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Business Law in an International Context

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Overview

Degree	Master of Laws (LLM)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• German• English
Languages	German 75% English 25%
Programme duration	3 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	15 May (for applicants with a non-German university degree) 15 June (for applicants with a German university degree) Start of the programme in October of the same year
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	Yes
Description/content	<p>The programme comprises topics pertinent to corporate law taught in advanced modules specially structured to combine detailed theoretical analysis with an applied approach to current issues. In addition to exploring the areas of corporate law relevant to the work of companies active in the international arena, the programme offers the chance to specialise in either corporate finance or human resources.</p> <p>Selected students with the finance specialisation can be entered in the double degree programme with ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences. The duration of the programme is then extended from three to four semesters.</p>

Course Details

Course organisation	First semester
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Management and Corporate Governance is concerned with corporation and

company law, focusing especially on detailed concerns in corporate law, issues in establishing transborder corporations, and standards for good management practice.

- International Contract Law and Preparing Contracts considers German and international liability law, the UN sales law, international trade usage and issues in prospective conflict management; one main focus is on preparing and drafting contracts.
- Corporate and Collective Employment Law (English) comprises two parts. Corporate Employment Law explores labour law issues in companies active in the international arena, addressing topics such as international labour law, designation rights and labour law aspects of company restructuring. Collective Employment Law takes a detailed look at the law on labour management relations, co-determination and collective bargaining.
- Project and Research Module embraces moot court participation and the treatment and solution of real-life corporate issues, as well as more scholarly research projects.

Second semester

- Corporate Transactions (English): acquisitions (M&A), flotation (IPO), securitisation (ABS), takeovers, externally financed company buy-outs (LBO) and project funding
- Restructuring and Risk Management addresses a range of measures from the perspective of a company experiencing financial difficulties, from risk management to German and international insolvency law, looking at such concerns as insolvency status, capital entitlement under corporate law, and reorganisation loans.
- Preparing Labour Law Contracts focuses on complex labour law issues, from designing employment contracts to compensation and working time models.
- Competition and Intellectual Property in Europe considers how the Bundeskartellamt and the European Commission protect competition, German and European public procurement law, and the question of intellectual property protection within the EU and in a globalised world.

One of the following possible specialisation electives can be taken in the first two semesters:

- Specialisation in Finance (English)
- Specialisation in Human Resources (English)

Third semester

The third semester is dedicated to the preparation and submission of the Master's thesis and the final oral exam (oral defence).

A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language training provided • Integrated study abroad unit(s)
Integrated study abroad unit(s)	Integrated study abroad unit at ZHAW: only for double degree students
Integrated internships	For admission to the programme, 210 ECTS credit points are required. Applicants with 180 ECTS credit points will be required to obtain the additional 30 ECTS credit points by completing an internship in the third semester. The programme will then last four semesters.
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Approx. 300 EUR per semester
Costs of living	Between 800 and 1,000 EUR monthly: Student residence: 400 to 500 EUR Health insurance: approx. 100 to 150 EUR
Funding opportunities within the university	No

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate law degree (Bachelor's degree) or first state examination in law or an equivalent qualification from a recognised university (Applicants with 180 credits must obtain an additional 30 credits in an integrated internship after the first two semesters and before the end of their studies.) • evidence of having completed undergraduate courses in BGB/Civil Law, Law of Obligation, Labour Law, Corporate Law, Constitutional Law, and Insolvency Law (or equivalent topics) • transcript of grades • excellent German language skills on at least a high B2 level (CEFR) • English language skills on a high B2 level • letter of motivation (in English) • CV (in English)
Language requirements	<p>The main language of instruction is German. Applicants have to provide proof of an excellent working knowledge of German on at least a high level of B2 (CEFR) or higher (e.g. TestDaF 4x3, DSH I, Telc B2).</p> <p>In addition, applicants must provide proof of English skills equivalent to B2 level or higher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL iBT – 83 points • IELTS – 6.0 points • TOEIC Four Skills – 1200 points • PTE Academic – 67 points • Cambridge English Scale – 170 points • Oxford Test of English – 126 points • UNlcert II <p>If applicants have studied in the higher education system for a minimum of two semesters entirely in English, this can be accepted as equivalent proof of English skills. (Please provide proof with your application.)</p>
Application deadline	<p>15 May (for applicants with a non-German university degree)</p> <p>15 June (for applicants with a German university degree)</p> <p>Start of the programme in October of the same year</p>
Submit application to	<p>For applicants with a non-German degree:</p> <p>uni-assist e.V. 11507 Berlin Germany</p>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many job opportunities for students in Berlin. Non-EU students are permitted to work within specified limits.

Accommodation

The German National Association for Student Affairs ("Studierendenwerk") and other institutions currently offer 15,600 rooms in student halls of residence throughout Berlin. Due to waiting lists, it is advised to get in contact with the service early on.

You can also look online for shared flats, e.g. here: www.wg-gesucht.de/en/.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

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