

UNIVERSITY OF LAUSANNE

**LL.M.
IN INTERNATIONAL
AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL LAW**
(Master of Advanced Studies)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY



The University of Lausanne situated a short distance from **Geneva** and its **international organizations**, offers a unique postgraduate programme leading to the award of an **LL.M. in International and European Economic and Commercial Law** (Master of Advanced Studies).

The programme can be entirely taken in **English** as per the following specializations: International Economic Law and International and European Commercial Law (with some optional courses in French). For those students desiring to specialize in EU Law, the main courses will be offered in French (with all optional courses in English).

The programme can be taken either in **one-year of full time studies** (starting in September or February) or in **two years of part-time studies** since it is made up of specialized modules (1-4 days) which can easily be planned in advance.

The **60 ECTS Credits** of the programme are made up of taught courses and interactive seminars, a Master Thesis and various **excursions to international organizations and the EU institutions**.

The courses are given by distinguished professors, a number of experienced practitioners working in **Government**, in **major international law firms** and **international organisations** in Geneva as well as the **EU institutions** in Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg.

The **University of Lausanne** has been engaged in teaching law since 1537 when the Academy of Lausanne (Académie de Lausanne) was founded.

Since 1991, the **Faculty of Law and Criminal Sciences** at the University of Lausanne has established Switzerland's most important Centre for the teaching of European Union law within the **Center for Comparative, European and International Law (CDCEI)**.

Since 1995, the year of the creation of the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**, an important number of experts in international economic law based at the WTO and other international organizations in nearby **Geneva** (WIPO, UNCTAD, etc.) have taught in the EU Law programme giving their practical expertise.

A further strength of the programme stems from the fact that the campus of the University of Lausanne hosts the renowned **Swiss Institute of Comparative Law (SICL)** with an important collection of materials in comparative and international law.

The **Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe and Centre for European Research** are located a few steps from the Center for Comparative, European and International Law at the Ferme de Dorigny.

OBJECTIVE



This postgraduate programme aims at preparing lawyers from around the world for high-level challenges in a **globalized economy** with a special focus on the role of Europe and the **European Union**.

Through the acquisition of knowledge and the training of respective competences, the graduates of this programme will be prepared to become highly-skilled experts and decision makers in **international law firms, multinational enterprises, civil service, international organisations and academia**.

The programme combines theory and practice in a number of core fields of the world economy. It aims at providing students with the necessary skills to work in an international environment and communicate with their peers.

TEAM

The Programme is managed by the **Centre for Comparative, European and International Law**.

The **Academic Directors** of the programme are Professors Andreas R. Ziegler and Michael Hahn.

Professor Roland Bieber acts as **Honorary Director**.

The **Executive Director** is Mr. Louis-Philippe Gratton.



Prof. Andreas R. Ziegler,
Academic Director.



Prof. Michael Hahn,
Academic Director.



The programme is divided into 60 ECTS Credits.

The **common core content** of compulsory courses consists of 22 ECTS Credits. Furthermore, each student will have the choice among one of the following three specializations (14 ECTS Credits each):

- **International Economic Law / WTO Law** (English)
- **International Commercial Law** (English)
- **Law of the European Union / Droit de l'Union européenne** (English and French)

In addition, each student may choose freely a number of options (8 ECTS Credits) from the entire programme and will have to write a Master Thesis (16 ECTS Credits) in her/his area of specialization.

According to the Bologna System, one ECTS Credit represents for the student a workload of 25 hours.

We foresee 8 hours of teaching per Credit, the remaining 17 hours being dedicated to reading, exam preparation, and personal research. The average weekly workload for a full-time student is estimated at 35-40 hours over nine months.



COMMON CORE CONTENT

The compulsory courses (22 ECTS credits) for all students include:

- International Economic Law (4 ECTS credits)
- International Business Transactions (4 ECTS credits)
- European Internal Market Law (4 ECTS credits)
- International Relations of the European Union (4 ECTS credits; including an excursion to Strasbourg, Luxembourg, Bruxelles)
- European Union at Work (2 ECTS credits)
- Dispute Settlement and International Economic Organisations at Work (Excursion to Geneva; 2 ECTS credits)
- Legal Research and Writing or Recherche et rédaction juridiques (2 ECTS credits)

SPECIALIZATION COURSES (14 ECTS Credits)

- A. International Economic Law** (English)
 - WTO Law: Institutional Issues (2 ECTS credits)
 - International Trade in Goods (2 ECTS credits)
 - Trade Remedies (2 ECTS credits)
 - International Trade in Services (3 ECTS credits)
 - Trade and Development (1 ECTS credit)
 - Political Economy and Economics of International Trade (2 ECTS credits)
 - Public Policy and the WTO (2 ECTS credits)



COURSES



B. International Commercial Law (English)

- European and Comparative Private International Law (4 ECTS credits)
- International Intellectual Property Law (2 ECTS credits)
- International Investment Standards (2 ECTS credits)
- International Investment Arbitration (2 ECTS credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (2 ECTS credits)
- European and International Competition Law (2 ECTS credits)

C. European Union Law / Droit de l'Union européenne (English and French)

- Droit social de l'Union Européenne / Droit international de la sécurité sociale (4 ECTS credits)
- Protection européenne des droits fondamentaux (4 ECTS credits)
- Droit institutionnel et constitutionnel de l'Union européenne et contentieux (2 ECTS credits)
- Libre circulation des personnes / coopération judiciaire (4 ECTS credits)

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (8 ECTS Credits)

- WTO Law: Institutional Issues (2 ECTS credits)
- International Trade in Goods (2 ECTS credits)
- Trade Remedies (2 ECTS credits)
- International Trade in Services (3 ECTS credits)
- Trade and Development (1 ECTS credit)

- Political Economy and Economics of International Trade (2 ECTS credits)
- Public Policy and the WTO (2 ECTS credits)
- European and Comparative Private International Law (4 ECTS credits)
- International Intellectual Property Law (2 ECTS credits)
- International Investment Standards (2 ECTS credits)
- International Investment Arbitration (2 ECTS credits)
- European and International Competition Law (2 ECTS credits)
- International Commercial Arbitration (2 ECTS credits)
- Droit institutionnel et constitutionnel de l'Union européenne et contentieux (French) (2 ECTS credits)
- Protection européenne des droits fondamentaux (French) (4 ECTS credits)
- Droit social de l'Union européenne / Droit international de la sécurité sociale (4 ECTS credits)
- Libre circulation des personnes / coopération judiciaire (French) (4 ECTS credits)

This is an indicative list. The definite list will be communicated prior to the beginning of the programme.

FACULTY

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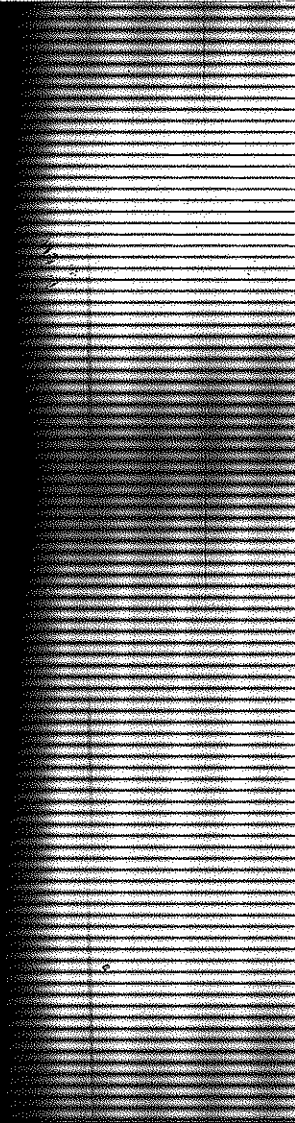
Professor and Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law of the
University of Lausanne; Academic Director of the LL.M.
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TAD of the Swiss Government; Former Investment
and Services Officer of the EFTA Secretariat, Geneva

ACADEMIC PARTNERS



The programme has cooperation agreements with a limited number of carefully selected international partners (universities, research institutions and international organizations) that assure the same high standard in teaching.

Students of the programme can spend up to one semester either at the Law Faculty of the **University Adolfo Ibañez in Santiago de Chile** (Chile) taking courses in Spanish and English or in the respective partner programme at the **Europa-Institut of Saarland University** (Saarbrücken, Germany) and follow courses in English and / or German. In such a way, they will be able to earn up to 20 ECTS credits to their LL.M.



CALENDAR



Terms

The academic year is divided into two terms of 14 weeks each:

- The **Fall Term** starts from the middle of September to Christmas. The respective exam session takes place in January.
- The **Spring Term** starts late February and ends in late May. It is followed by an exam session in June and another one in August.

The teaching is organised in **intensive modules of two to three days** which can easily be planned in advance and thus allows also part-time studies or intensive research on the side.

Study Tours

The Study Tour to the European Institutions in Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels takes place normally during the **last week of the Winter Break**, i.e. in the week before the Spring Term officially starts (mid-February).

Additional excursions to the international organizations in nearby Geneva are organized throughout the year.

Exams

Students are encouraged to take as many exams as possible during the first exam session in January and the rest in June. The August exam session should be used only to repeat exams that were not successfully passed.

Master Thesis

Students must register their Master Thesis topic by **15 December or 15 May**. The Master Thesis must be completed by **15 May or 15 December**.



APPLICATION



Academic Prerequisites

The programme is open to candidates holding a **university diploma in law** with at least 4,5 years of study (under the Bologna system this corresponds normally to a MLaw). The Diploma Committee may admit students who have obtained a diploma following at least 3 years of study and at least one further year of study and /or practical experience, in particular from countries not applying the Bologna system.

Students whose previous university diploma **is not in law** but in a **related field** may be admitted upon request and at the discretion of the Diploma Committee.

Language Requirements

Participants must prove a good knowledge of **English**.

Students desiring to specialize in EU Law must also have a good command of **French**.

Admission

Please consult the website at www.unil.ch/llm for the application form and the additional documents required.

The available places will be allocated in a rolling process; therefore **early registration** at any time prior to this date is highly encouraged. The complete file has to be sent **before 30 April** (for the fall semester) and **before 30 October** (for the spring semester) to the following address:

Service des immatriculations et inscriptions
LL.M. in International and European Economic and Commercial Law
University of Lausanne / Unicentre
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Registration

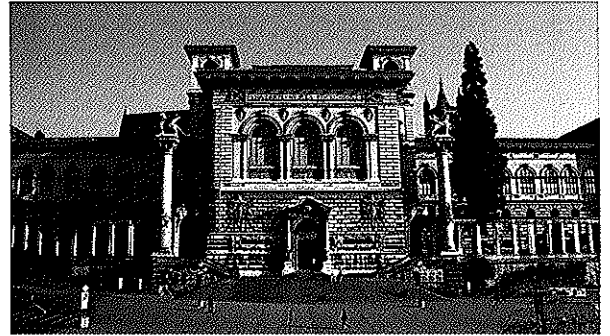
Once the candidate has been accepted, he / she is requested to make an **initial payment of 1000 Swiss Francs** within four weeks (payment indications follow with the letter of acceptance). Failure to make this payment in time will result in non-acceptance. The formal registration has to take place upon arrival in Lausanne.

Cost

Tuition for the programme is currently **14'000 Swiss Francs** plus 160 Swiss Francs of semester taxes. This amount includes the cost of the field trips to Brussels and Geneva as well as all printed material distributed in the courses.

Scholarships

A number of **programme-specific scholarships** to cover the tuition fees is available. Students wishing to apply for scholarships are requested to do so when applying for the programme.



DATES TO REMEMBER



30 April 2009	Deadline for applications (fall 2009)
14 September 2009	First day of class
30 October 2009	Deadline for applications (spring 2010)
5 February 2010	Last day of spring exam session
15 May 2010	Deadline for Master thesis
9 July 2010	Last day of summer exam session
11 September 2010	Last day of fall exam session
15 December 2010	Deadline for Master thesis



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FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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