



Universität
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LL.M. Comparative and Global Law

Master's Program at the University of Münster

Academic Year 2026/27



❖ Why study this LL.M.?

Our LL.M. Comparative and Global Law is designed for a world where legal systems are increasingly interconnected.

This dynamic program is designed to provide students with a unique combination of a strong foundation in the methodology of comparative law, in-depth knowledge of various legal fields, and advanced research skills. As such, it provides participants with a strong academic foundation to deal with tomorrow's legal problems.

❖ Who are we looking for?

This two-semester, English-taught program is open to students worldwide who seek to deepen their legal knowledge and research skills, particularly in international law, comparative law, and legal history. It welcomes applicants who have completed a legal degree as well as, in certain cases, applicants with a degree in another discipline with relevant legal components.

❖ Facts & Numbers



Degree
Master of Laws
(LL.M.)
post-graduate



**Time
Commitment**
2 semesters
(1 year)
full-time



Application
Two-wave admission
Opens: 4th May 26
1st Deadline: 31st May 26
→ offers to outstanding applicants
2nd Deadline: 15th July 26
Online application via
university portal



Documents
• Proof of degree + relevant transcripts
• Proof of language proficiency
• CV
• Letter of recommendation by academic staff
• Other relevant documents to proof admissibility



**Start of
Program**
1st Oct 26
(semester start)
12th Oct 26
(first lectures)



**Academic
Requirements**
• Completed relevant degree (8 sem., 240 ECTS or equivalent)
• Alternative admission possibilities: please check our website



**Teaching
Language**
English



**Language
Requirements**
Degree completed in English
OR TOEFL (95p, ≥ 25 speaking, ≥ 24 writing)
OR IELTS (band 7)
OR CAE (180p)



Finances
• Tuition fees publicly funded except standard semester fee (≈ 350€)
• Visa usually requires blocked bank account (≈ 12.000€)
• Check our website for scholarship opportunities





❖ Curriculum

Semester	Modules				
1	Foundation I (5 ECTS)	Foundation II (5 ECTS)	Elective I (5 ECTS)	Elective II (5 ECTS)	Research Module: Colloquium (10 ECTS)
2	Elective III (5 ECTS)	Elective IV (5 ECTS)	Research Module: Seminar (5 ECTS)	Research Module: Master's Thesis (15 ECTS)	

Foundations Courses

In these modules, of which you will select at least two, you will acquire foundational methodological skills and substantive knowledge in comparative law. Rather than focusing solely on abstract methodology, they are designed to teach you a wide range of techniques through the study of practical examples and applications across various areas of comparative law.

European
Legal History

Comparative
Constitutional
Law

Comparative
Business Law

Electives Courses

The Electives give you the opportunity to explore a wide array of legal fields based on your interests. By selecting a minimum of four courses you can further your knowledge e.g. in the areas on the right and many more. Courses may overlap with other programs, allowing you to engage with students from different programs of the law school.

Comparative
Property Law

Corporate
Finance Law

Common Law
Constitutionalism

International
Public Law

Selected
Topics of EU
Law

...and many
more

Research Modules

These modules focus on improving your ability to conduct thorough legal research. You will take part in a research colloquium with leading national and international researchers who will present their work, giving you the chance to discuss and critically analyse current research projects. The research seminar is focused on strengthening your research skills, teaching you all there is to know about research design as well as developing your own research questions and methodology. The program culminates in the writing of your LL.M. thesis, in which you will apply all your acquired skills to conduct an independent research project

Colloquium

Seminar

LL.M.
Thesis

❖ Why study at the University of Münster?

Multi-faceted Program

The LL.M. program uniquely combines foundational methodology, diverse specialized knowledge and research. A large choice of courses allows students to tailor the program to their interests while benefitting from interdisciplinary learning. The dual focus on both theory and practice ensures that students receive a comprehensive education that prepares them for successful careers in law, while also fostering critical thinking and intellectual growth.

Research Environment

Research is not only a central component of our curriculum but also a core value throughout the entire university. With over 70 specialized libraries across diverse academic disciplines, including 6 dedicated law libraries, students have access to millions of resources that support their academic endeavours.

Academic Excellence

Home to one of the most prestigious legal faculties in Germany, the University of Münster is renowned for its academic excellence. Students have the opportunity to learn from leading scholars and experts in their field, benefiting from cutting-edge research and innovative teaching methods.

External Expertise & Networking

Enhancing the law school's expertise, external experts contribute valuable insights into their research and careers, offering excellent networking opportunities. LL.M. students have the chance to engage directly with speakers through the research colloquium, as well as benefit from numerous other events and lectures hosted by the faculty. Renowned for its legal profession, Münster is also home to numerous organizations, associations, and practitioners, creating a lot of career opportunities for students.

Accessibility

Thanks to its public funding, the University of Münster is in the privileged position to offer the LL.M. program at no tuition cost except the standard semester's fee (€ 350), allowing us to award places to the brightest students regardless of financial background.

International University

Münster is an international university, reflected in both its diverse staff and student body. The university fosters this interconnectedness through a wide range of international partnerships, exchange programs, and collaborative research initiatives. International professors hold both permanent and visiting positions within the law school, allowing students to gain diverse global perspectives

Equality & Diversity

Equality and diversity are core values at the University of Münster. The university values all staff and students, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or religion, and actively promotes these principles through its gender equality and diversity policy. The University supports the unique talents and experiences of its community through its Equal Opportunity Office and a range of programs and funding opportunities.

Student Support

Starting in a new city can be hard! The University of Münster is committed to supporting students in all aspects of their academic and personal lives. The International Office provides dedicated support for international students. Additionally, a dedicated students' body (AstA) provides guidance and assistance, ensuring a smooth transition to life and study in Münster.

Modernity meets Tradition

Münster is a city steeped in history. It is reflected in its stunning architecture, such as the medieval city centre and the historic castle, which nowadays houses the administration of the university. But its rich history seamlessly blends with a modern, forward-thinking mentality and cutting-edge facilities. This fusion of old and new provides students with an inspiring environment where they can immerse themselves in the past while preparing for the future.

Extra-curricular Activities

The University of Münster offers a vast range of extracurricular activities. Whether you want to try one of 150 sports offered by the university sports centre, refine your debating skills or join Dungeons and Dragons game night – There's something for everybody!

Beyond University

Münster is not only an excellent place to study but once you have closed your books for the day, it's also a beautiful place to live. The city offers a vibrant urban life enclosed in serene, picturesque surroundings. While it bears a lively atmosphere, its compact size ensures short distances, making it easy to find your way around. Known as Germany's "bike capital", Münster is characterised by an extensive network of bike lanes and a culture that embraces eco-friendliness. The city is rich in green spaces, charming parks, and historic architecture, providing the perfect setting for relaxation, socializing, and exploring. Whether you want to spend the day at the lake, visit one of the many theatres and museums or have a drink with friends, Münster offers an exceptional quality of life.



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