



Hochschule für  
Wirtschaft und Recht Berlin  
Berlin School of Economics and Law

Department of Business and Economics



# Master

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The Master in Business Law in an International Context at the Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) is designed for post-graduate students seeking to acquire greater expertise in business law and, in particular, gain deeper insights into the international context of corporate decision-making and legal consulting.

Applicants to the Master in Business Law in an International Context are expected to hold an undergraduate law degree, have passed the first State Examination in Law, or have an equivalent qualification.

The programme comprises topics pertinent to business law taught in advanced modules especially structured to combine detailed theoretical analysis with an applied approach to current issues. In addition to exploring the areas of business law German to the work of companies active in the international arena, the programme offers the chance to specialise in either Corporate Finance or Labour Law/Human Resources.

Graduates of the Master in Business Law in an International Context have acquired considerable expertise in a variety of fields in business law. The qualification provides the skills to effectively take on demanding legal tasks in, for example, consulting, corporate legal departments, receivership, Human Resources, or the financial sector.

Courses are predominately structured as interactive seminars, with teaching mostly in German. Individual modules (e.g. Corporate Transactions, Corporate Employment Law) are taught in English. The small group size facilitates direct dialogue and close contact between students and the department.

## Berlin School of Economics and Law



The Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) is one of the largest Universities of Applied Sciences in the city. It has an academic staff of 190 professors and approximately 770 lecturers, plus nearly 240 research and administrative personnel, committed to realising about 50 study programmes.

The BSEL portfolio provides a wide range of professional qualifications. The University forms an academic centre specialised in business and administration skills for the public and private sector, as well as public security, the law and engineering. The majority of programmes lead to a Bachelor or Master degree, have been quality controlled and are accredited by a German agency.

The BSEL offers a pleasant, modern atmosphere that is ideal for studying. The programmes comprise small class courses where each student has a chance to interact with the department and their peers. The campus offers well equipped seminar and lecture rooms, an extensive library and several fully equipped computer rooms.

With numerous networking activities, excellent corporate contacts and a close relationship with 130 partner universities worldwide, we guarantee that student life is enhanced by applied expertise and an international approach.

# Key facts

## Programme

Full-time

## Duration

3 semesters (for applicants with 210 credit points)

4 semesters (for applicants with 180 credit points)

## Start

1 October each year (winter semester)

## First semester

- *Business Management and Corporate Governance* is concerned with corporation and company law, focusing especially on detailed concerns in corporate law, issues in establishing trans-border corporations, and standards for good management practice.
- *International Contract Law and Preparing Contracts* considers German and international contract law, the UN sales law, international trade usage and issues in prospective conflict management, one main focus is on preparing and drafting contracts.
- *Corporate and Collective Employment Law* (English) comprises two parts. Corporate Employment Law explores employment law issues in companies active in the international arena, addressing topics such as international labour law, designation rights and labour law aspects of corporate restructuring. Collective Employment Law takes a detailed look at the law on labour management relations, co-determination and collective bargaining.
- *Project and Research Module* embraces moot court participation and the treatment and solution of real-life corporate issues, as well as more scholarly research projects.

## Second semester

- *Corporate Transactions* (English): acquisitions (M&A), flotation (IPO), securitization (ABS), takeovers, leveraged company buy-outs (LBO) and project funding.
- *Restructuring and Risk Management* addresses a range of measures from the perspective of a company experiencing financial difficulties, from risk management to German and international insolvency law, looking at such concerns as insolvency status, capital entitlement under corporate law, and reorganisation loans.
- *Preparing Labour Law Contracts* focuses on complex labour law issues from designing employment contracts to compensation and working time models.
- *Competition and Intellectual Property in Europe* considers how the Bundeskartellamt and European Commission protect competition, German and European public procurement law, and the question of intellectual property protection within the EU and in a globalised world.

One elective in the first two semesters to specialise in:

- Specialisation *Human Resources* (English)
- Specialisation *Finance* (English)

## Third semester

The third semester is dedicated to the preparation and submission of the Master's thesis and the final oral exam accompanied by a seminar on research methods.

## MA degree

The Berlin School of Economics and Law (BSEL) awards successful students on this programme the internationally recognised Master of Laws (LL. M.) degree. The Master degree is worth a total of 90 Credit Points.

# Admission

## Admission requirements

- An undergraduate law degree (Bachelor or German Diploma degree) or the first State Examination in Law or a comparable qualification from a recognised university
- Applicants with an undergraduate degree worth 180 Credit Points have to take an integrated internship (after the theory phase and before graduation) to be awarded the extra 30 Credit Points required on the programme
- Letter of motivation and CV
- Excellent German and English skills equivalent at least to B2 on the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference)



# Application

## Application period

- Applicants with a degree from a German university:  
15 April – 15 June
- Applicants with a degree from a university abroad:  
15 April – 30. May

## Application forms

Details and application forms are available online at [www.hwr-berlin.de](http://www.hwr-berlin.de).

## Applicants with a Non-German Bachelor degree

Graduates with a Non-German bachelor degree are required to submit their applications directly to »uni-assist e. V.« (external processing service). Uni-assist checks your application and pass it on to us.

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