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Master's degree



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Overview

Degree	Master of Laws (LLM)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	Participants can choose to write their Master's theses either in English or in German.
Mode of study	Hybrid
Programme duration	2 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Application deadline	30 June
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	3,900 EUR
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No

Description/content

The LLM in European and Transnational Law of Intellectual Property and Information Technology is a postgraduate programme directed at providing the in-depth understanding of legal issues that arise from the creation and use of literary or artistic works, mechanical or scientific inventions, digital information, and other intangible assets. It covers a wide variety of subjects, including copyright, patents, trademarks, telecommunications, electronic commerce, information security, and data protection.

Because it is more and more common for transactions with intellectual property and information technology products to transcend national boundaries, this LLM programme is conceived as distinctly international and comparative in nature. Solutions from various legal systems are often presented when examining modern problems of the Intellectual Property (IP) and Information Technology (IT) law, and cases spreading over two or more countries are regularly discussed and analysed. One consequence of such an approach is that this programme is suitable for lawyers and other professionals from different countries rather than being limited to one particular jurisdiction.

The branches of IP and IT law lie at the intersection of the law with technology, science, and arts. Therefore, even though this LLM programme has been primarily designed for lawyers wishing to work with creative and innovative industries, it is also open to engineers, computer scientists, media managers, and other professionals seeking to enhance their understanding of legal regulation, policies, and mechanisms of protection in the fields of intellectual property and information technology. As a result, the programme's participants can benefit from exchanging opinions, engaging in group projects, and other forms of cooperation with graduates of a wide range of disciplines, helping them to better understand different angles and perspectives of the topics they study.

Besides the wide variety of academic and professional backgrounds, we also strive to achieve diverse geographic representation in the selection of each year's programme participants. Such diversity enriches classroom discussions and collaborative activities by ensuring the exchange and application of ideas and approaches from various legal systems and cultural environments.

Course Details

Course organisation	<p>In order to gain your LLM degree, you will have to obtain at least 60 ECTS credits. Of these credits, 20 ECTS will be awarded for the completion of the individual Master's module, which involves the preparation and writing of a Master's thesis. The remaining 40 ECTS credits can be obtained by completing a sufficient number of group study modules, each of which equals to at least 5 ECTS. The list of modules can vary slightly from year to year, but the examples below generally provide a good idea of the available modules:</p> <p>Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law Fundamentals of Information Technology Law Advanced Intellectual Property Law Advanced Information Technology Law Competition/Antitrust Law Unfair Competition Law E-Commerce Law Data Protection Law Fundamentals of EU Law and German Legal System Information Technology and Legal Informatics Economic Foundations of IP and IT Law International IP and IT Law Conflict of Laws and Comparative IP and IT Law Transnational IP Contracts Transnational IT Projects Transnational Enforcement of IP and IT Law</p>
A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist literature in other languages • Courses are led with foreign partners • International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

Online learning

Pace of course	Instructor-led (Specific due dates for lectures/assignments/exams)
Phase(s) of attendance in Germany (applies to the entire programme)	Yes, voluntary
Types of online learning elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online sessions

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	3,900 EUR
Semester contribution	<p>Fees are around 400 EUR per semester. The fees include a prepaid semester ticket that entitles students to use regional trains (in Lower Saxony and Bremen) and city buses in Göttingen free of charge. Students of the University of Göttingen receive discounts for cultural events. Meals and drinks are also available at reduced prices at all university canteens.</p> <p>Fees: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/fee Semester ticket: http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/16432.html</p>
Costs of living	<p>The average cost of living in Göttingen is modest compared to other major university cities in Germany. Currently, expenses for accommodation, food, health insurance and books are about 850 EUR per month. Please note that fees for health insurance may vary according to age. For further information, please see the following link: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/54664.html.</p>
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	<p>Each year, the Faculty of Law provides several scholarships amounting to partial or sometimes even full tuition waivers. In order to apply for such a scholarship, it is enough to indicate your interest in the appropriate field of the LLM application form.</p>

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	<p>Our admission requirements are a Bachelor's or higher degree in law, computer science, engineering, media studies, or another subject plus one year of relevant professional experience. If you are still finishing your Bachelor's studies or have less than one year of professional experience when applying to the programme, it will not impede your application. It is only important that you complete your studies and have one year of professional experience before the beginning of the programme.</p> <p>Since our students come from various countries with different grading systems, we do not formally require that you achieve a particular average grade in your previous studies (e.g. British first-class honours), but your grades will certainly constitute an important criterion in the evaluation process of applications.</p> <p>Though our most typical applicants are law graduates, we also welcome applications from graduates from other disciplines as a way to ensure the diversity of backgrounds, skills, and experiences leading to fruitful and mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and ideas. If your previous field of study was not law, we may ask you to provide a short explanation of how your studies and/or professional experience are relevant to the specialisation of this Master's</p>
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programme.

The professional experience requirement can be fulfilled through various practical activities, including internships and traineeships. For example, German law graduates' practical training ("Referendariat") satisfies this requirement. However, if a practical activity constituted a mandatory part of your Bachelor's programme, it cannot be counted as professional experience. In certain cases, admission can be granted to applicants with professional experience of less than one year. If you are not sure whether your studies or practical experience satisfies the programme's admission requirements, please contact us before submitting the formal application.

Language requirements	Applicants must provide proof of sufficient English language skills, for example, TOEFL PBT score of at least 550 points, TOEFL iBT score of at least 80 points, or IELTS score of at least 6 points. Other kinds of proof may also be accepted. These are the minimum scores ensuring that your application is not automatically rejected. At the selection stage, the admissions committee usually prefers applications with higher scores.
Application deadline	30 June
Submit application to	Please contact: lipit.admissions@uni-goettingen.de

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment	<p>Our LLM programme has built up a network of contacts with a number of law firms, companies, organisations, and authorities that might be interested in accepting our students and graduates as interns or employees from time to time. We cannot guarantee that you will be accepted as an intern or employee by any of these partners, but we can advise you on which law firm, company, or organisation might best suit your interests and facilitate your coming into contact with them.</p> <p>A number of student jobs are also available at the university. They are announced on the following website: www.stellenwerk-goettingen.de</p> <p>Please note that restrictions may apply depending on your scholarship or visa. Employment of non-EU students is subject to special regulations.</p> <p>Foreign applicants should note that it is not easy to find a job to finance their studies, as German students are also searching for jobs. Some proficiency in German may be indispensable for many typical student jobs. Non-EU students are permitted to work for a maximum of 120 full days (240 half days) per year.</p>
Accommodation	<p>Higher or lower accommodation costs can make a big difference in the total living expenses. Therefore, it is recommended to start looking for a room or apartment as soon as possible. If you apply early, you can get a room in one of the student dormitories, which is usually the cheapest option. A dormitory room can cost around 200 EUR per month or even less. By contrast, on the private market you are likely to pay around 300 EUR for a room in a shared apartment or around 500 EUR for a private apartment. This makes dormitory rooms very popular, so waiting lists are usually rather long. Thus, it is best to apply for a dormitory room at least half a year before the beginning of your studies in Göttingen.</p> <p>The Accommodation Service of the International Office supports international students who are enrolled at the University of Göttingen to find accommodation in Göttingen and serves as a point of contact for queries. The service works together with the private market in Göttingen and the Student Services ("Studentenwerk"). As the amount of accommodations in Göttingen is limited, it is highly recommended to contact the Accommodation Service as early as possible. For further information, please see the following link: https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/617883.html.</p>

Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Göttingen offers individual support to facilitate your successful transition from the academic to the professional world — whether you want to work in Germany or abroad. Especially for international students aiming for a career entry in Germany, the Career Service provides topic-specific "Career Impulse Sessions", workshops, online learning modules, and a qualification programme in "Building International Careers" as well as digital career tools and a virtual community for international employment opportunities: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/292.html.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The International Office provides a complimentary pick-up service ("Buddy Exchange Service") from the Göttingen railway station to the accommodation. German students help newly arrived students to adapt to the university and the city during their first weeks. <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/49307.html>

There is also an orientation week for new international students, which provides valuable information about Göttingen and the university. <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html>

Study Buddy programme (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/112395.html>) as a part of the Integration and Diversity project at Göttingen University (InDiGU) <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/108275.html>

University of Göttingen



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University of Göttingen – Committed to Excellence

Founded in 1737, the University of Göttingen is a research-driven university of high international standing. It is renowned for its diverse range of academic disciplines, research-oriented teaching, and outstanding scientific environment in which more than 40 Nobel laureates have studied, taught, or pursued their research. Currently, 28,500 students are enrolled at the University of Göttingen, 15 percent of whom are international students.

Variety of study programmes

The University of Göttingen offers a vast variety of academic programmes for undergraduate and graduate studies. Internationally renowned expert researchers teach in more than 40 academic disciplines. More than 40 full-time undergraduate and graduate programmes are taught entirely in English. Two international fast-track MSc/PhD programmes prepare students for unique careers in scientific research. Additionally, a growing number of double degree programmes with prestigious international universities are available.
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/3811.html>

Guidance, supervision, and study conditions

Students are given comprehensive advisory and supervisory support in all phases of their studies. Since advice and guidance are crucially important for the successful outcome of a university career, the University of Göttingen is constantly improving and extending its performance in this area.

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/47239.html>

Excellent library

The Göttingen State and University Library (SUB Göttingen) maintains a top position among German academic libraries, with a holding of over nine million books, journals and other media and offering a broad range of services for study and research. The library plays a leading role in a large number of national and international projects involving the optimisation of literature and information provision as well as the establishment and development of digital research and information infrastructures.

<https://www.sub.uni-goettingen.de/en>

Alumni worldwide

As a member of the alumni network, you will continue to be part of the international "University of Göttingen Family" even after you have finished your studies. The Alumni Office currently connects more than 40,000 alumni from all over the world and provides them with current information and ongoing projects at the university and in the city of Göttingen. In addition, the alumni association offers various events and services for students and alumni related to careers and networking. One such initiative is their workshop series called "alumni4students," where you will have the chance to contribute your expertise.

<https://www.alumni-goettingen.de/>

www.uni-goettingen.de/international-students



University location

Göttingen – a good place to live and study

Göttingen, with a population of approximately 130,000, is a city where tradition and innovation complement one another perfectly. The excellently preserved timber-framed houses in the historic quarter and the University of Göttingen with its 28,500 students create a lively atmosphere that would be hard to find elsewhere.

The university departments and buildings are mainly located on two campuses and are within easy walking or cycling distance from each other. Accommodation for 4,500 students and excellent canteens run by the student services organisation ("Studentenwerk") allow for a high quality of life at a low cost.

The university cooperates closely with non-university research institutes in Göttingen. Together, they form the "Göttingen Campus" – an alliance of cutting-edge research institutes. This includes four Max Planck Institutes and the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Lower Saxony as well as the German Primate Center and the German Aerospace Center. The Göttingen Campus has created an environment of openness in which students at all levels (Bachelor's, Master's or PhD) as well as experienced researchers can develop fresh and innovative ideas. Numerous scientists and scholars from the non-university research institutes lecture at the university, and joint professorial appointments create bridges between the university and campus partners. This structure supports the reputation of the University of Göttingen as one of the most successful research-oriented universities in Germany.

Situated in the geographical centre of Germany and Europe, Göttingen has excellent travel connections: Berlin, Hamburg, and Frankfurt are only a two-hour train ride away. But you don't have to go that far to take a break; Göttingen itself offers many options for recreational activities. The city boasts three theatres and a symphony orchestra. Many cinemas, cafés, and pubs provide numerous opportunities to meet like-minded people and enjoy yourself. Alternatively, you can play an active role in the student union, which sponsors many cultural and recreational events. Last but not least, the city and the university offer a variety of activities for sports enthusiasts. The "Hochschulsport Göttingen" (University Sports Centre) is one of the biggest in Germany and offers a wide range of disciplines and gyms for members of the Göttingen Campus. More than 150 different sports with an indoor pool, climbing centre, fitness studio, and several outdoor sports fields are offered at an extremely reasonable price.

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