

Requirements for Admission to Doctoral (Dr. jur.) Program at Bucerius Law School (BLS)

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(1) The doctoral program will admit persons who:

1. have completed the first state exam in accordance with German law with grade “highly satisfactory” or higher [Note: the first state exam generally requires completion of a law degree at an accredited law school], or
2. (a) have completed a foreign exam comparable to (1) with a comparable grade and
(b) have completed two courses in German private, criminal or administrative law at an accredited law school, or
3. have completed the Master of Law and Business (MLB) at BLS with above average grades and the BLS Doctoral Committee, together with the Dean of the MLB program have determined that the Master’s Thesis displays a significant legal component and the applicant has completed at least two courses which relate to German law, or
4. have completed the exam for a Magister Legum (LL.M./Master of Laws) at this or another school with above average grades. If the exam has been taken abroad, it must be comparable to an LL.M. exam accepted in Germany and is subject to (2 (b)).

Note: For foreign applicants, whose dissertation topics do not relate to German law, Doctoral Committee may, in its discretion, waive or defer the requirement under paragraph (2 (b)) upon application by the student.