



# EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (MEIL)

## LL.M. PROGRAM

### THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTS AT A GLANCE

The one-year international Master's program on European and International Law (MEIL) has been offered at Universität Hamburg since the academic year 2022/23. Here students will acquire in-depth knowledge in the fascinating fields of international and European law. This English-language Master's program prepares legal talents for international careers in a world where an understanding of European and international concepts, as well as intercultural competencies and very good English skills, are essential.

The Faculty of Law at Universität Hamburg is in charge of the overall academic implementation of the program. It is supported by ten European partner universities (Central European University, Vienna; Eötvös-Loránd-University, Budapest; Jagiellonian-University Krakow; KU Leuven; Lund University; Maastricht University; Manchester University; Universidad Autonoma de Madrid; University of Bologna; Université de Strasbourg).

#### Management of the program

- Head: Prof. Dr. Hinrich Julius
- Coordination: Malin Späth/Grisenta Qosja/Xichu Qin-Wenzel

**Duration:** 2 Semesters, starting beginning of September each year

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**Degree:** Master of Laws (LL.M.)

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#### SEMESTER DATES 2026/27

Winter Semester: 1 September 2026 to mid-January 2027

Spring Semester starts in January - April depending on the chosen specialization.  
Lectures end in June or July.

**Tuition fee:** 7,000 euros, plus semester fee of Universität Hamburg (approx. 350 euros per semester)

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**Main Contents:** International Law, EU Law and European Business Law

## SCHEDULE

Students will attend classes at Universität Hamburg during the Winter Semester. They will have the option to participate in classes either at Universität Hamburg or at one of the European partner universities during the Spring Semester. The Winter Semester consists of the introductory module and three compulsory modules from the areas of public international law and human rights, EU law, and European business law. In the Spring Semester, specialization modules are offered at Universität Hamburg and several European partner universities in the areas of international human rights law, EU law, European and international business law, and legal ethics. Courses are taught by a “Flying Faculty” from the partner universities. The language of instruction is English.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- A first qualifying degree from a higher education institution in the field of law amounting to 240 credit points (LP); and
- English language skills required for the program and the examinations. A sufficient level of spoken and written English should be demonstrated by a TOEFL score of 90 or IELTS 6.5. Equivalent evidence may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Applicants who speak English as their native language or have completed a university degree in English are exempt from this requirement.

## APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

Applicants are admitted annually each Winter Semester (September). The “early bird” application deadline is 31 January 2026. In case of still available places applications are welcome until 30 April 2026. To apply, please fill out the online form on the faculty of law website: <https://www.jura.uni-hamburg.de/en/studium/masterprogramme/meil/anmeldung-meil>

You must upload the following documents there as one PDF document:

- Copy of passport
- English curriculum vitae
- Copy of secondary school leaving certificate
- Copy of the diploma of the first law degree and Transcript of Records with translation
- Declaration of tuition fees and semester contribution
- Letter of recommendation in German or English
- Letter of motivation in German or English
- Proof of English language skills

Please submit all documents in PDF format and be prepared to present the original documents at the time of registration.

**FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROGRAM OR YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT**

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## CONCEPT OF THE STUDY PROGRAM

The degree program continues the cooperation of European partner universities who have worked together within the framework of the EU-funded project "China-EU School of Law" (CESL). Since 2008, this project has offered a European Master's degree from Universität Hamburg (UHH) in Beijing in cooperation with the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL). From the Winter Semester of 2022/23, the program has continued as a degree program of the Faculty of Law at UHH and the European partners. The program is aimed at international students, primarily from non-European countries, who wish to deepen their legal studies with a specialization in European and international law, such as business law or human rights. The unique feature of the program is that lecturers from different European legal traditions convey a picture of European law that a single university cannot provide on its own. The MEIL program aims to qualify students for professional careers as lawyers in international law firms, civil servants in their home countries or advisors in international organizations, or in academia.

## CURRICULUM

The Master's program lasts 12 months, from September to August of the following year. It comprises four compulsory modules, as well as two to five elective modules, and a thesis, which are together assessed with a total of 60 credit points according to ECTS. All students study together during the Winter Semester in Hamburg and in the Spring Semester either in Hamburg or at one of the other European partner universities.

The program begins with an orientation unit on methodology, academic work, and legal traditions, followed by three compulsory modules:

- Public International Law
- European Union Law
- European Business Law

These are followed by specialization modules. Students may choose between the following specialization modules (subject to change):

- Human Rights from an International Perspective (Lund University)
- International Human Rights (Central European University, Vienna)
- International Business Law (Universität Hamburg - Courses may take place in Beijing)
- International Business Law (Central European University, Vienna)
- International Relations of the EU (Universität Hamburg)
- EU Economic Law (Universität Hamburg)
- European and International Business Law (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)
- European and International Law & Justice (University of Bologna)
- Corporate and Commercial Law (Maastricht University)
- And more in preparation

An updated guide with all the elective modules and courses offered in 2027 will be provided during spring 2026. Students admitted to the program will choose the specialization module in May/June 2026, before starting the program.

In the Spring Semester students also write an academic Master thesis, for which they have four months to complete.

MEIL CURRICULUM			
1st Semester	2nd Semester		
Introduction: Methodology, Scientific Work and Legal Traditions (2 CP)	Specialisation International Business Law	Specialisation EU International Relations	Specialisation EU Economic Law
Public Int. Law & Human Rights Module (8 CP) Legal Foundations of Public International Law International Organisations European Human Rights Law International Dimension of Human Rights	International Business Law I (8 CP) Conflicts of Law CISG WTO-Law	Legal external relations of the EU (6 CP)	Working and Doing Business in a borderless Space (4 CP)
European Union Law Module (10 CP) Legal Foundations of EU Law Area of Freedom Security and Justice Internal Market External Relations/CCP Competition Law	International Business Law II (7 CP) Arbitration and Litigation Moot-Court Intellectual Property Rights	Economic external relations of the EU (4 CP)	Fair Competition and Secure Investments (5 CP)
European Business Law Module (10 CP) European Private Law European Company Law Insolvency Law Financial Markets and Regulation Legal Writing	Or Specialisation modules at partner universities International Human Rights: CEU, Lund University International Business Law: CEU, ELTE, European Law: UNIBO, Maastricht (15 CP)		
Master Thesis (15 CP)			
Total 60 ECTS			

## ACADEMIC DEGREE

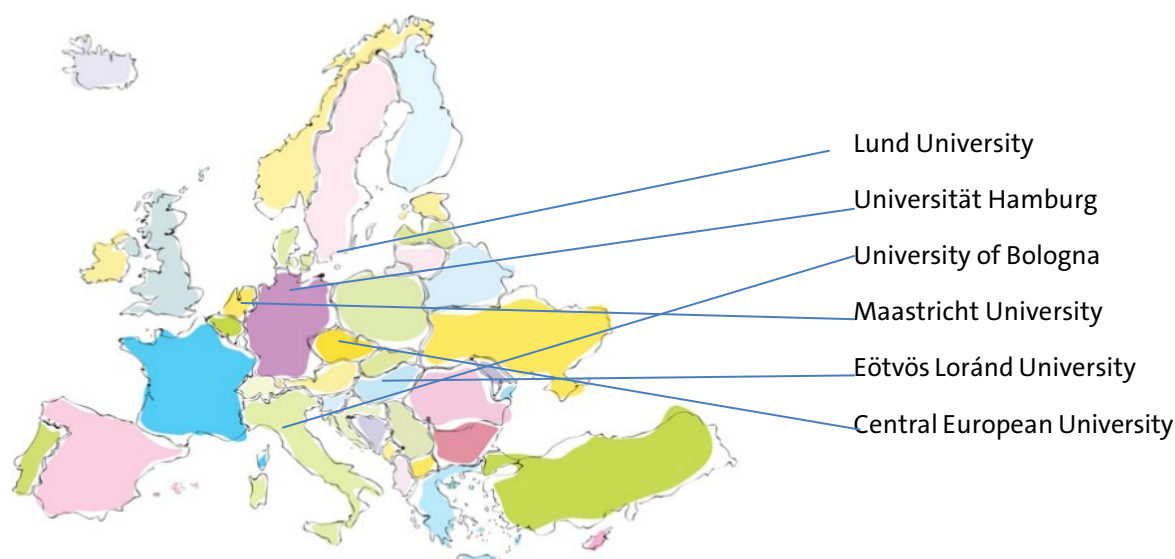
Upon successful completion of the modules and the writing of a Master thesis, Universität Hamburg awards the academic degree of "Master of Laws (LL.M.)". A wide range of professional fields are open to graduates.



## MEIL SPECIALIZATION MODULES

### Spring Semester 2027

All MEIL students take compulsory modules at Universität Hamburg in Germany during the Winter Semester. Many different specialization modules are offered in Hamburg and at European partner universities during the Spring Semester. All prospective MEIL students must choose a specialization module for the Spring Semester. The minimum number of credits to be taken is 15 ECTS. In addition, a master thesis is to be written. Preferably, the topic of the master thesis should be within the field of the chosen specialization module. The UHH will organize the placement at the partner universities, students however, have to find their own housing. The UHH and the partner universities will offer support to the students.



### Locations/Universities (academic year 26/27)\*

1. **Austria: Central European University (Vienna)**  
International Business Law or  
International Human Rights
2. **The Netherlands: Maastricht University**  
Corporate and Commercial Law
3. **Germany: Universität Hamburg/Europa-Kolleg Hamburg**  
International Business Law (classes may take place in Beijing)  
Challenges and Developments in EU Law  
Law in Action: Contracts, Corporate Governance and Dispute Resolution
4. **Hungary: Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)**  
International Business Law
5. **Italy: University of Bologna**  
European and International Law & Justice
6. **Sweden: Lund University**  
Human Rights from an International Perspective

\*Current planning. Subject to change.

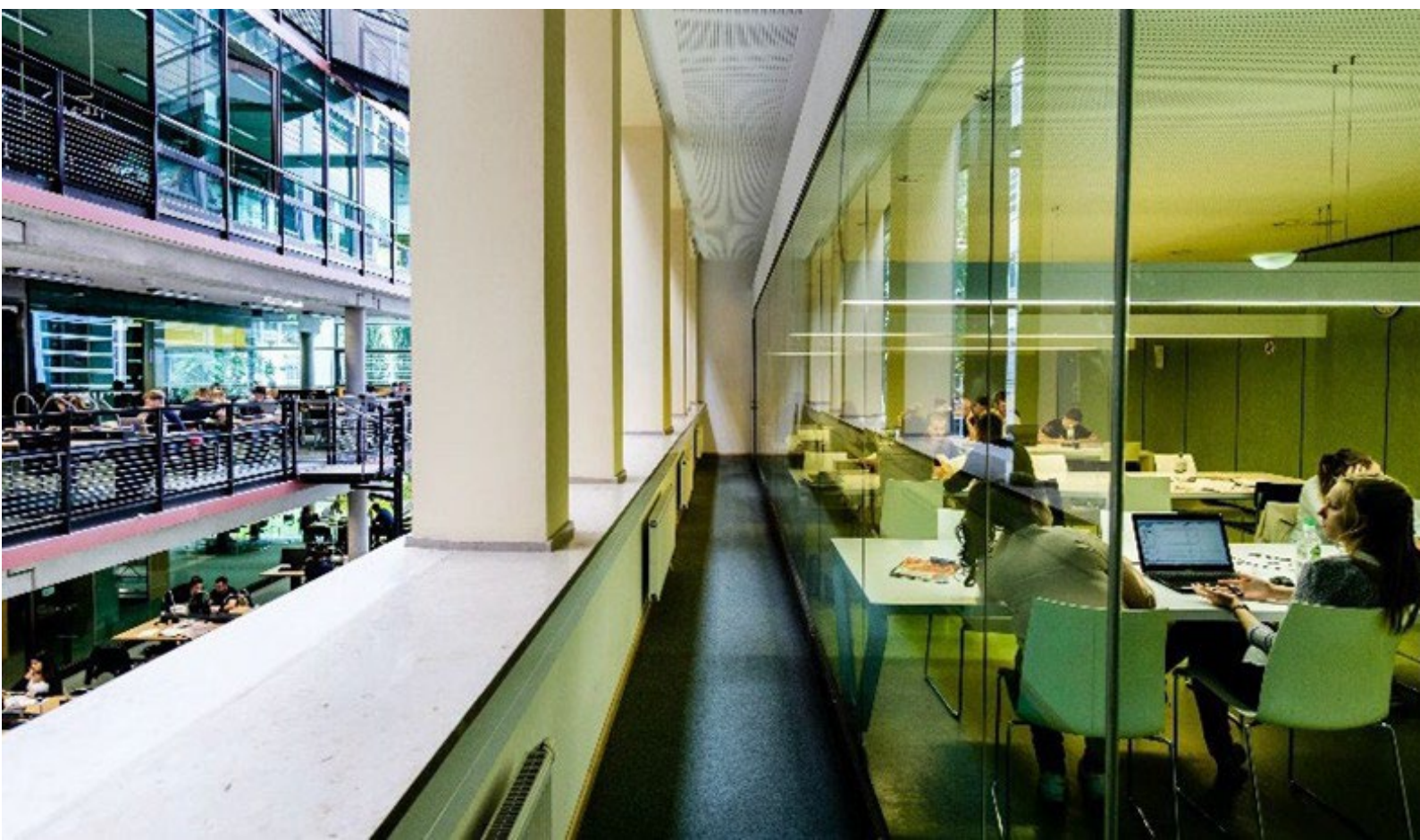
## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODULE/UNIVERSITY?

In addition to the content of the academic courses offered within the specialization module, things to consider include finances (living expenses may differ), housing availability, culture, language, small/big university/city, and your future plans, etc. Please find below details on the university locations and modules offered.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR MODULE PREFERENCES: 31 MAY 2026

Please fill out the elective form (will be sent to admitted students) and choose 3 modules and mark them according to your preference (1st choice, 2nd choice, and 3rd choice). There is no guarantee that students will be placed in their top choices, but efforts will be made to do so according to placements and demand. Please note that the offered courses are subject to changes.

**ALL COURSE DATA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS**





















## LIVING IN HAMBURG

The vibrant city of Hamburg attracts students from all over the world. With 1.8 million inhabitants, Hamburg is not only the second largest city in Germany, it also has Europe's second largest harbor and 2,496 bridges, more than any other city in the world!

Along with the bridges, there are numerous green spaces and so the city offers both an intellectually stimulating study environment and world-class lifestyle attractions and amenities. Housing is very difficult to secure in Hamburg. There is a possibility to get a room in a private student dormitory, but many students also share apartments.

## COST OF LIVING

The costs for living in Hamburg are rather high. Of course, it is possible to get by on a budget, but you will need to make some compromises. Accommodation for less than 500 EUR a month generally means living in shared accommodation in a privately rented flat or a hall of residence, or outside of the city borders. You should count a minimum of 1.050 € per month including accommodation, health insurance, costs for study material and personal expenses.

**TABLE 3** Estimated living costs in Hamburg

Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity)	€ 400- € 650
Food	€ 250
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 300
Monthly expenses	ca. € 1,050



## LUND UNIVERSITY



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More than a third of Lund's residents are students. Bright minds from all over the world flock to the 1,000-year-old city, whose university ranks among the 100 best in the world. Lund University is the #1 choice for international students in Sweden, with one third of all students choosing Lund University programs. International students appreciate the University because of its wide range of more than 140 international degree programs, as well as exchange and Ph.D. studies, and strong rankings performance.

Students take courses within the LL.M. program at Lund University's Faculty of Law ("International Human Rights Law").

### International Human rights (6 places)

- Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (7,5 ECTS)
- Human Rights Law, the Environment and Climate Change (7,5 ECTS)
- Business and Human Rights/ Corporate Social Responsibilities (7,5 ECTS)
- Democratic Policing and Human Rights (7,5 ECTS)
- European Fundamental Rights Law (7,5 ECTS)

Requirement: IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 90

Students may choose two out of the four courses offered. For more information on the LL.M. programs and course descriptions, visit <http://www.law.lu.se/>. The courses might change slightly for the coming year.



## LIVING IN LUND

The University's campus is located in the charming, medieval university town of Lund. Because of its unique combination of traditional student organizations, academic societies and student unions, Lund is considered by many to be the best student city in Sweden. Moreover, Lund is only 10 minutes away from Sweden's third largest city Malmö and 35 minutes from Copenhagen, Denmark, making it a great hub for travel throughout Sweden and Europe.

**TABLE 6** Estimated living costs in Lund

Rent (student dormitory)	€ 350 - € 580
Food	€ 300 - € 350
Study and personal requirements (books, clothes, spare time etc.)	€ 250 - € 300
Monthly expenses	€ 900 - € 1,230

For more information on living costs in Lund please see: <https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/student-life/before-you-arrive/money-and-living-costs>



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