

concerning § 6 The general structure of German law

**Diagram 2**  
**The spectrum of German law**

Public intern. law	EU law	<b>German law</b>		
General rules Intern. Treaties	Primary EU law Secondary EU law	<b>Private law (= civil law)</b>	<b>Criminal law</b>	<b>Public law</b>
		Bürgerliches Recht [general private law] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general part</li> <li>• law of obligations</li> <li>• property law</li> <li>• family law</li> <li>• law of succession</li> </ul>	General part of criminal law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general rules about crime and punishment</li> </ul>	Constitutional law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• state organisation law</li> <li>• fundamental constitutional principles</li> <li>• fundamental rights</li> <li>• other constitutional law</li> <li>• see also ordinary (non-constit.) state law</li> </ul>
		Special private law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commercial law</li> <li>• company law</li> <li>• labour law</li> <li>• competition law</li> <li>• intellectual property law</li> <li>• securities law</li> <li>• capital market law</li> <li>• others</li> </ul>	Special part of criminal law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• criminal offences</li> </ul>	Administrative law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general administrative law                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- general principles</li> <li>- administrative procedure law</li> <li>- state liability law</li> <li>- public property law</li> <li>- regulatory offences law</li> <li>- others</li> </ul> </li> <li>• special administrative law                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- local government law</li> <li>- general police and public security and order law</li> <li>- special public security and order law</li> <li>- public construction and planning law</li> <li>- civil servants law</li> <li>- school law and higher education law</li> <li>- others</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Civil procedural law	Criminal procedural law	Administrative court procedure law
		International private law	Penitentiary law	Social law
	Juvenile criminal law	Tax law		