

“What I consider my most valuable experience at MIPLC: The opportunity to receive mentoring from some of the most renowned and distinguished professionals and scholars in the field of IP and Competition Law!”
(From the Program Evaluation)

Our LL.M. Program “Intellectual Property and Competition Law”

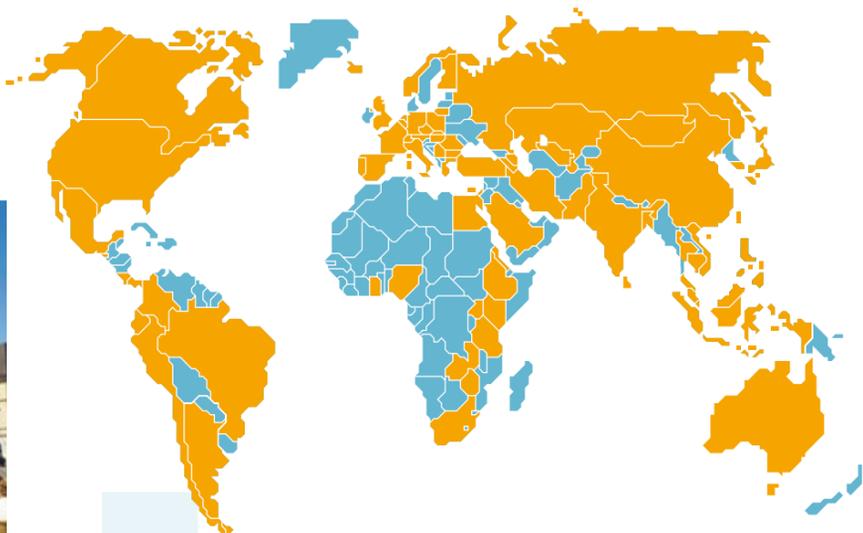
The MIPLC offers an international and interdisciplinary, one-year, English-language LL.M. program designed for participants from a wide variety of educational, professional, and national backgrounds. Taught to a maximum of 38 students per year, the program equips its graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to handle complex intellectual property issues in a global context.

The teaching method at the MIPLC is focused on case studies, problem-solving, and the practical application of knowledge, with special emphasis on research, litigation, and negotiation skills. Students can test and practice their skills in simulated court cases and workshops or during an optional internship.

To support their studies, students are provided with individual work spaces in shared offices, including access to legal databases and to the Max Planck Institute’s IP library holding more than 200,000 volumes. They also benefit from individual and group tutorial sessions.

Highlights

- One-year intensive, full-time program
- Suitable for graduates of various disciplines
- Language of instruction: English
- Interdisciplinary approach
- Wide variety of modules and courses
- International student body
- International world-renowned faculty
- Individual and group tutorial sessions
- Individual work spaces
- Access to the world’s most comprehensive IP library
- Study visits and guest lectures
- Various internship options
- Participation in international conferences
- International research cooperations
- Excellent career prospects



■ Countries of origin of MIPLC students and alumni

Our Curriculum

Our comprehensive, modularized curriculum covers all areas of intellectual property and competition law. In addition, it includes courses in related fields such as economics and business administration.

Introductory Module (optional)

- Introduction to Legal Systems
- Introduction to IP
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Competition Law

Basic Modules (mandatory)

- ##### Basic Patent Law and Related Topics
- European Patent Law
 - U.S. Patent Law

Basic Copyright Law and Related Topics

- European Copyright Law
- U.S. Copyright Law
- Legal Research and Writing

Basic Trademark Law and Related Topics

- European Trademark Law
- U.S. Trademark Law
- European and U.S. Design Law
- Unfair Competition

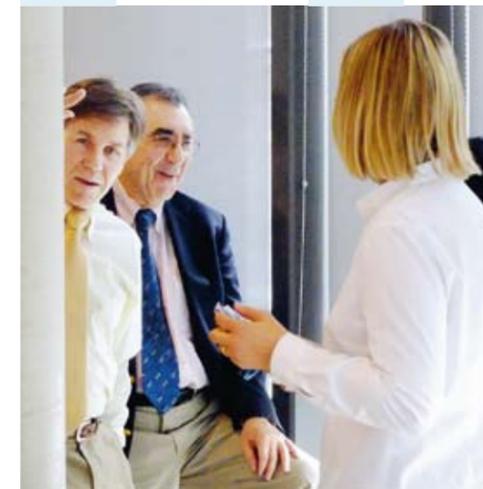
Basic Cross-Cutting Issues

- European and U.S. Competition Law
- International IP Law
- European Law
- Jurisdiction and Conflict of Laws



Cristina Hernández-Martí Pérez,
Spain

“MIPLC gives you a broad vision of Intellectual Property by covering both the European and the US legal systems. As a student, you are integrated in an international atmosphere and are part of the most well-known and prestigious IP program today.”



Our Tutors

For the duration of their studies, our students are matched with a personal tutor with whom they can discuss course content and prepare for exams. Our tutors, many of whom are MIPLC graduates, are usually researchers or Ph.D. students at the Max Planck Institute, or young attorneys. Many of them have been supporting our students for several years.

Each tutor usually mentors two or three students, so tutorials can be held individually or in small groups.

Our Students

The MIPLC is proud of its highly diverse student body. Every year, our students come from more than a dozen different nations and from a variety of professional and educational backgrounds, including lawyers, patent agents, judges, scientists, engineers, journalists, and many more. We have welcomed LL.M. candidates aged 22 to 55.

Class discussions benefit from such heterogeneity, and our graduates have formed world-spanning professional and personal networks.



Our Faculty

Our faculty comprises highly respected international academics and practitioners. We are proud to work with professors of highly acclaimed universities, judges of major IP courts, attorneys of reputable law firms, officials of IP institutions, and IP managers of international corporations. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences further help us provide a truly comprehensive education.

For an up-to-date list of our faculty, please refer to the directory on our website at www.miplc.de/llm-ip/faculty/.

Our Administrative Team

All MIPLC affairs are managed by a small and dedicated team consisting of program and administrative staff. The Program Directors provide individualized academic counselling, e.g. regarding course selection and the Master’s thesis, while the Administrative Directors and Assistants are the main point of contact for all students throughout the academic year for a host of other issues. The administrative offices are on the same floor as the student offices, guaranteeing quick access and easy interaction.

Admission Requirements

1. A Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent). While most of our students hold a previous degree in law, natural sciences, or engineering, we also welcome students from other disciplines.
 2. At least one year of professional experience acquired after the first university or college degree.
 3. Very good knowledge of English, demonstrated by a TOEFL score of minimum 85 (internet-based), 223 (computer-based), or 563 (paper-based); or an IELTS score of 6.5 or above; or a minimum grade of "C" on the Cambridge CPE.
- The intake is limited to 38 students per year. The tuition fee for the entire year of studies is 32,000 Euros.

Career Opportunities

MIPLC graduates enjoy excellent career opportunities with a wide range of potential employers. Our alumni have embarked on ambitious careers as IP litigation attorneys or patent attorneys in major law firms; as IP officials for EPO, OHIM, or WIPO; or as legal officers or IP managers in private industry. Others are pursuing Ph.D. degrees at top universities.

The more than 300 members of the MIPLC Alumni Network form a close-knit community eager to counsel students, offer internships, and assist each other professionally.



Kothainayaki Swaminathan Krishnamoorthy, India

“It was a great international and intercultural experience to study at MIPLC, where I had the opportunity to meet and network with current and future IP professionals from all over the world. Learning the US and the European patent law from renowned patent attorneys and chief judges brought the court rooms into the class room. It was exciting to have as professors the persons actually shaping worldwide IP law!”



The MIPLC is jointly operated by these four institutions:

The Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition is one of the world's premier research institutions for the topics taught at the MIPLC. It houses the most comprehensive IP library on the planet.



The University of Augsburg, founded in 1970, is home to a strong and growing law school and a host of international cooperations.



The Technical University of Munich (TUM) named an Excellence University in 2006, is one of Germany's top research universities for engineering and other technological studies. It contributes resources of its outstanding business school to the MIPLC.



The George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., one of the most prominent law schools in the USA, has been offering graduate IP programs since 1895.



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