LL.M. International Business Law
2021/2022

Specializations

- International Banking, Finance and Insurance Law
- Asian Business Law (NEW)
- International Sports Law

Note:
For information about our programs in German, please see www.LLM.uzh.ch or contact our office.
LL.M. Program
International Business Law at the University of Zurich

For more than 20 years, the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich has offered the LL.M. in International Business Law, a highly attractive continuing education program that is based on the exchange of knowledge and experience from theory and practice, meets the complex legal needs of the global economy and focuses on cross-border business activities.

Based on many years of experience, we offer academic further education at a high level, whereby the students benefit from our renowned lecturers from science and practice. The international orientation of the program is further reflected by the international number of foreign students and the cooperation with renowned partners in the USA (New Orleans and New York) and in China (Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing) have contributed to this.

Among the advantages that graduate students find at the University of Zurich are the opportunity to pursue a broad course of study, and the possibility to explore their areas of interest in the Specialization Courses. Students benefit from our LL.M. program specially designed and developed for lawyers working in an international field.

„Our LL.M. program will enable you to achieve the standards of legal expertise currently required in international legal proceedings. Furthermore it offers particular specializations, which will deepen your understanding of national and foreign judicial matters and greatly enhance your negotiating skills."

Prof. Dr. Brigitte Tag
Dean of the Faculty of Law UZH

Summary of key points

- Duration: 1 year on a full-time basis
- Presence time: 8 months of lectures
- Language: English
- Total ECTS: 70 ECTS
- Next start: September 2021
- Application: www.LLM.uzh.ch
- Deadlines: 30 April 2021, for CH and EU residents
  30 January 2021, for non-EU residents

The LL.M. offers participants professional training to develop their skills.

The program
- enjoys an excellent reputation in science and practice for many years,
- is carried out on a full-time basis,
- is characterized by an excellent network of internationally renowned lecturers,
- is based on the most current state of knowledge and is clearly oriented towards practice,
- offers excursions to the USA, China, Luxembourg and Brussels,
- specifically promotes discussions and discourses,
- encourages the exchange among students and lecturers through block seminar,
- offers the participants a personal supervision during the course of study,
- offers exclusive reduction the seminars of the Europa Institut at the University of Zurich.
Curriculum

**Compulsory Modules**

- **Module 1** Introduction to Swiss Law
- **Module 2** Legal English for Lawyers
- **Module 3** International Economic Law
- **Module 4** European Business Law / Competition Law
- **Module 5** International Private Law / Corporate Law / Compliance
- **Module 6** International Tax Law
- **Module 7** Corporate Criminal Law / Capital Markets
- **Module 8** Drafting Contracts / Legal Tech / Legal Management
- **Module 9** Conducting Negotiations
- **Module 10** International Litigation / International Arbitration
- **Module 11** Final Thesis
- **Module 12** Excursion WTO

**Specialization Courses (choose one)**

- International Banking, Finance and Insurance Law
- International Sports Law
- Asian Business Law

**Elective Modules**

- **Module 13** Excursion USA
- **Module 14** Excursion China
- **Module 15** Excursion Luxembourg / Brussels

**Industry overview of current students**

- Law Firm 38%
- Banking / Finance / Insurance 19%
- Sports Organization 5%
- Industry 9%
- Public Service / Government 29%

90.5% Lawyers
9.5% Economists
Program Overview

The Full-time LL.M. program consists of basic courses and a specialization course. To obtain the LL.M. title, all basic lectures, a specialization course and a diploma thesis must be successfully completed.

The students are taught by renowned lecturers from science (30%) and practice (70%). By dealing with international sources and conventions, students develop a broader international focus.

“Challenging, practice-oriented, and international!”
Prof. Dr. Andreas Kellerhals
Director LL.M. International Business Law

Study Trips

A unique and consistently successful part of the LL.M. program are our study trips provided alongside the regular lectures. Beside a compulsory excursion to the WTO in Geneva, study trips to USA and China are offered. In addition, a study trip to Luxembourg/Brussels will be organized if there are enough applicants for the trip.

Students get to know the different legal systems and gain an authentic insight into foreign legal fields and fields of activity. In addition to the academic exchange at the universities, visits to international companies, law firms and courts round off the study trips.

Luxembourg and Brussels
In Luxembourg and Brussels, students get an authentic impression of the European Union. The program includes among other things:
• Negotiation at the EUGH
• Conversation at the Luxembourg Parliament with parliamentarians
• Visit of the Swiss Mission
• Visit of the EU Parliament
• Interview with Commissioners

USA
In New Orleans, New York and Washington D.C., participants receive a practice-oriented introduction to US business law. Highlights are:
• Exclusive lectures at the Tulane Law School
• Visit of the Federal District Court (incl. hearing)
• Visit of different law firms
• Meeting with a Supreme Court Justice

China
The journey – Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing – offers unique insights into this rapidly developing country. Among other things the following is on the program:
• Exclusive lectures at the University of Hong Kong (HKU)
• Receptions at the local authorities
• Visits to Chinese and Western law firms
• Exclusive meetings with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce
Basic Courses

The basic courses cover important aspects of international business and important foreign areas of law. Furthermore, the focus is on European and international business law (especially EU business law, competition law, WTO law, corporate law, tax law, commercial criminal law, civil procedure law, contract law, arbitration).

Areas of Specialization

The following specializations are possible:

**A – International Banking, Finance and Insurance Law**

This area of specialization offers in-depth further training in national and international financial market law and examines the current private-law and regulatory fundamentals and framework conditions of banking, insurance and finance law.

The first part deals with the Swiss, European and international framework conditions of the financial markets for banks, investment services and insurance companies. The focus is on international organizations and their regulatory frameworks, the fundamentals of sectoral regulation and the characteristics of the most important financial markets.

In the second part, an in-depth look is taken at the regulation of market participants, financial services and the marketing of these products and the relevant treaties.

- Module 1: Institutional framework conditions for banks, investment services and insurance
- Module 2: Market participants, products and distribution

**B – International Sports Law**

This Specialization Course is intended for professionals who wish to gain an in-depth knowledge of the legal and business aspects of international sports. The course comprises two modules:

The first module provides an economic and legal insight into sports organizations. It analyzes how sport organizations operate and integrate on a national and international level. Participants also focus on topics such as sport events, sport contract law and the resolution of sports-related disputes and arbitration.

The second module addresses the question of how sporting organizations tackle the current challenges of doping, illegal betting, gaming manipulation and corruption, that are endangering the fundamental principles of sporting competition.

- Module 1: Organization and Good Governance
- Module 2: Dispute Resolution: General and Specific Areas
Organizational Aspects

C – Asian Business Law (NEW)
Asian trading partners have become more and more important in the globalized economy. However, many western companies are still unfamiliar with the specificities of the Asian and especially Chinese markets. The newly offered specialization course, which is taught in English, is designed to give participants the understanding of the regulatory and legal characteristics of Asia’s key markets and thus better assess opportunities and risks.

The first module deals with basic questions of cross-border issues when dealing with Asia. Beside economic and legal challenges, issues relating to the protection of investments and cross-border finance as well as the importance of free trade agreements are discussed. Furthermore, the «One Belt One Road initiative» and possible investment and trading structures are examined.

The second module deals with country-specific legal aspects of trade and investment. The focus is on the following countries: China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Malaysia and Vietnam.

▪ Module 1: Institutional and Structural Framework
▪ Module 2: Country Specific Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment

Lectures
The entire course covers about 410 lectures. Classes take place from Monday to Friday in the mornings, Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings (attendance is compulsory). Lectures are held in English.

Examinations and Credit Points
Students must attend all modules and pass all examinations to complete the program.

Graduation
The Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich awards successful graduates of the program the following title:
▪ LL.M. UZH in International Business Law
(with reference to the chosen specialization)

Application Requirements
The following requirements must be met for admission to the program of study:
▪ Degree in Law at Master’s level or with an equivalent qualification (exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
▪ Professional experience
▪ Good verbal and written knowledge of English (IELTS or TOEFL score must be enclosed with the application)

Costs
CHF 32,800.–
Included in the tuition fee are the costs for course materials, examination fees as well as one block seminar and certain additional events. Not included are costs for excursions, additional literature and living costs.

Application
Application is made with the application form (www.LLM.uzh.ch).
Financial Assistance
The LL.M. program offers in some justified cases LL.M. candidates with superior academic credentials and special circumstances partial tuition waivers. Since funds for financial support are unfortunately very restricted and requests are numerous, we urge you to first and foremost contact your home institution or private donors for financial support.

If you nevertheless wish to apply for a tuition fee waiver, we request that you send us, in addition to your completed application, a one-page letter explaining your need and proof of other attempts that you have undertaken to obtain a scholarship. Please also note that the smaller your scholarship request is, the higher the chance of obtaining one will be.

Visa
Depending on their country of origin, international students may need a visa to study in Switzerland. Prospective students should apply for a visa as soon as possible at the Swiss Embassy in their home country as the visa process can take up to six months.

Insurance
Students are required to obtain mandatory Swiss health insurance unless their current policy is accepted by the Swiss authorities.

Accommodation
Participants need to look for accommodation themselves. Housing for students is offered by different institutions. The tuition fee does not cover living costs.

Demand for housing is particular high and it is advisable to start looking for accommodation early and to exploring a variety of options.

Living Costs
Living expenses depend very much on the individual student. The University can provide an approximate value for international students:

www.uzh.ch/studies/studentlife/finances_en.html

“The LL.M. (International Sports Law) provides future sports law practitioners with an excellent set of skills as a basis for a successful career. Also, the program’s long-standing relationships with national and international sports governing bodies as well as other key stakeholders guarantee added practical value for the multi-national student community of the LL.M.”

Emilio García Silvero
Chief Legal & Compliance Officer, FIFA

“The University of Zurich, in the center of Europe, is an ideal location for the successful study of international business law.”

Prof. em. Dr. Roger Zäch
President LL.M. International Business Law

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Switzerland, Zurich and its University

Location
Switzerland has a lot to offer in terms of cultural diversity, languages, stunning scenery and, of course, its people. There are approximately 8.1 million people living in Switzerland and the country has four official languages: German, French, Italian and Romansh.

Switzerland has enjoyed economic stability over the past decades. Despite Switzerland’s lack of natural resources and the fact that the Swiss economy is highly dependent on exports, its GDP per inhabitant is higher than in most other industrialized countries. The Swiss population on the whole enjoys a high standard of living and Switzerland has a strong reputation for high-quality services in many sectors including health, industry, public transport, education, etc.

In the Global Competitiveness Report released by the World Economic Forum in 2019 Switzerland tops the overall ranking. “Brainforce” is also highly valued in Switzerland and this is reflected by Switzerland’s leading position on the “European Innovation Union Scoreboard 2019”.

Student life
Studying in Zurich means living in Switzerland’s vibrant and exciting cultural capital. Far more than a business and financial center, Zurich is also known as the “little big city”. This is because Zurich offers all the benefits of city life and at the same time attractive recreation facilities. Furthermore Zurich is one of the world’s cities with highest quality of life at regular intervals. Now the city on the Limmat has achieved another top placement. The IMD World Competitiveness Center puts Zurich in 2nd place in the «smartest» city ranking.

University of Zurich
The University of Zurich (UZH) with its 26,000 enrolled students is Switzerland’s largest university. Founded in the year 1833, UZH was Europe’s first university to be established by a democratic political system; today, UZH is one of the foremost universities in the German-speaking world. Made up of seven faculties covering some 100 different subject areas, the University offers a wide variety of Bachelor’s, Master’s and PhD programs. In addition, UZH’s continuing education programs offer excellent learning opportunities.

Fully integrated into the life of the student body, graduate students can benefit from the University’s infrastructure, sports facilities, events and use the canteen, various libraries, etc. (CAS participants are not enrolled at the University of Zurich).