LLM in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

International law firms and company legal departments increasingly demand lawyers with a global perspective, able to add value in complex international transactions. This includes combining top quality legal advice with an in-depth understanding of business issues and the highest standards of professional ethics.

The LLM in International Business Law Experience

The LLM in International Business Law is a ten-month program that transforms students into global lawyers and business strategists. IE’s world-class professors guide students through a core law and business curriculum, in addition to modules that teach the soft skills critical to doing international business. The core modules (Entrepreneurship, European & International Contracting) give students practical experience in cross-border transactions and the diverse interests of global clients. Because students engage in real case studies from international law practice and resolve problems alongside classmates from around the globe, students learn what it means to practice law in a truly international environment.

The MBA module allows students to develop their business acumen and learn the language of their clients through pure business courses. The best lawyer can no longer simply give legal advice, but must relate legal solutions to the client’s bottom line.

In addition to these core modules the program develops students’ soft skills and awareness of cross-cultural legal and business environments. The program kicks off with the L.A.U.N.C.H. series, focused on leadership, global awareness, cross cultural relations and teamwork. Students also participate in Professional Experience Weeks, where they work on legal projects with attorneys in top international firms in Madrid. In the Accelerate programs students are exposed to a wide variety of job opportunities and career paths.

Students have the opportunity to personalize their education by participating in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, the IE Business School Venture Lab, where students counsel international start-ups under the direction of experienced lawyers, and International Study Trips to London and Brussels. Students will also select courses during an elective period, which provide continuing focus in areas such as taxation or corporate law. Students may also participate in the Beyond Borders Exchange Program.

Students have the opportunity to specialize in International Corporate Law. Also, during the Elective Period* students may obtain an additional specialization in:

- European Law Certificate: By taking a selected number of courses and electives, students may obtain this certificate from IE’s Center of European Studies.
- International Tax Law Certificate: By taking a selected number of courses and electives, students may obtain this additional certificate from IE Law School.

* availability of these specializations is subject to a minimum number of students requesting them.

Admission Process

1. Law degree (licenciatura and abroad)
2. Complete online application form + required supporting documentation (www.ie.edu/app) + application fee (125 Euros)
3. Entrance Exam: ieGAT (www.ie.edu/eventos) or GRE, GMAT, LSAT.
4. Personal interview

Financial Aid

IE Foundation awards tuition funding assistance to talented students in need of financial aid based on merit, distinctive competences and academic excellence. IE also has agreements with Spanish banks to offer IE students attractive packages to finance tuition and living expenses. Information about the opportunities mentioned above and IE’s Financial Aid website, financialaid.ie.edu.
The program is truly international: classes are taught by professors who have vast experience in their areas throughout the world. Classes are structured based on the case method, which students from a wide variety of countries and cultures attempt to solve in working in groups. The learning, knowledge and skills developed at all levels providing the essential tools to identify your career path and create and enhance your personal network.

Program, admission, legal and financial information may be available online.

Matías Donoso L., Chile
Senior Associate, Urenda & Cia, Santiago, Chile

For ten months, our program was home to Europeans, South Americans, Singaporeans, Americans, and one Australian. No legal argument was left alone as civil law lawyers, common law lawyers, mixed jurisdiction lawyers and one well-placed non-lawyer weighed in on a variety of controversial topics. Each perspective could only be expressed by the contributions of those around us.

Fair Shehabi, Australia
Full-time Executive Director, Venture Law Lab, Malaysia

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