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Master's degree

MIPLC

LLM Intellectual Property and Competition Law

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Overview

Degree	Master of Laws (LLM)
In cooperation with	Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, Technical University of Munich (TUM), George Washington University, Washington DC, USA
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	MIPLC classes are taught entirely in English. Likewise, any interaction with the MIPLC administration takes place in English, so that a knowledge of German is not necessary.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Programme duration	2 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	Regular applicants: 30 April Applicants for the DAAD scholarship "Development-Related Postgraduate Courses": 15 October of the previous year
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	16,000
Additional information on tuition fees	The tuition fee for the LLM programme "Intellectual Property and Competition Law" is 32,000 EUR for the entire year of studies.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Munich Intellectual Property Law Center's Master of Laws programme is unique in its international and interdisciplinary coverage of intellectual property (IP) and competition law. It aims to provide a comprehensive and international education by exhaustively treating European, US, and international IP systems.</p> <p>The MIPLC's modularised curriculum comprehensively discusses patents, trademarks, copyright, designs, geographical indications, etc., as well as competition law, innovation and related</p>

economics/business aspects in a wide and varied range of courses. Our international faculty from Europe, the US, and Asia comprises professors from prestigious universities, senior judges, IP experts of renowned corporations, and leading researchers of the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition. Their impressive backgrounds guarantee multifaceted discussions and allow for an understanding of intellectual property in its broadest sense. The programme covers both civil law and common law jurisdictions and thus prepares graduates for operating effectively in any legal environment.

Course Details

Course organisation

Our modularised curriculum, spanning two semesters, contains the following elements: introductory courses, the mandatory basic modules, numerous elective modules, the Master's thesis, an optional eight-week internship, and several extracurricular activities.

The introductory courses are scheduled for the beginning of each academic year and convey essential knowledge of IP, related legal issues of economics, and legal writing. The mandatory basic modules lay the foundation for later specialisations by instructing students in all areas of intellectual property and competition law. This starts immediately after the introductory courses and continues through the first part of the second semester. The elective modules start towards the end of the first semester and continue throughout the second semester. They offer advanced courses on the programme subjects and adjacent areas of law and business studies, such as Economics of IP.

From the end of the first semester onward, students have the opportunity to work on their Master's thesis, which is due about six weeks after the end of the formal study period.

After the submission of the Master's thesis in mid-September, students may complete an optional internship. The MIPLC assists its students in organising such an internship. To this end, it can draw on a large list of IP law firms, prestigious corporations, and international organisations such as the European Patent Office (EPO), the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), where MIPLC students have interned in the past.

The programme comes to a close at the graduation ceremony, during which the diplomas are awarded and graduates celebrate their achievements with their families and friends.

Various extracurricular activities are scheduled throughout the year. Such activities include, for instance, study visits to the European Patent Office and BMW as well as guest lectures given by distinguished speakers.

Most MIPLC courses are taught in intensive sessions spread over several consecutive days as lectures, seminars, or practical training units with active student participation. Training in litigation and negotiation skills forms an integral part of the classes. The interactive teaching style with its focus on case studies requires substantial preparatory reading in addition to class attendance. This enables students to efficiently grasp the subject matter and to actively participate in discussions and debates from the very beginning.

For a list of modules and courses, please visit: <http://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/curriculum/>.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Specialist literature in other languages
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated internships	After the submission of the Master's thesis in mid-September, students may complete an eight-week internship, which provides an excellent opportunity to practice newly acquired knowledge and skills in "real life IP", and, in some cases, even to meet a future employer. The MIPLC has a strong network of internship sponsors and will assist the students in the organisation of an internship. Sponsors include German and international IP law firms, corporate IP departments, and national and international IP organisations. Students may also complete an internship abroad.
Special promotion / funding of the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAAD development-related postgraduate course
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	16,000
Additional information on tuition fees	The tuition fee for the LLM programme "Intellectual Property and Competition Law" is 32,000 EUR for the entire year of studies.
Semester contribution	Around 425 EUR per semester in administrative university fees
Costs of living	For a tentative overview of the cost of living in Munich for a year, please refer to https://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/admissions/financial-matters/ .
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	<p>The MIPLC offers a limited number of partial tuition fee waivers to applicants who demonstrate merit and need.</p> <p>MIPLC is a part of the DAAD's scholarship programme for "Development-Related Postgraduate Courses": https://www.daad.de/en/information-services-for-higher-education-institutions/further-information-on-daad-programmes/epos/.</p>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Bachelor's degree (or equivalent). While most of our students hold a previous degree in law, natural sciences, engineering, or management, we also welcome students from other disciplines. If the Bachelor's programme was not a four-year programme (240 ECTS credits or equivalent), but a three-year programme (180 ECTS credits or equivalent), an applicant may be admitted if he or she has gained an additional year of professional experience (two years in total). 2. Applicants need to have acquired at least one year (self-financing students) or two years
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(applicants for a DAAD scholarship) of professional experience after their first university degree. This means that work done during undergraduate studies (before obtaining the Bachelor's degree) cannot be counted. Apart from actual employment in a paid position, professional experience also includes internships, work as a research assistant (postgraduate), and work during a legal clerkship.

3. Applicants must have a very good knowledge of English (see language requirements).

Language requirements

Applicants must have a very good knowledge of English. Therefore, one of the MIPLC admission requirements is a minimum score in one of the following tests taken within the last three years:

- TOEFL: 85 (Internet-based), 223 (computer-based), or 563 (paper-based)
- IELTS (academic version): 6.5
- Cambridge C1: 185

The test requirement is waived for applicants who are either native speakers of English or have received their degree from an institution at which English is the language of instruction. In the latter case, please add a written confirmation from your university if you have studied in a country other than the UK, Ireland, the USA, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand.

Application deadline

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Applicants for the DAAD scholarship "Development-Related Postgraduate Courses": 15 October of the previous year

Submit application to

To apply for admission, please use our online application interface at <https://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/admissions>. For detailed instructions about the applications and admissions procedure, please refer to Application Instructions, which are available here: <https://www.miplc.de/llm-ip/admissions/requirements/>.

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

None

The programme is very intense and rigorous. Students will generally not have any time to undertake additional work.

After the submission of the Master's thesis in mid-September, students have the opportunity to complete an optional internship.

Accommodation

Students will have to find their own accommodation on the private market, which offers anything from rooms in shared flats to luxury apartments. A list of rental agencies, dormitories, etc. will be provided. Moreover, the MIPLC has teamed up with a dorm operator who reserves a number of dorm rooms for MIPLC students until the end of July.

Career advisory service

The MIPLC team will be happy to provide career development support and coaching services to the MIPLC students. This includes a career information session, an internship information session, application workshops, support for organising an internship, and personal consultation with regard to optimising cover letters and CVs as well as job-search strategies. The MIPLC regularly receives high-calibre job offers from renowned (patent) law firms, corporations, IP institutions, and universities, which the team will gladly pass on to students and graduates.

All through the academic year, students at the MIPLC enjoy a host of opportunities to interact with high-level representatives of (patent) law firms, corporations, IP institutions, and academia. These opportunities present themselves in the classroom, at the MIPLC Lecture Series, at various conferences at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition, and during study visits to, e.g., the EPO and BMW.

Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

Supervisor-student ratio

One to one

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