

INFORMATION BOOKLET OF THE DEGREE PROGRAM

LL.M. IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

Objectives of the program

The program *LL.M. in European and International Business Law* is a master-level accredited program targeting professionals already holding a degree in law. The program provides for deeply specialized legal information offered in English. The objectives of the program are to train lawyers who, based upon their theoretical and practical skills developed in law, progress their competences in European and international business/commercial/economic law, deepen their knowledge in the complex legal regulation of European and extra-European economic processes, and train themselves in specialized legal English as a working language. Students graduating from the program will also be capable of continuing their studies in the PhD (SJD) level. The program is particularly useful for professionals wishing to join into the managing of legal affairs of global and transnational commerce and trade by developing legal and specialized English language skills and knowledge.

Program duration and characteristics

The program lasts for two semesters, teaching commences in September and ends in May. The teaching period is divided into modules of 5-6 weeks, each ending with an exam week. May and June are reserved for the writing of the thesis and preparations for the final exam and. During this time foreign students may – upon consultation with the thesis supervisor – return to their home countries. In the normal course of planning, by the end of June both thesis defense and the final exam is completed. However, the LL.M. thesis may be submitted until the end of the calendar year.

Since the program is offered to 30 students, the majority of the courses are electives and there are multiple lecturing professors for every course, the program runs with a very favorable professor/student rate (2,5 students per every course per professor).

The level and specialization of the program

Under Hungarian law (the law of the place of the program and the law of the institution offering the program) the program is recognized as a *master of laws* degree, based upon a pre-existing degree in law, and is abbreviated as *LL.M.* (as opposed to non-degree programs, such as a specialized lawyers' training or different certificate programs; or BA-level programs – all which are not recognized as master-level programs).

The qualification of the degree is *European and International Business Law* (as opposed to a general law degree; or a law degree in some national law).

The name of the degree and qualification in Hungarian is *Európai és nemzetközi üzleti mesterjogász*.

Teaching plan and course structure of the program *LL.M. in European and International Business Law*

Course types:

- Preliminary courses are mandatory.
- Basic courses are mandatory.
- Specialized courses are mandatory in the value of 18 credits and 6 courses as a minimum requirement. Students are free to choose which courses they wish to select from these course offering.
- Freely elective courses provide additional credits based upon the student's decision, or a student may decide not to enroll in any of these courses.

N ¹	Course name	Course type	Semester	Credit
1	Introduction into the Institutional Functioning of European Economic Integration and Legal Harmonization	Preliminary	1	3
2	Introduction into International Business Law	Preliminary	1	3
3	The Free Movement of Goods, and Persons in the EU	Basic course	1	4
4	The Free Movement of Services and Capital within the EU	Basic course	1	4
5	Use of Majos Legal Databases	Freely elective	1	3
6	European and Comparative Competition Law	Basic course	1	3
7	International Sale of Goods: the CISG and INCOTERMS	Basic course	1	3
8	International Regulation of State Intervention in International Commerce	Basic course	1	3
9	European and International Intellectual Property Law	Basic course	1	3
10	International Commercial Arbitration Moot and Simulation	Freely elective	1, 2 ²	3
11	International Commercial Arbitration	Basic course	2	4
12	European and International Harmonization of General Contract Law	Basic course	2	4
13	European Company Law	Specialized	2	3
14	European and Comparative Consumer Protection Law	Specialized	2	3
15	Social Rights in the European Union	Specialized	2	3
16	The Case Law of the Court of the European Union – Interpretation, Methodology	Specialized	2	3
17	International and European Taxation, Cooperation in Financial and Criminal Matters of the Economy	Specialized	2	3
18	The Legal Profession within the EU, and Drafting Legal Documents in English	Specialized	2	3
19	Advanced Legal Writing and Rules of Citation	Freely elective	2	3
20	European Telecommunications Law and the Law of Electronic Commerce	Specialized	2	3
21	International and European Conflict of Laws and	Specialized	2	3

¹ Courses are listed in the timeline of offerings.

² This course is offered throughout the year. Any student applying for participation in the *Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot* or any of its Pre-Moots may decide to sign up for the course in either semester. A student may complete this course only once. Preparation for the Willem C. Vis Moot or any of its Pre-Moots takes place outside of this course after the student has already completed it.

	International Civil Procedure			
22	Advanced Contracts in International Business Law: International Carriage of Goods, Payment Methods, Misc. Other Contracts, Securities	Specialized	2	3
23	Special Dispute Settlement Institutions in International Trade	Specialized	2	3
24	Foreign trade and economy	Freely elective	2	3
25	Thesis consultation	-	2	0
26	Thesis defense	-	2	5
	Total number of credits offered			81
	Number of credits needed for the degree (incl. thesis)			60

Tuition fee

Participation in the program is based upon a tuition fee. The fee covers the entire program, including the situation in which the student submits the LL.M. thesis only in the next academic year. The employer may undertake to cover the tuition in part or in full.

The amount of the tuition fee for the academic year 2015/'16 is EUR 6000. The tuition is to be paid at the beginning of the studies as a single transfer (28 August 2015, and 11 September 2015 for extended application admissions). The tuition fee covers participation in the program, receipt of the degree, electronic course materials, library use and access to a number of legal databases, extracurricular activities (e.g. moot court participation), some program-related social events (receptions), and student welfare services (aid in visa application, intermediation in public administration for foreigners, social security, medical services and in finding accommodation, participation in the local student-buddy program).

The tuition does not cover living expenses, travel expenses, social security and medical coverage, fees in public administration, accommodation, social events unrelated to the LL.M. program, etc. .

Ideal target group of the program

We welcome any and all applicants who – by meeting the admissions requirements – wish to be engaged in the professional side of managing legal affairs in European and international business/commercial/economic relations, primarily in law firms or corporations specializing in transnational business and trade.

The professional contents of the program

The following are excerpts from the national accreditation of the LL.M. in European and International Business Law program to be followed by Hungarian universities offering this LL.M. program:

“7. Training objectives of the master of laws degree program, competences to be earned during the program

a) *Graduates of the program will be familiar with:*

- the applicable European and international legal sources relevant for the subject of the program;
- the functioning of the Internal Market of the European Union, the respective regulatory

- instruments and the particular details of the regulation of specific sectors within the Internal Market;
- the mechanisms of the application and emergence of European economic and business law;
- relevant case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and its practical importance;
- the method of identification of legal sources (international, European, domestic; mandatory and soft law) applicable to international business and economic law issues; and the handling of legal databases elaborating special legal sources (normative law, case law, jurisprudential sources or citation data thereof);
 - knowledge and skills concerning the complex management of the private law aspects of international business and commercial law relations (such as contract formation and performance as processes in international business transactions; the proper management of industrial property or copyright proprietors in international trade; securities used in international commerce, etc.);
 - knowledge and skills concerning the complex management of the public law aspects of international business and commercial law relations (such as the different forms of state intervention, state subsidies, the protection of foreign property, etc.);
 - the specific English legal terminology of European and international business/commercial/economic law.

b) Graduates of the program will be capable of:

- identifying and analyzing complex international business law patterns.
- the identification and management of legal issues in cross-border trade.
- the identification and interpretation of relevant European Union law or international law sources relevant for international business transactions.
- utilizing the available remedies in legal problems in international business transactions.
- applying a comparative approach as a skill in problem management.
- adopting a tolerant, flexible and solution-based problem managing approach that stems from understanding and internalizing different regulatory methods and solutions. Studying the differences inherent in international dimensions, graduates develop cooperative skills and openness.
- applying a rich terminology and excellent communicational skills which can be well utilized in international relations.
- using a variety of methods developed for effective reasoning, argumentation and pleading in international relations.
- meeting high requirements towards the use of legal English as a professional language.

c) The makings and skills necessary for the exercise of the qualification:

- issue spotting and problem solving skills;
- analytical skills;
- problem formulation;
- systematic thinking, high-level professional legal knowledge;
- flexibility towards heavy workload;
- thoroughness;
- user level computer skills;
- ability to learn professional information in the English language;
- positive attitude necessary for further professional development and progress.

“The primary subject matter areas necessary for the master of laws degree and its qualification)

“8.1. Subject *areas developing knowledge based upon the pre-existing law degree of students necessary for the introduction into the LL.M. program: 3-6 credit points*
the basics of the institutional functioning of European economic integration and legal harmonization; basic introduction into international business law;

8.2. Basic mandatory professional material: 25-30 credit points

the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital; European Union competition law; international sale of goods; the international regulation of state intervention in cross-border business activity; European and international protection of intellectual property; international commercial arbitration; European and international regulation of contract law;

8.3. Mandatory elective subject matters of the basic professional material: 21-25 credit points

Specialized basic professional material: 16-20 credit points

European company law; European consumer protection law; social rights within the European Union; the law of mergers; the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union; European criminal cooperation in crimes related to the economy; the exercise of the legal profession within the European Union; the European law of electronic commerce and of telecommunications; the European harmonization of conflict of laws and international civil procedure; international carriage of goods; international payment methods; contractual securities in international trade; special forums in international dispute settlement; taxation in international business relations; drafting legal documents in the English language.

Master thesis: 5 credits

Admission requirements

Degree requirement for admission into this master of laws program: a degree in law from any recognized university in the World.

Language requirement for admission into this master of laws program:

For English language exams passed in Hungary:

- English language state exam, at least intermediate level, general (B2) complex type, or equivalent high school diploma or certificate.

For international English language exams:

- Check the program web-page (www.kre.hu/llm) for the language exams recognized for the given year.

Application deadline and the application procedure

Please kindly check the program web-page (www.kre.hu/llm) for the details of the application procedure for a given academic year.

Application by e-mail, queries concerning application and other questions about the LL.M. program: llm@kre.hu

Registration fee:

Registration fee for the academic year 2015/'16 is EUR 30.-, non-refundable. The registration fee of admitted applicants is recognized towards the tuition..