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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 2025/26

Winter Semester: 1 September 2025 to mid-January 2026

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. 340 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.

## 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 2025. In case of still available places applications are welcome until 31 May 2025. 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](mailto: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 (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 2026 will be provided during spring 2025. Students admitted to the program will choose the specialization module in May/June 2025, 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 2026

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 25/26)\*

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)
  - European Business Law
  - International Relations of the EU
4. **Hungary: Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest)**
  - International Business Law
5. **Italy: University of Bologna**
  - European and International Law & Justice Legal Ethics
6. **Sweden: Lund University**
  - Human Rights from an International Perspective

\*Current planning. Subject to change.



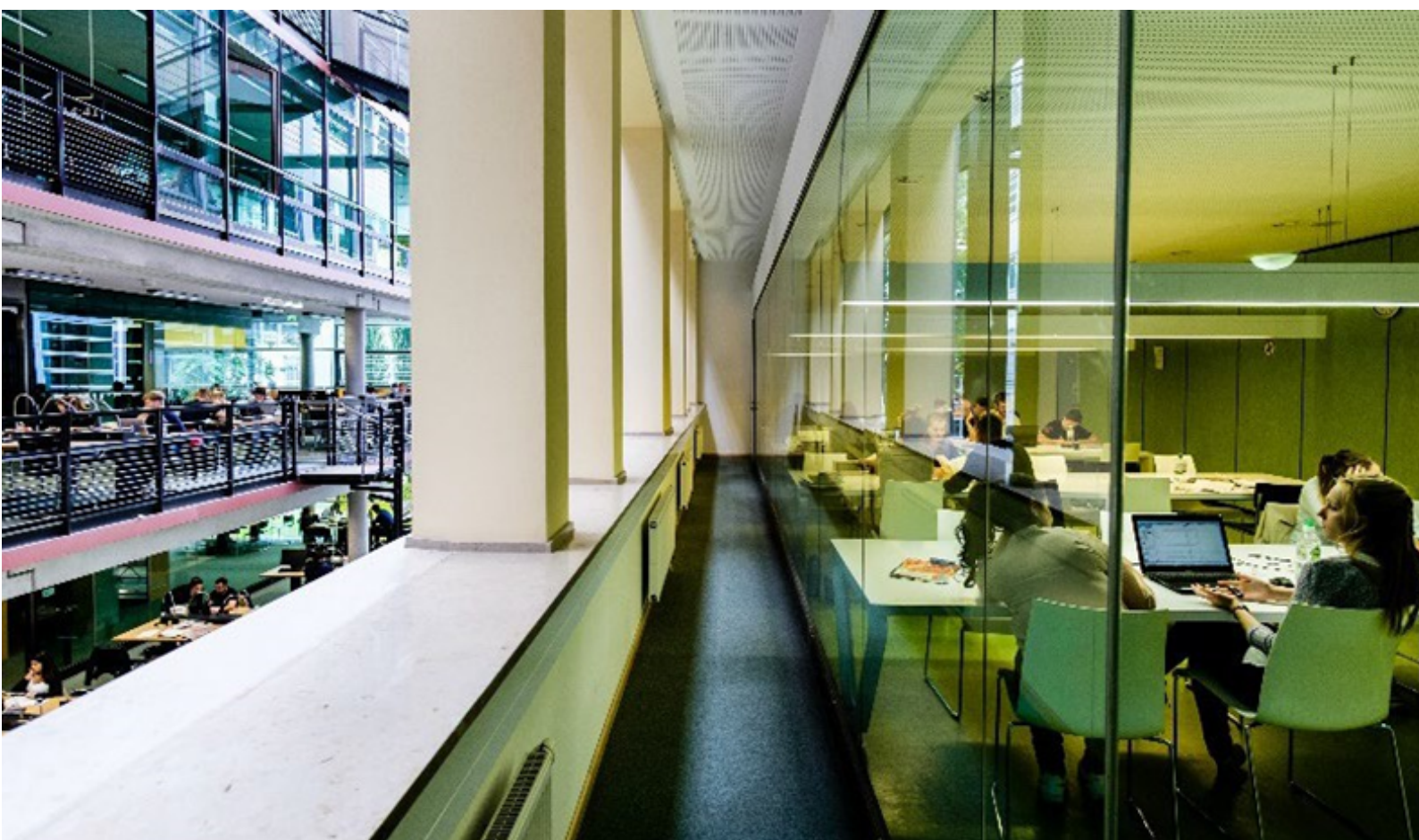
## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODULE/UNIVERSITY?

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 2025

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**





Maastricht University (UM) is the most international university in the Netherlands and, with nearly 22,000 students and 4,400 employees, is still growing. The university distinguishes itself with its innovative education model, international character and multidisciplinary approach to research and education. Thanks to its high-quality research and education, as well as a strong focus on social engagement, UM has quickly built a solid reputation. Today, it is considered one of the best young universities in the world. 55% of students & 45% academic staff come from abroad (100+ countries).

At Maastricht University MEIL students can focus on corporate and commercial law. Students have to choose 2 courses from the list below and write term paper.

**Module Corporate and Commercial Law (8 places)**

- Comparative Company Law (6 ECTS)
- Corporate Social Responsibility (6 ECTS)
- Comparative Corporate Governance (6 ECTS)
- State Aid & Public Procurement in the EU (6 ECTS)
- Term Paper (3 ECTS)

Courses start beginning of February and exams take place mid-June (re-sits in mid-July).

Requirement: IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 90



Maastricht Law Faculty



## LIVING IN MAASTRICHT

Maastricht is a wonderful city to live in. Exactly the right size, inviting and lovely city centre, historic buildings besides cutting-edge architecture and industrial heritage. The city is vibrant, not in the least thanks to the many students, and there are lots of things to do. Maastricht, the oldest city in the Netherlands, gained international fame as the 'birthplace of the European Union' by hosting of the European Summit in 1991, and as the city where the Treaty of Maastricht was signed in 1992. Maastricht is centrally located in the heart of Europe, bordering Belgium (a brisk 47 minute walk or 11 minutes of vigorous bike riding away) and Germany (only 35 minutes by car), which means that Brussels is an hour-and-a-half away, Amsterdam two, Paris and Frankfurt three, and London four-and-a-half hours. There are nine airports within an hour's travel, where low cost carriers will take you to any European city in a heartbeat.

Located in the southernmost tip of the country, it has a reputation for feeling rather non-Dutch. To many Dutch people it even feels as if they are abroad and no longer in the Netherlands! They join the flocks of other tourists who visit Maastricht to go shopping, to get a taste of its laid-back and friendly atmosphere, or to check out one of its 1,660 monumental buildings. Maastricht is a cosy city of around 122,000 inhabitants. Known for its vibrant student life.

Student housing can be found via the following two links:

<https://www.maastrichthousing.com/>

<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/support/your-studies-begin/international-students-coming-maastricht/um-guesthouse>

Most exchange students end up staying in the UM Guesthouse, which offers short-term housing with furnished single and double rooms as well as studios at multiple locations in Maastricht.

## COSTS OF LIVING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Your daily expenses include accommodation, insurance, books and study materials, groceries, transportation, clothing and personal care, leisure, travel and other expenses. Experience has shown that students living and studying in the Netherlands spend approximately € 1,100 a month.



## 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.



### Elective module at ELTE (15 places)

MEIL students have to choose three courses and can choose between several courses (courses may change):

- Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Private Law (5 ECTS)
- Regulation of Digital Industries (5 ECTS)
- Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Private Law (5 ECTS)
- International Litigation and Arbitration – Selected Issues (5 ECTS)
- Unification of Contract Law (5 ECTS)
- Multinational Enterprises and Private International Law (5 ECTS)
- International Intellectual Property Law (5 ECTS)
- Transactions in International Environment ( Mergers and Acquisitions ) (5 ECTS)
- International and European Personal Data Protection Law (5 ECTS)
- Regulation of Digital Industries (5 ECTS)

The courses at ELTE run from mid-February to end of May.



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)	€ 175 - € 530
Food	€ 250 - € 300
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 250 - € 300
Local transport	€ 10
Monthly expenses	€ 800 - € 1.000

For further information on living costs in Budapest please see [https://www.elte.hu/en/living\\_costs](https://www.elte.hu/en/living_costs)





## UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

The University of Bologna was founded in 1088 by an organised guild of students, it is the oldest university in continuous operation in the world, and the first degree-awarding institution of higher learning. With over 90,000 students, it is the second-largest university in Italy and it is also one of the most prestigious universities in Italy. It is commonly ranked among the top universities in Italy and the world. It is especially renowned for its studies in law, medicine, and the natural sciences.



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### European and International Law & Justice (10 places)

Two elective courses from the following list:

- International criminal procedure (6 ECTS)
- International criminal law (6 ECTS)
- EU constitutional law (6 ECTS)
- EU health law (6 ECTS)
- EU antitrust law (6 ECTS)
- Administrative law (6 ECTS)
- Regulatory law and sustainability (6 ECTS)
- Social justice and labour standards (6 ECTS)

One seminar from the following list:

- Automotive law (3 ECTS)
- Rule of law, foundations and applications (3 ECTS)

Requirement: IELTS 6.5 or TOEFL 90

Courses start mid-February and run until June. Exam period June-July.





## LIVING IN BOLOGNA

Bologna is in Northern Italy and it is the seventh most populous city in Italy, with about 400,000 inhabitants. Some of the most important Italian cities which are close to Bologna which you can visit are Florence, Venice and Milan. Italy has a wonderful railway and just in 1 or 2 hours by train you can be in one of these great cities.

Bologna is world-famous for its warm and welcoming atmosphere and its immense cultural, historical and artistic heritage. Breathtaking churches, museums and gardens, the famous porticoes and medieval squares, not to mention the delicious Bolognese cuisine which is known and acclaimed worldwide.

Generally, Italy is not one of the most expensive countries in Europe, but it isn't the cheapest one either. In the case of Bologna, the cost of living depends, partly, on yourself.

A big part of your budget will be for paying rent. If you find a student dormitory, the prices for the rooms usually are around 350-450€ per month. You can also share an apartment, although this will be more expensive. It is very difficult to find housing in Bologna. We recommend that you start looking for accommodation as soon as possible.

Something positive is that Bologna is not an excessively big city, you can easily move around with a bike. Moving on public transport through this city is quite easy.

You can find out more about housing options for students here:

<https://www.unibo.it/en/services-and-opportunities/study-grants-and-subsidies/housing-and-residences/housing-and-residences>



## 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 investment law and regulation
- Legal aspects of corporate finance
- Law for small and mid-scale start up enterprises
- Capital markets and securities regulation

### International Human Rights:

- Global challenges in refugee and migration Law
- Environmental justice & human rights
- Reimagining human rights: critical engagement
- Business and human rights



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.

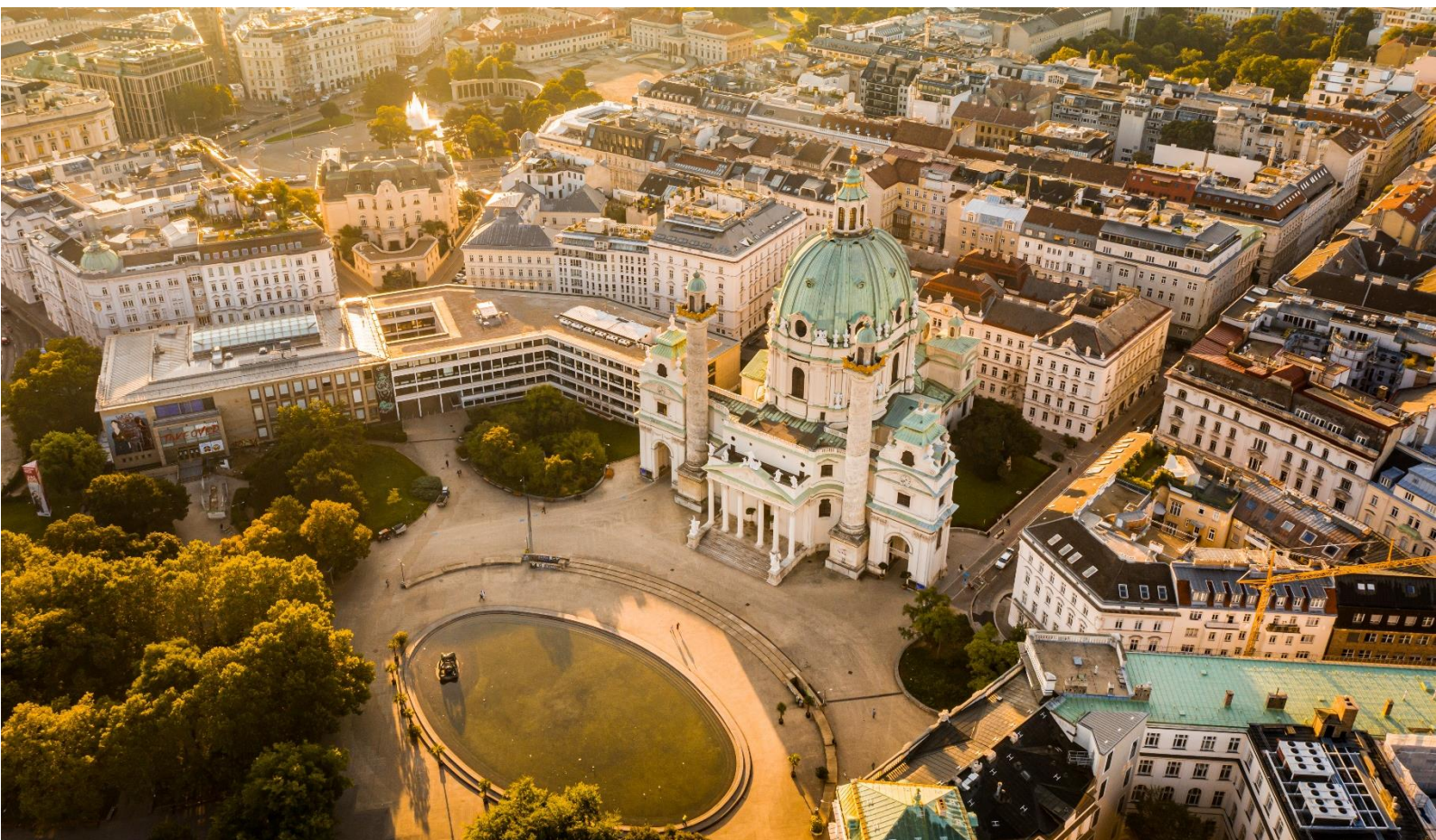
## COST OF LIVING

The list below shows an estimate of the monthly living expenses for students in Austria (2024). 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	€ 350
Public transport	€ 30
Study and personal requirements (books, spare time etc.)	€ 400
Monthly expenses	ca. € 1,200

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







## UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG/EUROPA- KOLLEG 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)** (*courses may take place in Beijing*) **(40 places)**

- 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)

### **EU Economic Law (MEELS/MEIL)** **(15 places)**

- 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)** **(15 places)**

- 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 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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