



Master Programme European and European Legal Studies

Master Programme

The two-semester Master Programme “European and European Legal Studies” is offered by the **Institute for European Integration** of the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg in co-operation with the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences of the **University of Hamburg**. The Europa-Kolleg Hamburg is an internationally recognised institution for education and research in the field of European integration.

We look back on more than 15 years of successful cooperation between the Europa-Kolleg and the University of Hamburg. Over the course of time the contents and outlines of the study courses offered to graduates have always been adapted to new developments and challenges on the European level. Today, many graduates from over fifty countries are successfully employed in international institutions, national administrations, law firms, and in the private sector.

The programme is structured into modules according to the requirements of the Bologna Process. After positive evaluation and decision of the accreditation commission of the accreditation agency AQAS the programme has been accredited on 22/23 November 2010.

Objective

The Master Programme is designed for highly qualified graduates from all over the world who aspire for a position in EU institutions, international organisations, national administrations or enterprises and law firms.

Based on the highest academic standards the students will be provided with in-depth knowledge about the European Union and its role in the world. The academic examination of the process of European integration follows an **interdisciplinary approach**, combining law, economics, and political science.

Curriculum

The curriculum allows for a combination of introductory modules covering the legal, economic, and political foundations of the process of European integration (basic programme) followed by modules dedicated to provide in-depth information in one of four areas (elective specialisation fields):

- The EU as a Political Actor
- External Relations of the EU
- Companies as Economic Actors
- Law of the EU

The range of elective specialisation fields may vary from academic year to year following the interests of the applicants.

Academic Titles

In case of successful completion of all relevant modules and a master thesis marked at least with a grade of "sufficient" (4.0), the University of Hamburg awards the degree of either:

- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Laws (LL.M.)

The degree "Master of Laws (LL.M.)" can only be obtained by students who possess a law degree before taking up their studies at the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg. Furthermore, the award of the degree "Master of Laws (LL.M.)" calls for predominantly legal studies.

In the elective specialisation fields "Companies as Economic Actors" and "Law of the EU" this condition is met if the master thesis is written in law, in the elective specialisation fields "The EU as a Political Actor" and "External Relations of the EU" in addition to this it is necessary that the internship is juristic in nature.

Admission Requirements

A university degree awarded with an above average grade, preferably in law, in economics or in political science representing a total of 240 credits points (CP) according to the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

Applicants whose first university degree represents less than 240 CP have the chance to compensate for the missing credit points by presenting proof of additional practical or academic activities in the fields of the programme.

Languages

It is possible to participate in the Master Programme in **English** entirely, as English is the main language of instruction and examination.

Some parts of the programme may additionally be offered in **German**, depending on the language skills and interests of the applicants.

Tuition, Grants, Living

- 8,500 EUR for the entire programme
- Limited number of scholarships
- Own hall of residence on campus

Dates

Deadline for applications: 15 March 2014
Start of the programme: 1 October 2014
End of the programme: 31 July 2015

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