



L-Università
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Department of European & Comparative Law
Faculty of Laws

LL.M. (Master of Laws) in European & Comparative Law
LL.M. (Master of Laws) in European Business Law

LL.M. in European Law

WHY STUDY FOR AN LL.M?

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme provides an ideal platform for high-calibre students to acquire expertise in specialised subject areas informed by world-class, research-led teaching.

With increasing competition for every advertised job role, a postgraduate degree can be one way to make your CV stand out from the crowd. And there are few qualifications as well-recognised and respected as a Master of Laws (LLM). However, holding this award doesn't only benefit job-hunters; here are four additional reasons you should study for an LLM:

1. The chance to specialise

Many people find that working in a specific job sector or studying for an undergraduate LLB degree awakens a passion for education or a desire to explore a certain topic further. An LLM will allow you to pursue this and develop your understanding of the area of law that interests you the most.

2. Improve your earning potential

It's no secret that a postgraduate degree will improve your chances of earning a higher salary. This is because a postgraduate degree demonstrates to a company that an employee not only has advanced knowledge but also possesses organisation skills, decision-making abilities, self-motivation and much more. And therefore, they can be trusted with more senior roles and responsibilities.

3. Continue your legal development

Law is an ever-changing discipline, and it's essential to keep your abilities and facts up-to-date.

4. Get international experience

Studying for an LLM qualification gives you the opportunity to network and learn from peers in the legal and professional field.



COURSE PROGRAMME – EUROPEAN & COMPARATIVE LAW

The aim of the programme is to provide postgraduate specialization in European Union Law and related comparative law to holders of a good first degree in law. The programme of studies ranges over a large list of subject areas which are sub-disciplines of European Law and often overlap with their counterpart domestic law, and from which the student chooses a number of study-units. In principle, the comparative (national law) dimension is worked into most subjects, while also being the principal methodology employed in a number of study units.

There are no compulsory taught-study units. The list of study-units available in any particular year may vary from year to year depending on the registered student's choices.

Taught Component

12 ECTS study-units running from October to May

ECL5032 European Union Tax Law

ECL5033 Intellectual Property Law: Issues and Harmonization in an International and EU Context

ECL5034 European and Comparative Business Enterprise Law

ECL5036 The Law of Fundamental Freedoms of the European Union (Internal Market)

ECL5041 EU and Comparative Competition Law

ECL5042 EU & Comparative Consumer Law

ECL5043 EU Information Technology Law

ECL5050 Judicial Protection in the EU

ECL5056 EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice Law - Principles and Policies

ECL5068 E-Commerce Law and Policy in the EU

6 ECTS study-units running either from October to January or from February to May

ECL5035 Labour Law in the European Union

ECL5037 EU Financial Services Law

ECL5038 Environmental Legislation and Policy of the European Union

ECL5039 EU Transport Law

ECL5040 EU and International Trade Law and Policy

ECL5049 The Law of the Institutions in the EU

ECL5053 European Union Constitutional Law

ECL5057 EU Social Law and Policy

ECL5058 Fundamental Rights in the European Union

ECL5066 European Business Private International Law

ECL5067 European & International Comparative Commercial Law

ECL5072 Gambling Law and Policy in the EU

ECL5073 EU Anti-Discrimination Law

Semester 3 - Research Component

ECL5054 | Dissertation (30 ECTS)

COURSE PROGRAMME – EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW

The Master of Laws in European Union Business Law is a new specialist LL.M. which is based on a grouping of subjects offered also on the general LL.M. in European and Comparative Law. However, registering for this degree means that the student will obtain a degree with the specific title of LL.M. in European Business Law, and be able to market himself or herself as a specialist graduate lawyer in that specific field of law. So this is the degree for those who are decided to specialise in the business law of Europe and wish to be known as such.

Taught Component - Compulsory Units (Total 36 ECTS)

Compulsory 12 ECTS study-units running from October to May

ECL5034 European and Comparative Business Enterprise Law

ECL5041 EU and Comparative Competition Law

ECL5068 E-Commerce Law and Policy in the EU

Elective Units (24 ECTS) have to be chosen from any study-units in the elective list)

Elective 12 ECTS study-units running from October to May

ECL5032 European Union Tax Law

ECL5033 Intellectual Property Law: Issues and Harmonization in an International and EU Context

ECL5042 EU & Comparative Consumer Law

ECL5043 EU Information Technology Law

Elective 6 ECTS study-units running either from October to January or from February to May

ECL5035 Labour Law in the European Union

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WHAT OUR LL.M. STUDENTS SAY:

The LL.M programme in European Business Law imparts a broad knowledge about the key areas of European business law. The course is mainly taught by highly competent lectures who are mostly practitioners. Therefore, the theoretic study-units are also enriched by practical examples from lecturers' professional experience. In addition, students are not only expanding their knowledge about European law, but also learning about different jurisdictions and legal traditions from other students who come from all over Europe. It was a pleasure studying at the University of Malta!

Fabian Eckstein (Germany) - graduated November 2017

Following my bachelor degree in law I opted for the LL.M in European Business due to a personal interest in this specialized field. The course structure allowed me to maintain an internship during my studies and encouraged interpersonal skills by means of weekly presentations and open discussions on topical issues during the biweekly seminars. Perhaps most importantly, the course taught me the importance of independent research and thought, as students are given freedom in how to tackle the topics covered and differing opinions are welcomed

Maria DeGaetano (Malta) - graduated November 2017



Studying at the University of Malta was very interesting and I learnt a lot about European relations. The lecturers within whom I had contact were very qualified. The programme itself is a really useful enrichment for my day to day business as a company lawyer based in Germany. I can highly recommend this course and the University of Malta!

Bjorn Kiesrau (Germany) - graduated November 2011

The Master's programme in European and Comparative Law is a great opportunity to acquire a comprehensive understanding of EU Law. The programme is mostly based on individual research however presentations and engaging discussions are also given by the lecturers who are experts in their subject area. The Masters complemented my degree in Law and opened up a new horizon of my career opportunities. I have enjoyed my studies at University of Malta and found them really interesting and useful.

Migle Virbaliute (Lithuania) - graduated November 2014



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

The University of Malta traces its origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense which was set up in 1592. Today, it hosts over 11,000 students following full-time and part-time degree and diploma courses. The University of Malta is the highest teaching institution in Malta. It is publicly funded and its structures are in line with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area. It strives to provide courses that are relevant to contemporary needs of the industry and employers.

DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN & COMPARATIVE LAW

The Department of European and Comparative Law has a fine and long tradition of teaching and research into all areas of European Union Law. Established in 1993, it celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018. The Department of European and Comparative Law has an active research and publications programme. Our members of staff are mainly full-time University academics, but the Department enjoys the services of a good number of visiting lecturers from legal practice, European institutions and government service. In addition to teaching, our academics regularly publish research works in Malta and abroad and are called upon as experts in the preparation of public policy including by the European Commission.



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