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Master's degree



Master of Business, Competition and Regulatory Law

Freie Universität Berlin • Berlin

Overview

Degree	LLM (MBL)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">English
Languages	All lectures, tutorials and examinations of the MBL-FU are conducted entirely in English. Student mentoring is offered in English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and French.
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">full-time
Mode of study	Less than 50% online
Programme duration	2 semesters
Beginning	Winter semester
Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study	The MBL-FU is one of the few postgraduate programmes in Germany that consistently makes use of blended learning: On Fridays, Saturdays, and sometimes on Thursdays, students attend lectures, tutorials and research seminars in the classroom. The rest of the week, students do assignments and project work via the university's E-learning platform. Both segments are integral and compulsory components of the curriculum.
Application deadline	All applicants: 15 March for the following winter semester
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	4,750 EUR
Additional information on tuition fees	Tuition fees are paid in two instalments. The first payment is to be made upon enrolment in August. The second payment is due in February.
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The MBL-FU is a postgraduate Master's programme in law (LLM). It lasts for one academic year. You will obtain in-depth, specialised knowledge on cutting-edge questions of international and European competition and regulatory law.

Our lecturers are high-ranking legal and economic academics as well as practitioners from all around the world – from officials of the European Commission and national authorities to attorneys from international law firms and multinational companies. Their classes cover a wide range of topics, from foundational theoretical and economic questions to all aspects of European and international competition law, and also including intellectual property and other crucial issues driving important sectors of today's (digital) economy.

Freie Universität Berlin (FU) is one of eleven "Universities of Excellence" in Germany. Its network of libraries holds approximately eight million media units, thereby providing you with the necessary resources for any academic endeavour. FU is one of the largest universities in Germany: 33,500 students are enrolled in over 170 degree programmes. Its 16 departments and central institutes are spread out through the university campus. The university has over 100 partnerships with scholarly institutions around the world, and 15 percent of its student body come from abroad.

Course Details

Course organisation

The Master of International and European Business, Competition and Regulatory Law is based on an approach that combines traditional "in-class" teaching with electronic communication via the university's Internet platform and independent study.

You will cover seven modules and write a Master's thesis. Each module consists of in-class lectures, seminars and tutorials. They take place on Fridays and Saturdays and occasionally on Thursdays at the Department of Law. Online study and work components complement and build upon these lectures.

The modules in detail:

Part I: Business Law and Principles of Economics

- European and International Business Law
- Economy and Competition – The Broader View
- European Competition Law
- Advanced Competition Law

Part II: Competition and Regulatory Law

- Intellectual Property
- Regulatory Law –The Fundamentals
- Advanced Regulatory Law

Master's thesis

A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Content-related regional focus

Integrated internships

While internships are not a mandatory part of our curriculum, the MBL-FU team strongly encourages students to gain practical experience in the context of an internship.

Special promotion / funding of the programme

- Other (e.g. state level)

Course-specific, integrated

No

German language courses

Course-specific, integrated English language courses No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR 4,750 EUR

Additional information on tuition fees Tuition fees are paid in two instalments. The first payment is to be made upon enrolment in August. The second payment is due in February.

Semester contribution In total, the semester contribution amounts to 304.40 EUR. It includes a fee of 181.40 EUR for the transportation ticket contribution. This allows you to use public transportation in Berlin for free. Other costs covered by the semester contribution include a 50 EUR enrolment fee, a 63 EUR semester contribution to the student support service ("studierendenWERK Berlin"), and a 10 EUR contribution to the student union.

Costs of living Compared to other European countries, the cost of living in Germany is quite reasonable. However, the cost of living has also risen somewhat in Germany in recent years. The prices for food, accommodation, clothing, cultural events, etc. are slightly above the EU average. You will need around 950 to 1,200 EUR each month to cover your living expenses. The biggest expense is monthly rent, which is between 400 and 700 EUR in Berlin.

Funding opportunities within the university Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university The [Deutschlandstipendium scholarship](#) enables students at Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin) from all nations and walks of life to fully concentrate on their studies. The programme supports talented students with 300 EUR per month. To apply, you must already be enrolled and be within the standard period of time given to complete your degree during the funding period, or you must have a letter of acceptance to start a degree programme at Freie Universität Berlin.

Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements Applicants must have obtained a first university degree, preferably in law, of at least 240 ECTS. Additionally, they need at least one year of postgraduate work experience, preferably in competition law, traditional regulated markets, digital markets, data protection and compliance and related fields. Applications are submitted and processed exclusively via the university's online application portal. Besides degree certificates and academic transcripts, all applicants must submit a tabular CV and motivation letter presenting their educational and professional background as well as their reasons for the application to the programme.

Language requirements Applicants must provide proof of their English skills (min. C1 CEFR). No German language skills are required.

Technical equipment and Internet Connection

programmes Blackboard
 WebEx

Application deadline All applicants: 15 March for the following winter semester

Submit application to <https://fu-berlin.hispro.de>

Services

Possibility of finding part-time employment

There are many ways of earning money while you study, for example as waiting staff, academic assistants, or private tutors. Knowledge of German will improve your chances of finding a part-time job, but it isn't necessarily required. However, it is important to be aware of the legal regulations.

The student support service at the university, called studierendenWERK Berlin, and the local representative of the "Bundesagentur für Arbeit" (Federal Employment Agency) can provide information about jobs for students. When searching for a job, look at online job boards, ads in local newspapers, and notice boards on campus.

Accommodation

You have the option to stay in a public/private student dormitory or in a private (shared) apartment. Student dormitories are not administrated by the university itself, so Freie Universität Berlin does not have any on-campus housing. However, it works together with "[studierendenWERK Berlin](#)" regarding student accommodation.

If you do not wish to stay in a student dormitory, you can try to find a room or an apartment on the private housing market. Many students in Berlin live in shared apartments ("WGs"). You can find these offers online (e.g. [WG-gesucht](#) or [Kleinanzeigen](#)) or on notice boards on campus.

Available rooms/apartments near the university are rare. Therefore, students mostly commute from other parts of the city. The commute via public transportation usually takes between 30 minutes and an hour, which is considered a normal travel time in Berlin due to the city's size.

Career advisory service

The [Career Service](#) of Freie Universität Berlin aims to support international students at Freie Universität by providing information, advice, and events related to career planning, internships, and job applications.

Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling

General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates

The [International Student Support](#) team at FU Berlin regularly offers information events that include Q&A sessions. While personal office hours are not available due to our team size, students can contact Info-Service Study for general inquiries, or seek assistance from the General Academic Advisory Service or Psychological Counselling for more complex concerns. Additionally, the team continually enhances its expertise in international affairs, thereby contributing to FU Berlin's internationalisation process.

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