city in Germany and widely regarded as an important focal point of both German and European intellectual property law in addition to being one of Germany's major commercial, cultural, and educational centers. Munich is home to the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law. In addition, numerous international companies including BMW and Siemens are headquartered in and around Munich.

Classes are held at the centrally located Globe Business College's Art Deco Palais campus (Arnulfstrasse 58, map at <http://www.globe-college.com/getting-here.html>)



## Academic Component

The academic component of the program consists of three principal areas of concentration:

### **Comparative Patent Law.**

Considers the basic features of United States and European patent systems, including patentability, determination of prior art, effective priority, inventorship, and scope of protection.

### **Law and Policy Development in the European Union.**

Focuses on the process for harmonizing the legal standards of intellectual property in the member states of the European Union. Case studies include a review of the proposed computer software directive, data base protection, biotechnology patents, copyright, and issues pertaining to the Internet.

### **European Patent Procurement, Litigation, and Licensing.**

Reviews the procedures for filing and prosecuting patent applications in the European Patent Office and for perfecting a patent grant into national patents. Lectures present topics such as the substance and procedural aspects of oppositions, the relationship between EPO grant procedures and national patenting, the similarities and differences between national courts in patent litigation, licensing strategies, and the rights of employed inventors in Germany and elsewhere.

Classes generally are held between 9:00am and 1:00pm, Monday – Friday, with some exceptions. A final examination is given at the conclusion of the academic component. All courses and briefings are in English.

We emphasize that these classes presuppose no intellectual property background nor require any technical expertise. We realize most students will have completed their first year of law school and have had no intellectual property courses. This program should provide an ideal base to begin exploring this area of the law.

As we finalize our schedule for the summer, more specific course information will be posted.

### **Exciting Site Visits**

In addition to the classroom experience, we have been able to offer our students an opportunity to witness an actual oral proceeding at the European Patent Office. Students also visit the international headquarters of Bayerische Motoren Werke (BMW), which includes a lecture given by a member of the BMW legal department as well as a tour through the on-site car manufacturing facilities. Finally, we provide our students with an opportunity to gain a perspective on the rich cultural history of Bavaria by visiting one of the beautiful castles located at a nearby lake, including a private tour of the castle and lunch at a restaurant in a building that dates back to the 18th century.





## Testimonials



"I highly recommend this program. It has outstanding instructors, great internship opportunities, and affords an opportunity to study with law students from all over the United States. Also being in Munich gives you a centralized location to explore Europe on your own . . ." Brian Boyle, SCU (2005)

"Overall I enjoyed the study abroad very much. It has a good mix of lots of information and fun." Britten Sessions, SCU (2009)

## Internship Component

Internships are available at private intellectual property law firms and some institutions situated in and around

Munich. The actual working schedule is determined between each internship supervisor and the student individually and may commence part-time while classes are in session, then moving on to full-time at the end of the class component. Although most internships are conducted using English (notably those internship placements with a patent group), such placements generally require significant technical background.

Students not having a technical background have been assigned to a practice specializing in litigation, trademark issues, or licensing. However, as a majority of the files will be in the German language, these interns need fluency in German. Often placements cannot be fixed prior to the commencement of the program in Munich, and thus cannot be guaranteed in advance.

*Note: Most internship placements require either German language skills or a technical background.*

# About Munich

## Exploring the Area

Munich, situated on the Isar River near the Alps, is home to a major university, the University of Munich. Munich is a focal point of both German and European intellectual property law. The Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright and Competition Law is located in Munich, as are the European Patent Office, the German Patent Office, and the German Patent Court. A large number of high-technology companies are located in or near Munich.

Besides all the opportunities Munich has to offer for those studying intellectual property law, it is a fascinating city that will charm you. Although as lively as any other metropolitan city, many Germans refer to Munich as a big village; it has a very intimate feel to it when you are there. Das ist sehr Gemütlich!!

Munich is the capital of Bavaria (Bayern), Germany's largest federal state. When most people conjure images of Germany, they imagine Bavaria, which is the land of beer halls and lederhosen. Bavarians are proud. Indeed, the residents of the area think of themselves as Bavarians first and Germans second.

Munich is conveniently situated for weekend travel to other

cities in Europe, such as Florence, Paris, or Prague. Besides its Bier Gartens, Munich offers incredible museums, including the Deutsches Museum, one of the world's largest science and technology museums (you literally need a whole day or more to go through it). Munich is a bicycle lover's town. Almost every road has a bike lane, and automobile drivers strictly adhere to bicycle rider laws, making it very safe. One can get a used bike for about 50 Euros (about \$60). This may be cheaper than using Munich's excellent transportation system because there you must pay each and every time you use the system (about two Euros each way).

## Dress Code

The standard dress code in the business setting is typically a bit more formal in Germany than in the U.S. Therefore, students who plan on participating in our internship program should bring at least a "business casual" wardrobe. Also, students should bring one set of clothes appropriate for the annual Santa Clara University semi-formal reception, and also for the other more formal outings, including our trip to BMW and the European Patent Office. Semi-formal means that men should bring a jacket and tie; women should bring a suit and/or cocktail dress. Other than for the above occasions, dress is casual for the academic portion of this program.

## Mobile/Cell Phones

If you are interested in having a mobile phone during your stay in Germany, and already own a "tri-band"/GSM phone, you may be able to buy a pre-paid phone card to directly insert into your handset. Otherwise, you can buy a phone preloaded with a prepaid chip and simply reload your phone when the money runs out on the chip. You can

go to any T-Mobile or Vodaphone shop located throughout Munich for the phones/chips. See: <http://www.prepaidgsm.net> for current offers from local mobile phone providers. Recently, the Tchibo shops started offering prepaid phones with NO contract for as little as 35€; you just have to fill out a form with your local address once you arrive in Munich.

## Local Maps

A useful online and interactive Munich street map can be found at either <http://www.stadtplandienst.de> or <http://germany.map-vista.com/munich-map>. Our student housing is located at Rablstrasse 10 (Munich, or "Muenchen").

## Other Useful Information

Before your arrival in Munich, Santa Clara University will provide each student with an electronic copy of our "Munich Survival Guide", authored by our own Munich resident director. This guide provides useful information on such topics as arriving in Munich (with directions to the student housing), navigating

Munich's public transportation system, scheduled summer 2008 events, tips for restaurants and sporting activities, WIFI/internet access, and matters

relating to mail, use of credit cards,

## Important links to visit before going to Munich:

[Tips for Traveling Abroad](#)  
[Travel Safety Information](#)  
[Consular Information Sheet - Germany](#)  
[The Universal Currency Converter™](#)  
[US Dept of State: Passport Services](#)  
[US Embassies/Consulates](#)  
[Rail Europe](#)  
[Additional Disability Information](#)  
[Disability Info for Germany](#)

## Student Budget

Munich Classes & Internships	<i>Option 1 Class Only [5 weeks]</i>	<i>Option 2 Class + Internship [Up to 9 weeks]</i>	Price Breakdown
Tuition Class - 4 units	\$3,600	3600	\$900 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
Tuition Internship - 2 to 3 units	\$0	2970	\$990 per unit (JD students only. Tuition may be higher for other students)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>	<b>6570</b>	

Other Program Expenses	<i>Option 1 (Estimate) - 29 days</i>	<i>Option 2 (Estimate) - 54 days</i>	Price Breakdown
Estimated Air Fare	\$1,900	\$1,900	
Lodging	\$2,320	\$4,320	\$80 per night, single room, per person*
Food	\$1,740	\$3,240	\$60 per day, per person*
Books & Supplies	\$150	\$150	
Estimated Local Transportation	\$250	\$450	\$50/week*
Miscellaneous**	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$200/week *
<b>TOTALS (Estimate)</b>	<b>\$7,360</b>	<b>\$11,860</b>	

\* Subject to currency stability

\*\*Personal travel and entertainment



## Summer Loans

The summer is a separate borrowing period from the spring and the fall. You may be eligible for financial aid to cover all or part of your summer expenses.

Consult with your home law school's financial aid office to see if you are eligible.

For more information, visit:

<http://law.scu.edu/international/summer-abroad-financial-aid.cfm>

## Helpful Links

[Application Deadlines](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

[Online Application](#)

## Housing Options

Students may make their own arrangements for housing. Alternatively, we reserved a group block at the [DERAG Hotel Max Emmanuel](#), which has facilities that are both modern and convenient to the Munich city center. Each unit is a fully functional mini-apartment that includes a small kitchenette (with related accessories), private bathroom with shower, a desk, basic linens, weekly housekeeping, small balcony, ample storage space, and easy access to public transportation. There are discount supermarkets and good inexpensive restaurants nearby. The 2012 room rate is 48 Euros/per night. You will also need to submit a 750 Euro deposit upon arrival.

For students wishing to make their own housing arrangements, there are a number of rental agencies who can assist in securing either a private room or apartment accommodations, for example: Mr. Lodge (<http://www.mrlodge.de/en/>) (select "English" from the menu or the City Mitwohonzentrale (a roommate placement agency) at: <http://www.mwz-munich.de/> (click on the British flag in the upper left hand corner to view the site in English). Please note that Santa Clara University does not guarantee or endorse the quality of these agencies; this information is provided solely as a convenience to our students.

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