Master of Laws in German Law (LLM)

The Master of Laws in German Law (LLM) is aimed at foreign lawyers who already have completed a bachelor's or master's degree with at least 240 ECTS credits or a higher education degree in another jurisdiction. The degree program provides students with knowledge and methodological skills specifically related to the German legal system and doctrine. The program also satisfies the conditions students must meet in order to enroll in doctoral studies at the Faculty of Law.

The degree program consists of 3 study phases. The first phase consists of compulsory introductory modules (10 ECTS). In the second phase, students must successfully complete a required elective area (35 ECTS credits) chosen from 5 areas of concentration. The master's thesis (15 ECTS credits) is completed in the third phase.

The program begins in October (winter semester).

Admission requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- have an undergraduate law degree with at least 240 ECTS credits from a foreign university
- be able to prove sufficient proficiency in the German language to participate in the course and pass the required examinations
- have demonstrated a high level of academic performance in the previous degree that successful completion of the LLM program can be expected

Application documents

- a certified copy of the last school transcript with individual grades
- a certified copy of all university diplomas earned and the relevant academic transcripts with individual grades
- a certified translation of these certificates in German or English
- proof of proficiency in the German language from the last three years:
  - TestDaF (score of at least TDN 15)
  - DSH2
  - Goethe-Zertifikat C1 or Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom
  - telc Deutsch C1 Hochschule, telc Deutsch C1, or telc Deutsch C2 certificate
  - secondary school leaving certificate equivalent to German higher education entrance eligibility
  - written confirmation from a German university that you have successfully completed at least one year of a German-language university degree program
- tabular curriculum vitae
- indication of your preferred specialization
- letter of motivation

Find important information about the nature and content of the degree program in the Magisterordnung (master’s degree regulations): will come soon.

For more information about the degree program structure, contact Claudia Zavala, claudia.zavala@uni-hamburg.de or Christiane Andresen christiane.andresen@uni-hamburg.de.

The application deadline is 30 June every year.

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