



Universität Hamburg

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FACULTY
OF LAW



EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (MEIL)

MASTER PROGRAM (LL.M.)

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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

Degree: Master of Laws (LL.M.)

SEMESTER DATES 2023/24

Winter Semester: 1 September 2023 to mid-January 2024

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. 337 euros per semester)

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, specialisation 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. If necessary, due to the COVID-pandemic, the courses of the Winter Semester could be offered in hybrid format.

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 100 or IELTS 7.0. 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 2023. In case of still available places applications are welcome until 31 May 2023. 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
US AT: MEIL-master.jura@uni-hamburg.de**

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:

- Human Rights from an International Perspective (Lund University)
- International Human Rights (Central European University, Vienna)
- International Business Law (Universität Hamburg)
- International Business Law (Central European University, Vienna)
- International Relations of the EU (Universität Hamburg)
- European Business Law (Universität Hamburg)
- European Business Law (KU Leuven)(tbd)
- European and International Business Law (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)
- Commercial Law (Jagellonian University, Krakow) (tbd)
- Legal Ethics (Jagellonian University, Krakow) (tbc)
- And more in preparation (University of Bologna, Maastricht University)

An updated guide with all the elective modules and courses offered in 2023 will be provided during spring 2023. Students admitted to the program will choose the specialization module in May/June 2023, before starting the program.

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

1st Semester	2nd Semester	
Methodology, Scientific Work and Legal Traditions (2 CP)	Specialization Modules (15 CP)	
Public International Law & Human Rights Module (8 CP) Legal Foundations of Public International Law International Organizations European Human Rights Law International Dimension of Human Rights	International Human Rights	CEU, Lund University
	EU Law	Universität Hamburg, KU Leuven
	European and International Business Law	CEU, ELTE, Jagiellonian University, Universität Hamburg
	Legal Ethics	Jagiellonian University
European Union Law Module (10 CP) Legal Foundations of EU Law Area of Freedom Security and Justice Internal Market External Relations/CCP Competition Law	Master Thesis (15 CP)	
European Business Law Module (10 CP) European Private Law European Company Law Insolvency Law Financial Markets and Regulation Legal Writing		
Total 60 ECTS		

ACADEMIC DEGREE

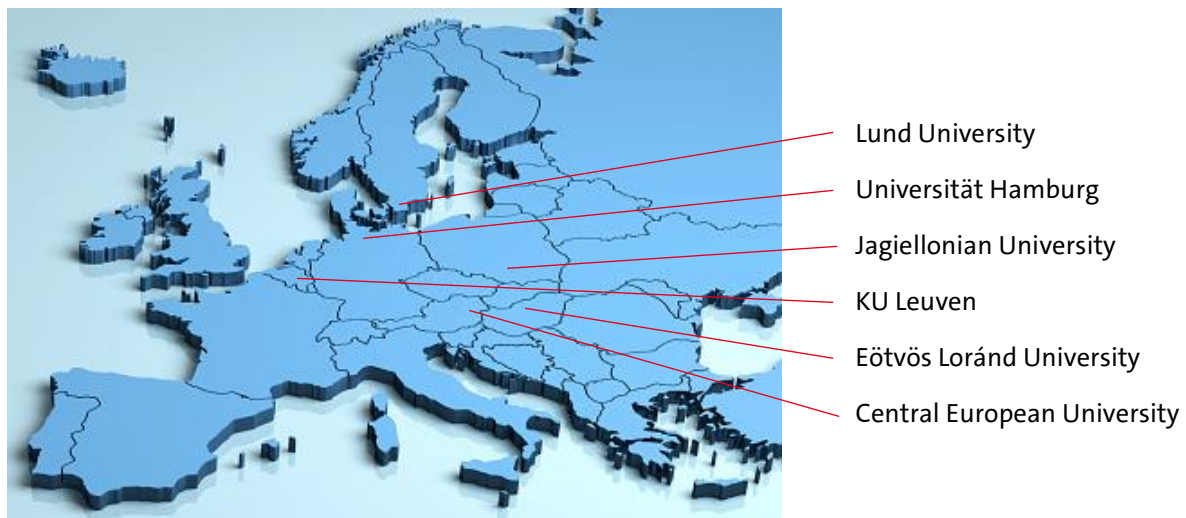
Upon successful completion of the modules and the writing of a Master thesis, Universität Hamburg awards the academic degree of "Master of Laws (LL.M.)". A wide range of professional fields are open to graduates.



MEIL SPECIALIZATION MODULES

SPRING SEMESTER 2024

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 22/23)

1. **Austria: Central European University (Vienna)**
 - International Business Law or
 - International Human Rights
2. **Belgium: KU Leuven** (*not yet confirmed for 2024*)
 - European Business Law
3. **Germany: Universität Hamburg/Europa-Kolleg Hamburg**
 - International Business Law
 - European Business Law
 - International Relations of the EU
4. **Hungary: Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)**
 - International Business Law
5. **Poland: Jagiellonian University (Krakow)**
 - Commercial Law
 - Legal Ethics
6. **Sweden: Lund University**
 - Human Rights from an International Perspective

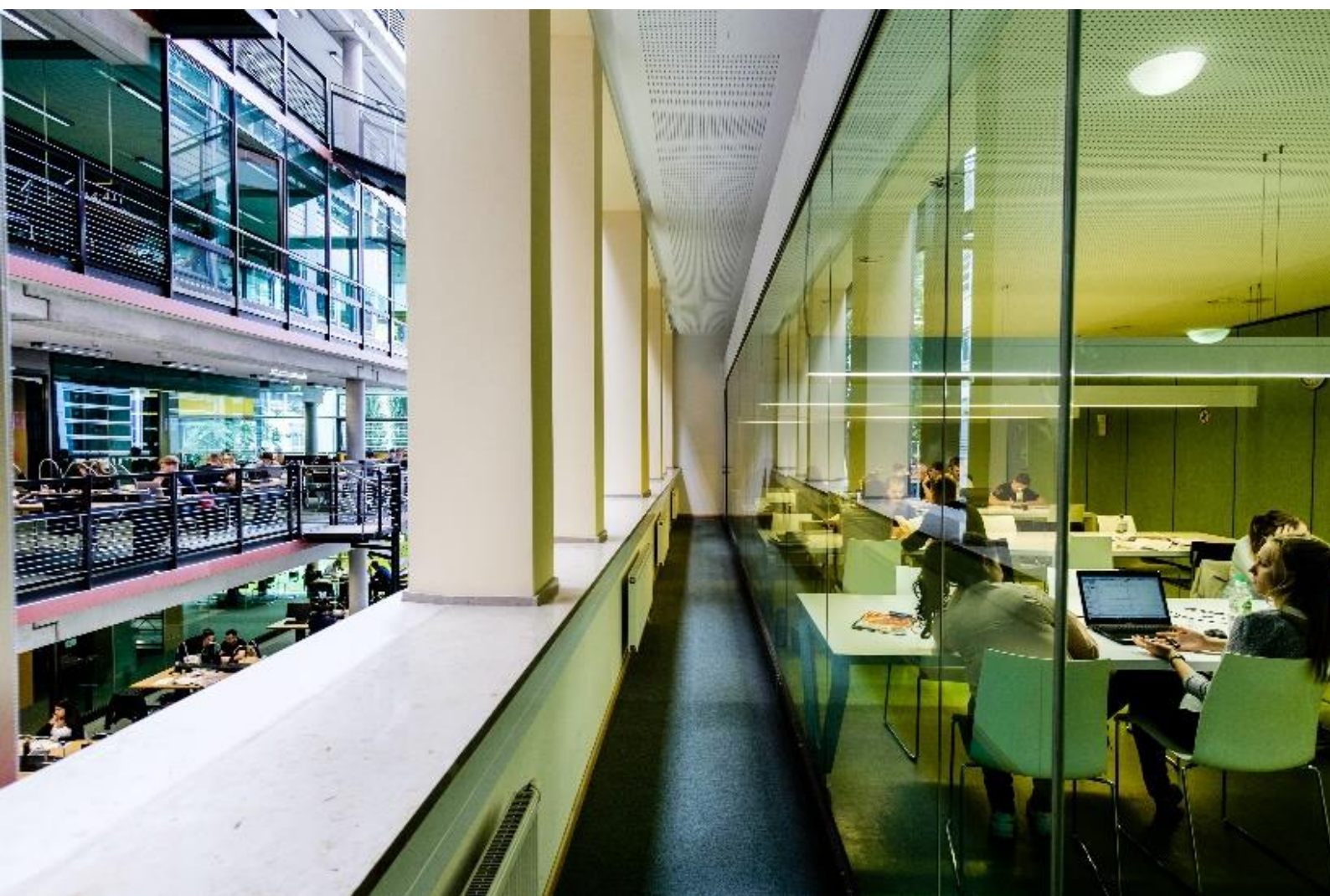
HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODULE/UNIVERSITY?

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 2023

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



CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY



Students will study in CEU's Department of Legal Studies in the new Vienna campus. Students can participate in two different specialization modules: International Business Law or International Human Rights. The following courses are included in the modules (subject to change).

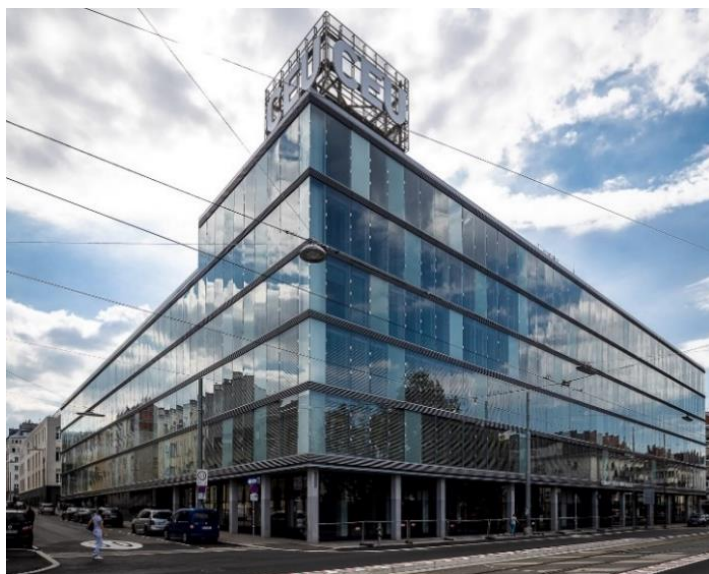
More information: <https://www.ceu.edu/vienna>

International Business Law:

- International Trade Law (6 ECTS)
- International Business Law Legal Research Methodology (2 ECTS)
- Corporate Finance and Securities Regulation (4 ECTS)
- Compliance (2 ECTS)
- International Tax Law (2 ECTS)

International Human Rights:

- Theories of Human Rights: Intercultural Perspectives (4 ECTS)
- Human Rights Legal Research Methodology (2 ECTS)
- Business and Human Rights (4 ECTS)
- European Anti-Discrimination Law (4 ECTS)
- Freedom of Assembly (2 ECTS)



For more information and course descriptions, please visit <http://legal.ceu.edu/curriculum>

LIVING IN VIENNA

Located in the center of Europe, Vienna is famous for its traditional cafes, imperial architecture, and classical music. Vienna is the capital of Austria and has around 2 million inhabitants. In 2019, it was rated as the world's most liveable city for the tenth year in a row. However, living in Vienna is not cheap. As with all top cities, finding a place to live is a challenge. On the website of CEU, you can find information on accommodation possibilities in Vienna <https://www.ceu.edu/info-arriving-students/accommodation>

Vienna has an excellent public transport system and many bike roads. Vienna offers a broad range of cultural activities. Alongside cinemas, theatres, concert halls and opera houses, there are many museums, castles, and churches. Discounts for students are often available in theatres, museums, or other cultural institutions.

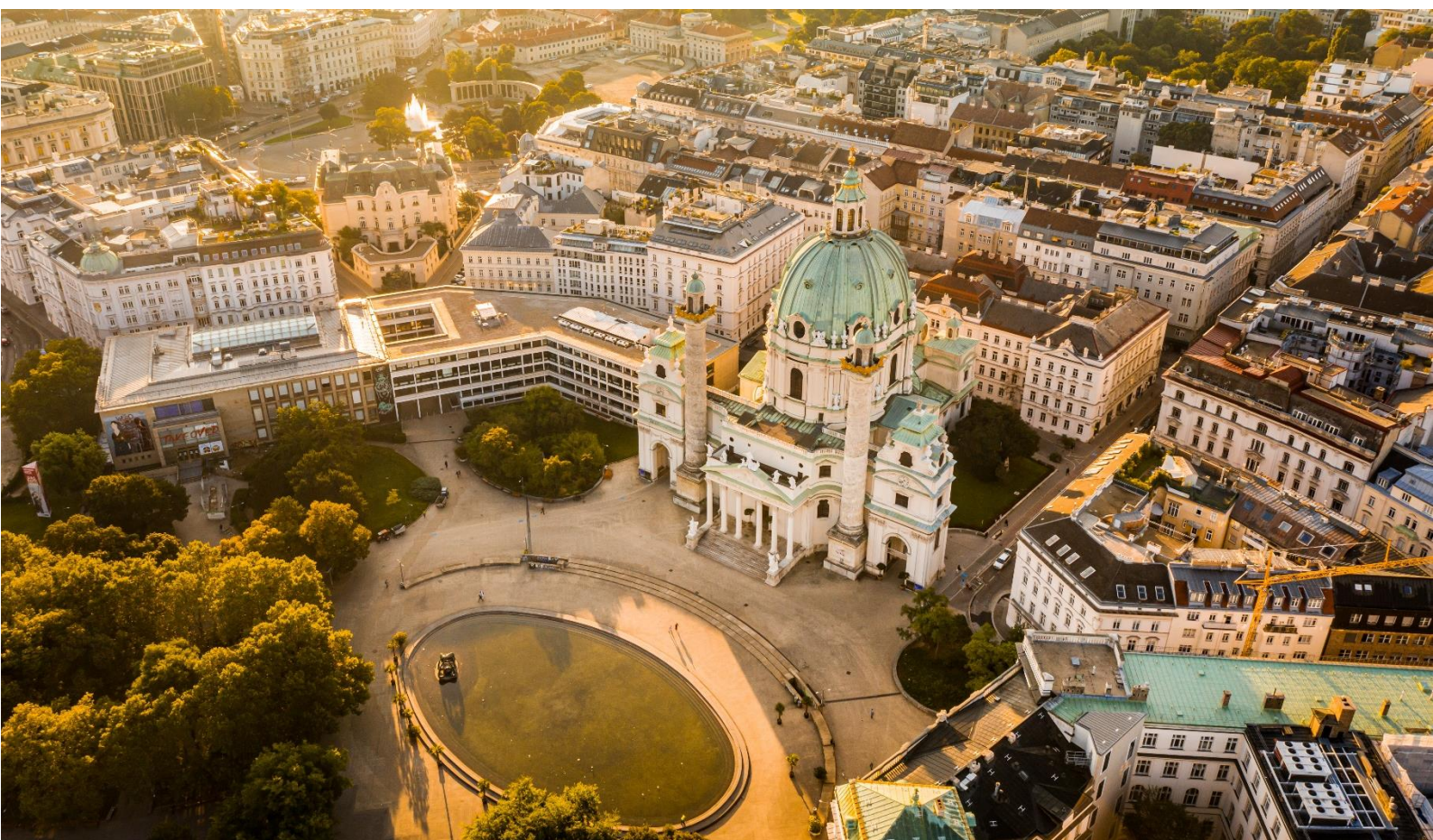
COST OF LIVING

The list below shows an estimate of the monthly living expenses for students in Austria (2021). These numbers are only meant to be a guideline. Accommodation costs are calculated based on the costs arising from living in a single room in a student residence or a shared flat.

TABLE 1 Estimated living costs in Vienna

Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity)	€ 400- € 450
Food	€ 250
Public transport	€ 30
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 300
Monthly expenses	€ 980 - € 1,030

For more information on living costs see: <https://studyinaustria.at/en/living/living-costs/>



KU LEUVEN *(TO BE CONFIRMED)*

KU LEUVEN

Founded in 1425, KU Leuven has been a center of learning for almost six centuries. Today, it is Belgium's highest-ranked university as well as one of the oldest and most renowned universities in Europe (ranked 45th worldwide). KU Leuven offers a wide variety of programs in English. Boasting an outstanding central location in the heart of Europe, KU Leuven offers a truly international experience, and high-quality education. 20% of the university's 60,000 students come from abroad. Together, they represent over 140 countries. MEIL students will study courses offered with the normal KU Leuven LLM program focusing on European Business Law.

European Business Law:

- European Contract Law, including Discussion Sessions (6 ECTS)
- European Company Law (3 ECTS)
- European Banking and Investment Services Law (4 ECTS)
- Economic Analysis of Law (3 ECTS)

Course descriptions can be found here:

https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/opleidingen/e/SC_53238752.htm#bl=05,06





LIVING IN LEUVEN

Leuven is a student city! Situated in Belgium, Leuven is a pleasant, safe, and bustling town, where centuries-rich history meets cutting-edge science. The city of Leuven is located in the Dutch-speaking northern part of Belgium, approximately 25 kilometers east of Brussels and has nearly 100.000 inhabitants. There is relatively little variation in climate across Belgium, and the country typically enjoys moderate winters and cool summers.

TABLE 2 Estimated living costs in Leuven

Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity)	€ 300- € 500
Food	€ 250
Public transport	€ 30
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 300
Monthly expenses	€ 980 - € 1,030

Students live in privately rented student houses or in university student residences. It can be difficult to find cheap housing in Leuven. For more information on housing, please see:

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/life-at-ku-leuven/housing>

Leuven is a rather small town and is easy to navigate on foot. Many students use bicycles (Velo offers very reasonably priced bike rental for university students and staff). There is free public transport (buses) for students. From Leuven, you can easily reach the main Belgian cities (e.g., Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Bruges, and Liège) and the national airport by train. Travelling to Paris, London, and Amsterdam via Brussels is also very easy.



UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG/EUROPA- KOLLEG HAMBURG



Universität Hamburg

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Universität Hamburg is one of Germany's 'Universities of Excellence' and the largest institution for research and education in the North of Germany. Universität Hamburg was founded in 1919 and today offers approximately 170 degree programs. Over 40,000 students are enrolled at the university, with 4,400 students at the Law Faculty.

Students can choose between the MEIL module specialization International Business Law taught by Flying Faculty from the European partner universities, or two different modules offered at the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg within the master program "European and European Legal Studies" (MEELS).

International Business Law (MEIL) *(will be offered in a hybrid mode)*

- International Business Law I (Conflicts of Law, International Sale of Goods, WTO-Law) (8 ECTS)
- International Business Law II (Litigation and Arbitration, Moot Court, Intellectual Property Rights) (7 ECTS)

European Business Law (MEELS/MEIL)

- Working and Doing Business in Areas without Boundaries (4 ECTS)
- Fair Competition and Secure Investments (5 ECTS)
- Corporate Organization and Cross-border Corporate Activities (6 ECTS)

International Relations of the EU (MEELS/MEIL)

- Legal External Relations of the EU (6 ECTS)
- Economic External Relations of the EU (4 ECTS)
- Political External Relations of the EU (5 ECTS)

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 850 € per month including accommodation, health insurance, costs for study material and personal expenses.

TABLE 3 Estimated living costs in Hamburg

Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity)	€ 300- € 500
Food	€ 250
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 300
Monthly expenses	€ 750 - € 1,050



EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1635, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (ELTE), is the oldest institution of its kind in Hungary. According to statistics, it is one of the ten best institutions in Eastern Europe.

More than 24,000 students are distributed among eight

faculties. The internationalization of the university is continuously increased by offering courses offered in various foreign languages. Currently more than 2,000 of the students come from abroad.



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International Business Law:

- International and European Harmonization of General Contract Law, the Regulation of Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (5 ECTS)
- International Commercial Arbitration, the Law of Multinational Enterprises (4 ECTS)
- Private International Law in Business Transactions (2 ECTS)
- Merger Control Rules and Practice in the EU, State Aid Monitoring in the EU (4 ECTS)
- And many more courses to choose from

LIVING IN BUDAPEST

Budapest is the capital and the largest city of Hungary. With over 1.7 million inhabitants, Budapest is the ninth largest city in the European Union. Budapest is a popular tourist city famous for its historical buildings, hot baths, spas, and culture. Budapest is a popular destination for students also because the city offers affordable living costs. There are many student dormitories with 2-3 beds per room available at a cheap price. For further information on dormitories please see: <https://www.elte.hu/en/dormitory-centre>

Budapest is a very exciting and thrilling city. Of course, there is a lot to experience and get to know culturally. For those interested in art, there are many museums and galleries. There are also many theater and concert events in Budapest, and you can always find something exciting. In addition, of course, there are the historical buildings, the parliament building, the castle, the bridges and the baths. If you want to get to know the culture in Budapest, you should explore the market, eat typical Hungarian goulash, walk through the streets with open eyes and let the special atmosphere of this city take effect on you.

TABLE 4 Estimated living costs in Budapest

Accommodation (incl. heating, electricity)	€ 165 - € 350
Food	€ 250 - € 300
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 250 - € 300
Local transport	€ 15
Monthly expenses	€ 730 - € 975

For further information on living costs in Budapest please see https://www.elte.hu/en/living_costs



JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY

The Jagiellonian University in Krakow was founded in 1364 by the Polish King Casimir the Great. In 1817 it was renamed to its present name. It is one of the oldest universities in Europe and one of the most prominent academic centers in Poland with over 200,000 students coming to study in Krakow every year.



The following two specializations are offered. Students need to choose courses of total 15 ECTS.

Commercial Law:

- Consumer Protection Law (5 ECTS)
- European and International Transport Law (5 ECTS)
- European Labor Law (5 ECTS)
- Intellectual Property Law (5 ECTS)
- Public Procurement in the EU Law (5 ECTS)

Legal Ethics:

- Introduction to Medical law and Bioethics (5 ECTS)
- Sustainability and Climate Change in EU Law (5 ECTS)
- The Mind and the Law (5 ECTS)



LIVING IN KRAKOW

Krakow, is the second-largest and one of the oldest cities in Poland. Krakow was the official capital of Poland until 1596 and has traditionally been one of the leading centers of Polish academic, economic, cultural and artistic life. Cited as one of Europe's most beautiful cities, its Old Town was declared the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in the world. Krakow is not very far from other European capitals, such as Prague and Vienna, so weekend trips to neighboring countries pose no problem to keen travelers.

In this city, you can find both dormitories for students and shared apartments. Normally, students prefer to stay in a shared apartment since it is very affordable and more comfortable than living in a dormitory. You can find individual or shared rooms in the city for around € 190-250 per month. Since living in Krakow is quite affordable and it is located in the center of Europe, many international students use this opportunity to travel and visit other cities and countries very easily and cheaply.

Living in Poland as a student is relatively affordable compared to other European Union countries (about 65% of the cost of living in Germany). The cost of living for students can start from 1500 PLN (330 EUR) a month. However, the prices depend on the city you are currently living in.

TABLE 5 Estimated living costs in Krakow

Rent (student dormitory)	€ 100 - € 150
Food	€ 150 - € 200
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 80 - € 150
Local transport	€ 15
Monthly expenses	€ 345 - € 515

For further information see: <https://study.gov.pl/cost-living-poland>





LUND UNIVERSITY

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:

- Human Rights and Cultural Diversity (7,5 ECTS)
- The Environment and Climate Change, Human Rights, Values and Legal Trends (7,5 ECTS)
- Business and Human Rights/ Corporate Social Responsibilities (7,5 ECTS)
- Migration Law (7,5 ECTS)

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/>

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	€ 200 - € 250
Study and personal requirements (books, clothes, spare time etc.)	€ 190 - € 300
Monthly expenses	€ 740 - € 1,130

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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