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# Master's degree



## Master of Law and Business (LLM/MLB)

Bucerius Law School • Hamburg



## Overview

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| Degree  | Master of Laws (LLM) or Master of Law and Business (MLB)<br>All students of the Master of Law and Business, independent of their academic background, can obtain the MLB degree. Students with a first degree in law have the choice between either of the two degrees.  |
| In cooperation with   | WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management   |
| Teaching language   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>  |
| Languages   | The Master of Law and Business is taught entirely in English.  |
| Full-time / part-time   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>  |
| Programme duration  | 2 semesters  |
| Beginning   | Other  |
| Additional information on beginning, duration and mode of study | The one-year, English-language Master of Law and Business programme starts at the end of August each year. Due to its practice-oriented, interdisciplinary and international approach, on-site learning is required. Even throughout the pandemic, the studies take place on campus and are only switched to hybrid teaching if necessary.                 |
| Application deadline  | Early bird deadline (2,000 EUR discount on tuition): 15 January<br>Students applying for the Bucerius Global Scholarship: 15 January<br><br>Students <b>with</b> a visa requirement: 31 March<br>Students <b>without</b> a visa requirement: 15 May<br><br>Please confirm with your local German embassy or consulate which visa regulations apply to you. |
| Tuition fees per semester in EUR                                | 12,500   |
| Additional information on                                       | The tuition fees include all study materials.  |

**tuition fees**

Students have the opportunity to take tailored German language courses on different levels in addition to the regular curriculum. There is an extra fee of 400 EUR for this.

**Combined Master's degree / PhD programme**

No

**Joint degree / double degree programme**

No

**Description/content****Building bridges between disciplines and across cultures**

An interdisciplinary, practice-oriented programme for talented young professionals from around the globe.

The Master of Law and Business prepares young professionals for international careers in which an understanding of both legal and business concepts as well as intercultural skills are essential.

**Aim of the programme**

In today's global economy, lawyers and business people alike are regularly confronted with international issues that involve both legal and business aspects. The one-year curriculum of the Master of Law and Business (LLM/MLB) is designed exclusively for young professionals who strive to be at the forefront of these legal and business developments.

Graduates of the Master of Law and Business programme understand complex legal situations, grasp their economic dimensions, and perform effectively in an intercultural environment. They meet the increasing demands of corporations, law firms, and non-profit organisations for interdisciplinarily educated and internationally oriented young professionals.

**A unique programme structure**

The LLM/MLB curriculum is unique in its structure. Throughout the entire academic year, all modules relate to one overarching theme: the founding and development of a business enterprise, from both the business and the legal perspective. Thus, the curriculum follows the enterprise through various phases, including the founding of the enterprise, transforming the firm into a publicly-held enterprise, going international and merging with or acquiring another firm.

By using the development of an enterprise as its structural backbone, the programme creates synergies among its various modules. As a result, students study more efficiently and obtain a better overall understanding of the interrelationship between law and business.

**An interdisciplinary approach**

The programme links law and business within its individual modules. For example, the module examining the founding of an enterprise considers both entrepreneurship and the question of which legal form to use for the enterprise and how to finance the start-up company. Students analyse these topics not from the perspective of any one national system, but rather from a comparative perspective. This approach allows students to analyse various national approaches to the issues that arise in every business and legal culture.

**Elective modules**

In the second half of the programme, students have a choice of various elective modules, such as Arbitration, Entrepreneurship, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, M&A, IP Law, Corporate Governance and Compliance.

**Specialisations**

The Bucerius Master of Law and Business offers a total of three specialisations:

- International commercial arbitration
- Entrepreneurship
- Legal technology and operations

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# Course Details

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## Course organisation

### Two degree options: LLM or MLB

The curriculum of the Master of Law and Business combines numerous aspects of international business law with issues of international business and management.

All students can study for the Master of Law and Business degree. Depending on the courses they complete, students with a first degree in law can obtain an LLM degree instead. All students in the programme study together, regardless of which degree they will eventually receive.

### Structure of the academic year

Modules consist of five ECTS credits, meaning 50 hours of classroom instruction plus 100 hours of preparation and debriefing.

From August to December, students take the **obligatory modules** that are structured along the life-cycle of an enterprise. In January and February students can select at least two **electives** to deepen their knowledge in these specific fields.

The mandatory **internship** takes place in March and April. Upon their return to campus, students take two more obligatory modules:

- Digitalisation and Dispute Resolution of an Enterprise
- Social Responsibility of an Enterprise

while they are also writing their Master's theses.

<https://www.law-school.de/international/education/master-of-law-and-business/academics>

## A Diploma supplement will be issued

Yes

## International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Language training provided
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context
- Training in intercultural skills

## Integrated internships

Participants complete an eight-week internship at a law firm, corporation or government office. The internship takes place in March and April. Through the internship, participants have the opportunity to move beyond the classroom and see the interface of law and business in practice. Because the internship takes place in the middle rather than at the end of the academic year, participants are able to bring the insights that they have gained from their experience to their summer trimester classes. In addition, the internship provides participants with insights that may be useful for selecting the topic of their Master's thesis. All students are invited to take advantage of the assistance offered by the Career Office in procuring an internship.

<https://www.law-school.de/international/education/master-of-law-and-business/career-prospects>

## Special promotion / funding of the programme

- Other (e.g. state level)

## Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR 12,500

Additional information on tuition fees

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Semester contribution 250 EUR

Costs of living

Students should budget for at least 900 EUR per month in living expenses.

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Bucerius Law School is committed to affordability and offers several merit-based as well as need-based scholarships for students of the Master of Law and Business. Examples of funding opportunities include Bucerius Global Scholarships (full tuition plus a living expense stipend) and partial tuition scholarships.

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements

In order to qualify for admission, applicants must fulfil the following requirements:

- A three to four year undergraduate degree\*
- At least one to three years of post-graduate work experience
- Interest or experience in the field of law and/or business
- Proven extracurricular interests
- Excellent English language skills

International experience is preferred but not mandatory.

\*The Bachelor's degree has to be valued at 240 ECTS (four years) or equivalent. A 210 ECTS credit degree can be considered if the applicant has at least two years of post-graduate work experience.

<https://www.law-school.de/international/education/master-of-law-and-business/admission>

Language requirements

If English is neither the applicant's native language nor the primary language of instruction of the first degree, an official report of results either from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), IELTS, CPE or ILEC has to be provided. Bucerius Law School's institution code for the TOEFL is 7181. Minimum TOEFL requirements are 600 points (paper-based) or 100 points (internet-based). Minimum requirements for the IELTS are 7.0, for the CPE grades A, B, or C and for the ILEC C1 or C1 with merit.

German courses are offered at four different levels for students who wish to learn or improve their German.

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**Submit application to**

<https://bucerius.force.com/MLB/s/login/SelfRegister>

## Services

**Possibility of finding part-time employment**

As the Master of Law and Business programme is very intensive, most participants do not have time to work in order to finance their stay while they are studying. However, many internships are paid by the company, law firm or organisation involved.

**Accommodation**

The Master of Law and Business has reserved a significant number of rooms in a modern, well-equipped and centrally-located student dormitory. In addition, the programme staff help students and their accompanying spouses or families to find suitable accommodation, including subletting rooms from or sharing apartments with Germans. Most students live within a 10- to 30-minute commute of the Bucerius Law School. Rent varies from 350 EUR to 800 EUR, depending on accommodation size and location.

**Career advisory service**

The Master of Law and Business has its own career adviser who supports students in their search for an internship placement and advises and guides them regarding the next step of their careers: <https://www.law-school.de/international/education/master-of-law-and-business/career-prospects>.

- Company presentations
- Job fair

**Specific specialist or non-specialist support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Visa matters
- Specialist counselling

**Support programmes for international students**

<https://www.law-school.de/international/education/master-of-law-and-business/student-services>



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„Unlike an MBA, the Master of Law and Business truly integrates business and legal studies by focusing on real-life case studies rather than mathematical or legal theories. This interdisciplinary and practice-oriented approach is a unique feature of the programme.“

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# Bucerius Law School



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### About Bucerius Law School

In Germany, Bucerius Law School is the first choice of law students and law firms alike. Our academic community distinguishes itself by its courage to endeavour in new and innovative directions as well as its common goal of striving for unparalleled excellence in legal education.

### What differentiates Bucerius Law School?

Bucerius Law School is the first private, non-profit law school in Germany. Established and funded by one of the country's largest private foundations, the ZEIT-Stiftung, Bucerius Law School honours its namesake, Gerd Bucerius, by focusing on the importance of community

service and responsibility for others in society. This visionary institution consistently ranks among the top law schools in Germany educating the best and brightest new legal minds today. Bucerius students excel on German state exams and go on to work with leading national and international law firms and corporations, governmental departments, and universities.

### What does Bucerius Law School offer?

In the heart of Europe, Bucerius Law School connects the world – it offers the legal education, the practical experience, and the [international network](#) to set its students on a successful and fulfilling career path in today's increasingly globalised world. Bucerius recognises the importance of an international education, cultivates an expansive international network of nearly 100 partner universities worldwide, and has its own representative office in the United States. Bucerius attracts renowned scholars and instructors from the best legal institutions in the world to lecture in its English-language Summer Programmes, the Master of Law and Business, and its International Exchange Programme.

### What programmes are available for international students?

The [Bucerius Master of Law and Business \(LLM/MLB\)](#) in cooperation with WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management is a one-year programme that offers young professionals a combination of theory and practice in an intimate setting with a focus on individual attention and professional guidance.

Bucerius offers three intensive, three-week [Summer Programmes](#) to advanced students and young professionals in the fields: International Business Law, Licensing Transactions in Intellectual Property, and Legal Technology and Operations.

The one-semester [International Exchange Programme](#) complements students' studies at their home universities through not only corresponding coursework but also cultural immersion, historic tours, and travel opportunities.

### Innovation in law

With innovation as a hallmark, Bucerius Law School continues to develop new programmes and services such as [Bucerius Executive Education](#) and Conference and Event Management. All Bucerius programmes are designed to help participants deepen their theoretical and practical knowledge, engage in debate with their international counterparts, and develop their professional network.



## University location

### Study in Germany's most beautiful city

Described by many as "Germany's most beautiful city", Hamburg combines a high quality of life with a strong economy and countless employment opportunities. Hamburg's success is due in no small part to having successfully united business and legal interests.

For centuries, Hamburg has been home to one of the largest ports in the world. In addition, strong media, publishing and aerospace companies - some 350,000 enterprises in all, from large stock companies to a thriving start-up scene - also call Hamburg home.

Similarly, Hamburg's legal and political culture has always been defined by its strength and independence. It is therefore not surprising that Hamburg is host to legal institutions of national and global significance, including trial and appeals courts, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.

### From cultural activities to nightlife

As a metropolis of some two million people, Hamburg offers a wealth of cultural and shopping activities and a vibrant nightlife. From opera to classical music to the club scene (where the Beatles got their start), Hamburg offers more opportunities than students can possibly take advantage of during their studies.

### Centrally located: The Bucerius campus

The beautiful Bucerius campus, which successfully combines both traditional and modern architecture, provides a peaceful haven in the middle of Hamburg, adjacent to Hamburg's main commercial district and shopping areas. Just a short walk away, the beautiful Inner and Outer Alster Lakes and their surrounding parks provide a perfect place for students to sail or relax. Public transport is located next to the campus, so students can easily take advantage of all that Hamburg has to offer.



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