



Master International Business Law

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid - M International Business Law - 2017-2018

The IBL Master's programme is conferred upon students who satisfactorily achieve a minimum of 60 European Credits (EC); one academic year. You can choose between two specializations: the profile Transactions or the profile Regulatory.

The 2017-2018 IBL Master's programme consists of:

- Three compulsory courses (24 EC)
- Profile related courses (24 EC)
- A compulsory Master thesis (12 EC)

You can find a calendar for the IBL Master's programme on [rechten.vu.nl/en & Education & Schedules and regulations & Course and programme schedules](https://rechten.vu.nl/en/& Education & Schedules and regulations & Course and programme schedules)

Please check the [Academic and Examination Regulations](#) for more information about the compositions and the aim of the IBL Master's programme.

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Master International Business Law, Specialization Regulatory

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- [International Business Law, Specialisation Regulatory - Optional](#)
- [Extra Curricular Courses - IBL](#)

Master's programme International Business Law, Specialisation Regulatory - Compulsory

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
International Company Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_Int.comp.l
International Contract Law	Periode 1+2	12.0	R_IntConL12
Master's Thesis - International Business Law	Ac. Jaar (september)	12.0	R_MThIBL
Research Seminar - International Business Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_RSIBL

Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Regulatory - Compulsory for Specialisation

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Competition Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_Eur.comp.l
EU Internal Market Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_EUIML
International Business and Internet Law: Privacy, Security and Contracting	Periode 4	6.0	R_IBIT
International Trade and Investment Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_IntTII6e

International Business Law, Specialisation Regulatory - Optional

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
International Arbitration	Periode 3	6.0	R_Int.com.ar

International Intellectual Property Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_Int.prop.l
International Tax Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.tax.l
Private International Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PrivInt

Extra Curricular Courses - IBL

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Editorial Board - Amsterdam Law Forum	Ac. Jaar (september)	6.0	R_ALF

Master International Business Law, Specialization Transactions

Opleidingsdelen:

- [Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Compulsory](#)
- [Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Compulsory for Specialisation](#)
- [Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Optional](#)
- [Extra Curricular Courses - IBL](#)

Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Compulsory

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
International Company Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_Int.comp.l
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Research Seminar - International Business Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_RSIBL

Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Compulsory for Specialisation

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
International Arbitration	Periode 3	6.0	R_Int.com.ar
International Intellectual Property Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_Int.prop.l

International Tax Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.tax.l
Private International Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PrivInt

Master's Programme International Business Law, Specialisation Transactions - Optional

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EU Internal Market Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_EUIML
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Extra Curricular Courses - IBL

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Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Editorial Board - Amsterdam Law Forum	Ac. Jaar (september)	6.0	R_ALF

Competition Law

Vakcode	R_Eur.comp.l (200943)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	C. Kaupa
Examinator	C. Kaupa
Lesmethode(n)	Lezing
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The course provides an introduction to European competition law. By the end of the course, students will be able to analyze and discuss European competition law on a highly advanced level.

Inhoud vak

The course deals with all central aspects of competition law: horizontal agreements, the abuse of a dominant position, and merger control. Additionally, the course will address important economic aspects of

competition law and draw comparisons to the US-American system.

Onderwijsvorm

The class includes lectures, discussions, student presentations, a moot court and guest speakers.

Toetsvorm

Final paper, oral assignments and class participation

Literatuur

To be announced on Canvas

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Editorial Board - Amsterdam Law Forum

Vakcode	R_ALF ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Nederlands
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	A. Eleveld
Examinator	A. Eleveld
Niveau	600

Doel vak

Students will form the editing team and board of the Amsterdam Law Forum (ALF) for the issues that will be published in 2017-2018. ALF is a journal specializing in international law, politics, and criminology. The articles include blind peer-reviewed articles and opinion articles by leading experts as well as young scholars. The participating students will learn how a scholarly article looks, how to edit scientific and opinion articles, and how to attract potential writers, for example by participating in events organized at the law faculty. Last but not least, the students will learn how to organize a conference as they will receive a budget of the law faculty for the organization of an international conference in the field of international law, politics, or criminology at the end of the study year together with one of the research groups of the law faculty.

Inhoud vak

The ALF course starts in November. During the first month the new editing team and board will meet at least once a week. These meetings will be organized by the course coordinator and will include a meeting with the board of ALF 2016-2017, a seminar on editing scientific articles, and a seminar introducing the electronic system used by ALF. After this transition phase the new board will take over. Together with the editors they will be responsible for three issues of ALF (Winter, Spring and Summer Issue).

Onderwijsvorm

See content of the course.

Toetsvorm

Sufficient participation as an aeditor or board member, including the organization of the seminar in June. This will be evaluated by the course coordinator in collaboration with the board members and editors.

Vereiste voorkennis

Not required.

Doelgroep

Regular (master) students and exchange students.

Intekenprocedure

Students have to apply for the course by sending an application letter to anja.eleveld@vu.nl before 9 October 2017. The applicant should make clear whether s/he applies for the position of board member, editor, or for either position. In addition, the student should mention his/her legal specialization(s), his/her English proficiency, and other relevant qualities which s/he brings into the team. During the last two weeks of October the coordinator of the course and one (former) board member will invite the applicants for an interview. Maximum three board members and maximum seven editors will be selected for the ALF course 2017-2018.

Overige informatie

Selected editors and board members will normally be appointed until July 2018.

EU Internal Market Law

Vakcode	R_EUIML ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. G.T. Davies
Examinator	prof. dr. G.T. Davies
Docent(en)	prof. dr. G.T. Davies, C. Kaupa
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

This course equips students to understand and criticize the law which allows goods, services, companies, citizens and their families, and investment capital to freely move within the EU. A particular emphasis is on the case law of the European Court of Justice and:

1. how this relates to the written law of the Treaties, and to national law and institutions,
2. How it has developed over time, and the internal logic of that development,
3. what the social, legal and economic consequences of that case law have been,
4. which theories and ideas have been used to criticise and understand

it, and whether these provide an adequate explanation, and
5. how the law can/should develop in the light of the current situation in the EU.

These goals are primarily achieved by reading the judgments themselves, and a certain amount of academic literature, and discussing them in the light of the points above. This contributes in particular to the goals selected from the lists above.

Inhoud vak

The EU law providing for the free movement of goods, persons, services, companies and capital between the Member States of the EU. This includes the law relating to EU citizens and their family members, including family members from outside the EU. Particular topics addressed include:

market law and the welfare state; product deregulation and its consequences; regulatory competition; EU citizens and migration of family members to the EU; the rights of EU citizens to work and live in other states; migration of non-economically active citizens and inter-state solidarity; the effect of free movement law on private organizations, including insurers, trade unions and sports regulators; the internal market and cross-border investment.

The consequences of Brexit will be considered.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

Chalmers, Davies and Monti, EU Law, (CUP, 3rd edn, 2014)

Aanbevolen voorkennis

Exchange - Some basic EU law concepts, or willingness to do some extra background reading and sufficient academic ability to cope with this.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Overige informatie

IBL

Degree programme objectives International Business Law

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The Master's graduate knows who the actors of the international business law environment are and how they interact with each other, while acknowledging legal and cultural differences. The Master's graduate understands the role of governments and the horizontal economic relationships between them, the vertical relationship between them and private business and, finally, the horizontal relationships between private companies. Consequently, the graduate discerns the legal

position of various parties and understands how the conduct of these parties can influence legal positions.

The Master's graduate possesses analytical skills to apply acquired knowledge and insights to concrete problems in the area of IBL.

The Master's graduate 'translates' practical problems into legally manageable problems.

The Master's graduate shows evidence of an independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge.

The Master's graduate should be able to analyse complex issues in relation to international business and make useful legal recommendations. A Master's graduate can formulate an independent and well-substantiated opinion on complex legal issues and take a substantiated position within the existing debates on various international business law topics.

The Master's graduate has a self-critical attitude that enables them to independently acquire new knowledge and to improve their analytical, research and communicative skills.

RECHTSGELEERHDEID

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

Eindtermen master Rechtsgeleerdheid

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over een academisch werk- en denkniveau;

heeft diepgaande en specialistische kennis van en inzicht in minimaal één deelgebied van het recht

heeft inzicht in de samenhang tussen verschillende onderdelen van het recht, met inbegrip van het nationale en internationale recht

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over de volgende (juridische) vaardigheden:

Analytische vaardigheden:

de juridische en maatschappelijke aspecten van een vraagstuk in hun onderlinge samenhang beoordelen en daarover kritisch nadenken/oordelen

zich inzicht verschaffen in de problemen die zich bij rechtsvorming op het gekozen deelgebied voordoen en een bijdrage leveren aan oplossing daarvan

Probleemoplossende vaardigheden:

complexe casus diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en zelfstandig juridische oplossingen aandragen

complexe juridische problemen onderkennen, analyseren en oplossen

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:

met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch

probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling

actief deelnemen aan een wetenschappelijk debat op het deelgebied dat het masterprogramma beslaat

International Arbitration

Vakcode	R_Int.com.ar (200953)
Periode	Periode 3
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	I.C. Ciobanasu LLM
Examinator	I.C. Ciobanasu LLM
Lesmethode(n)	Lezing
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The objectives of this course are to promote academic education and to encourage critical and independent thinking. Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to practice professionally in the field of arbitration. To this effect, the course discusses realistic problems so that students will be able to resolve such legal problems on a sound theoretical and pragmatic basis.

Inhoud vak

The focus of the course is on commercial arbitration. There will be some discussion of procedural aspects of international investment arbitration. Students are expected to be familiar with basic concepts of private international law.

The course focuses on a combination of practical and theoretical issues. While some elements are taught on a structured, theoretical setting (i.e. the workings of a typical international arbitration law), other components of the course are taught on the basis of practical, real-life, examples (such as drafting appropriate arbitration clauses).

Toetsvorm

Written exam and paper

Literatuur

Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration, Student Version

Vereiste voorkennis

Exchange students - Reasonable knowledge of civil law of procedure and private international law.

Doelgroep

In the academic year 2015-2016 the course will be available voor regular students only.

Overige informatie

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The Master's graduate possesses analytical skills to apply acquired knowledge and insights to concrete problems in the area of IBL.

The Master's graduate 'translates' practical problems into legally manageable problems.

The Master's graduate can analyse and assess scholarly literature, case law and legal and policy documents and critically reflect upon them.

The Master's graduate shows evidence of an independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge.

The Master's graduate possesses the necessary knowledge of research methodologies in international law and the necessary research skills to independently prepare and carry out a jurisprudential study of some size. The Master's graduate can critically assess the value of research findings, draw conclusions from them and relate research results to theoretical debates within the domain and adjust them when necessary.

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The Master's graduate should have the ability to present orally and/or in writing the setup, research methodology, theoretical foundations and findings of their research to both experts and non-experts. The Master's graduate has a good command of English legal terms which are used within international business law.

The Master's graduate has a self-critical attitude that enables them to independently acquire new knowledge and to improve their analytical, research and communicative skills.

International Business and Internet Law: Privacy, Security and Contracting

Vakcode	R_IBIT ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels

Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. T.H.A. Wisman
Examinator	mr. T.H.A. Wisman
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

Students that have graduated for this course:

- Acquire an advanced knowledge of legal issues international businesses encounter related to the internet;
- Are able to 'translate' practical problems into legally manageable problems, and independently analyse complex factual situations and apply the law to these situations and make useful legal recommendations;
- Are able to construct a legal argument based on proper use of legal sources;
- Are able to show evidence of an independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge.
- Are able to criticise the state of the law in the light of technical topics related to the internet, and to take an argued standpoint on current academic debates concerning this law.

Inhoud vak

In the 1970s-1990s in particular academics were active on the internet, businesses were not allowed. Since mid 1990s commercial activity on the internet was introduced. Of all domain names over 90% are .com. The first commercial website ever was Pizzahut.com, now all international businesses are present on the internet. For businesses it is not always clear what they should and should not do online. How they can use the internet and in particular what the legal boundaries are. International businesses are challenged by a wide variety of legal topics concerning the internet. In this course we the topics addressed in the course include but are not limited to:

- Legal aspects of cloud computing (contracting, privacy, security)
- Data protection and cross-border data flows (security, contracting, privacy)
- Legal aspects of big data analytics (contracting, privacy)
- Legal aspects of cyber attacks and security (security, contracting, privacy)

Onderwijsvorm

The course will consist for the greater part of lectures, where there is room for discussion and questions, and several tutorials. Students are expected to actively participate in the lectures by expressing their opinion and by posing questions.

Toetsvorm

Changed: February 2016

One group assignment of 40%. One group/individual assignment of 60%

Literatuur

The required literature will be made available on Canvas.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

International Company Law

Vakcode	R_Int.comp.I (200936)
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. dr. B.H.A. van Leeuwen
Examinator	mr. dr. B.H.A. van Leeuwen
Docent(en)	prof. mr. W.J.M. van Veen, prof. mr. A.F. Verdam, prof. mr. G.T.M.J. Raaijmakers, mr. dr. B.H.A. van Leeuwen
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

This course is intended for students from abroad as well as for national students of the law faculty. Companies play an important role in economies. The globalization of social, political and economic activity has increased the attention for systems of company regulation around the world. The credit crunch caused new regulatory attention for issues of governance of companies and for issues relating to investors. Aspects of company law and securities law within EU countries and the Anglo-American countries will be compared. The objective of this course is to broaden the perspective on company law and to explain the differences in legal approaches to aspects of company law. Through assignments, the students will also have the possibility to compare aspects of their domestic company law with (other) major legal systems. Weekly there will be lectures, 7 in total. There will be five workshops, for practice purposes and to discuss the assignments made.

Inhoud vak

Different approaches across the world in company law
Basics of European company law
The rights and obligations of shareholders
The duties and responsibilities of directors
The internal governance of companies
Management oversight within companies
Regulation of financial markets (introduction)
Mergers & Acquisitions

Onderwijsvorm

Lectures every week, by distinguished lecturers
Additional Guest Lectures may be scheduled
Assignments to be made in pairs, to be discussed in workshops
Workshops for practicing purposes

Toetsvorm

Three assignments (3-4 pages) to be written in multi-jurisdictional teams of 2-3 persons.
Written exam; may be electronic; the resit may be an oral exam.

Literatuur

Canvas

Aanbevolen voorkennis

Exchange students - the student must have basic knowledge of company law systems in any jurisdiction

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

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Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Overige informatie

English language courses, literature, assignments and tentamination.

OBJECTIVES

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The Master's graduate possesses the necessary knowledge of research methodologies in international law and comparative law and the necessary research skills to independently prepare and carry out a jurisprudential study of some size.

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International Contract Law

Vakcode	R_IntConL12 ()
Periode	Periode 1+2
Credits	12.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. dr. R. Mellenbergh
Examinator	mr. dr. R. Mellenbergh
Docent(en)	prof. mr. R.P.J.L. Tjittes, mr. dr. R. Mellenbergh, mr. P.S. Bakker, dr. mr. C.B.P. Mahe
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak OBJECTIVES

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In specific, this course aims to enable the participants:

(1) to get acquainted with the basic terminology and concepts of international contract law in general, in relation to certain important international commercial contracts in practice;

(2) to enhance the knowledge of contract laws around the world and of the international framework (PICC; PECL; CISG);

(3) to discover similarities and differences in the outcome of a specific case when applying different contract laws;

(4) to learn when, why and how to deviate from the applicable national non-mandatory contract law;

(5) to learn about commonly used boilerplate clauses in international commercial contracts, and their importance in international contract law.

Inhoud vak

Part 1:

- Class 1: Explanation of the Course; Introduction to Important Contract Laws of the World
- Class 2: Pre-contractual Negotiations & Letters of Intent
- Class 3: Offer & Acceptance, Battle of Forms
- Class 4: Information Duties & Defects of Consent
- Class 5: Remedies for Non-Performance
- Class 6: Interpretation & Supervening Effects

Part 2:

- Class 7: Sale of Goods
- Class 8: Mergers & Acquisitions
- Class 9: Finance Contracts
- Class 10: Construction Contracts

- Class 11: Legal English: drafting commercial contracts in practice
- Class 12: Discussing an exam of the previous academic year

Onderwijsvorm

In this course the following working methods will be used:

(1) Preparing the classes by reading and studying the course materials. The main course material is the book: H. Beale, B. Fauvarque-Cosson, J.W. Rutgers, D. Tallon & S. Vogenauer, Cases, Materials and Text on Contract Law, Oxford and Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 2010. Additional course material will be put on Canvas, such as commonly used clauses in international commercial contracts (boilerplates) and references to international instruments such as PICC, PECL, CISG and to additional literature on international contract law.

(2) Questions and case studies. To show the relativity of the different contract laws with regard to the outcome of a specific case, questions and case studies will be put on Canvas with respect to some classes. Participants are expected to prepare these questions and case studies and to discuss their answers during class.

(3) Group discussions based on course materials, questions and case studies. You are considered to be familiar with the contract law of your home country. The legal problems which you have studied in your home country and for which the contract law applicable in your country provides solutions, are not only recognized in your country: these problems are generally recognized in other countries as well. The knowledge of all participants will be used during the classes to confront different contract laws with each other in order to discover the various solutions that are possible to solve the same issues. Students must participate in group presentations (3 students per group) during this course.

(4) Papers. During this course, participants must prepare two individual papers. Instructions as regards content and form will be put on Canvas. Strict deadlines apply. It is compulsory to prepare and hand in the two papers (in time) in order to obtain a final grade for the course.

Toetsvorm

- Written exam in December (70%) and two papers (each 15%) (12 ECTS)

The written exam consists of open questions related to the topics of this course which are not covered by the two papers.

The two papers comprise about 2,500 words each. Students need to write a coherent and substantiated paper, including references to case law and literature.

Literatuur

- H. Beale, B. Fauvarque-Cosson, J.W. Rutgers, D. Tallon & S. Vogenauer, Cases, Materials and Text on Contract Law, Oxford and Portland, Oregon: Hart Publishing, 2010.

- Additional course material will be put on Canvas, such as commonly used clauses in international commercial contracts (boilerplates) and references to international instruments such as PICC, PECL, CISG and to additional literature on international contract law.

Doelgroep

- The complete course (parts 1 & 2 together) is exclusively provided to the students of the International Business Law Master of VU University Amsterdam.

Overige informatie

This course is exclusively offered to students participating in the International Business Law master (12 EC)

International Intellectual Property Law

Vakcode	R_Int.prop.I (200991)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. M.R.F. Senftleben
Examinator	prof. dr. M.R.F. Senftleben
Docent(en)	prof. dr. M.R.F. Senftleben
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The course provides an overview of the international legal framework for the protection of intellectual property (IP).

Participants will obtain a general understanding of the role of IP protection in international trade, underlying policy considerations and the current debate on imbalances in the international protection system.

Participants will acquire the ability to identify and solve problems arising from the international nature of intellectual property, and the ability to assess the current IP system critically in the light of social, cultural and economic needs in developing and developed countries.

Inhoud vak

The course focuses on the principles and minimum standards of protection established in the Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works, the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and, in particular, the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS). The following issues will be dealt with in particular:

- patent protection and public health, in particular the issue of access to medicine in developing countries;
- copyright protection and freedom to create, in particular the remix and reuse of protected works in the digital environment and the room for corresponding online platforms, such as YouTube;
- trademark protection of powerful brands, such as enhanced protection for trademarks in the luxury goods industry;
- current topics on the international IP agenda.

International intellectual property registration systems constitute an additional topic of the course. The Madrid System for the International Registration of Marks and the Patent Cooperation Treaty will be discussed.

Onderwijsvorm

The course is based on weekly lectures in which the norms of international intellectual property law, underlying policies and the current debate on the further development of the law will be discussed. In working group sessions, the students will present and discuss selected problems of current international intellectual property law. For this purpose, student presentation groups will be established at the beginning of the course.

Toetsvorm

Written exam and presentation

Literatuur

WIPO Intellectual Property Handbook - Policy, Law and Use,
2nd edition, Geneva, 2004
WIPO Publication No. 489(E),
ISBN 92-805-1291-7
available at:<http://www.wipo.int/about-ip/en/iprm/>

In addition to this general overview of the international framework of protection, academic articles on specific topics of international IP law will be made available to the students as reading assignments during the course.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:
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Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Intekenprocedure

A maximum number of 40 students may participate in this course.

Overige informatie

CAPACITY

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OBJECTIVES

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

Eindtermen master Rechtsgeleerdheid

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over een academisch werk- en denkniveau:

heeft diepgaande en specialistische kennis van en inzicht in minimaal één deelgebied van het recht

heeft inzicht in de samenhang tussen verschillende onderdelen van het recht, met inbegrip van het nationale en internationale recht

De afgestudeerde master beschikt over de volgende (juridische) vaardigheden:

Analytische vaardigheden:

de juridische en maatschappelijke aspecten van een vraagstuk in hun onderlinge samenhang beoordelen en daarover kritisch nadenken/oordelen
zich inzicht verschaffen in de problemen die zich bij rechtsvorming op het gekozen deelgebied voordoen en een bijdrage leveren aan oplossing

daarvan
een probleem vanuit verschillende deelgebieden op een integratieve manier benaderen
literatuur en juridische bronnen diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en kritisch beschouwen (waar relevant ook in de Engelse taal, waar relevant ook op nieuwe rechtsgebieden)
rechtsregels afleiden uit concrete gevallen (inductie)

Probleemoplossende vaardigheden:
complexe casus diepgaand analyseren en interpreteren en zelfstandig juridische oplossingen aandragen
complexe juridische problemen onderkennen, analyseren en oplossen

Onderzoeks- en presentatievaardigheden:
individueel een rechtswetenschappelijk onderzoek op academisch niveau voorbereiden en uitvoeren (probleemstelling formuleren en afbakenen, informatie verzamelen, gegevens interpreteren, conclusies trekken, evalueren en aanbevelingen en suggesties doen voor verder onderzoek) met argumenten onderbouwde mening formuleren over een complex juridisch probleem of een nieuwe ontwikkeling
actief deelnemen aan een wetenschappelijk debat op het deelgebied dat het masterprogramma beslaat

The following course objectives of the Masterprogramme of International Business Law

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The Master's graduate can analyse and assess scholarly literature, case law and legal and policy documents and critically reflect upon them.

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International Tax Law

Vakcode	R_Int.tax.I (200949)
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. R.A. Bosman
Examinator	mr. R.A. Bosman
Docent(en)	prof. dr. mr. F.P.G. Potgens, mr. drs. B.B. de Mik, I. Kunst, mr. R.A. Bosman
Lesmethode(n)	Lezing
Niveau	400

Doel vak

Students that have graduated for this course:

- Have a structured understand of the following key concepts, systems and principles of (international) taxation and their interaction: financial flows, flow of goods & services, at arm's length principle, transfer pricing, national corporate income tax systems, European tax law, VAT and double tax treaties.
- Understand the impact of taxation on international business / doing business in a cross-border context.
- Are able to identify elements in international business structures that may have a tax angle to consider.
- Are able to form a well-founded opinion about existing controversies (BEPS) currently subject of public tax debates using their understanding of the basic concepts and their interaction.
- Are able to speak and understand the tax lingo used by tax related stakeholders, such as tax advisors, tax departments and tax authorities, helping students to effectively communicate with such stakeholders.
- Have the background knowledge and the confidence to pursue specific international tax enquiries independently.

Inhoud vak

This course discusses the principles and mechanisms of international (direct) taxation of companies, the contents and effects of EU corporate tax directives and the impact of EU case law on the tax systems of EU Member States. The emphasis is on concepts rather than on technical details. The perspective is multilateral (mainly OECD and EU) rather than domestic, although examples of approaches and systems of various OECD Member States will be given. Furthermore, there will be a course on VAT and custom duties in relation to international trade.

Onderwijsvorm

For most of the combined courses and tutorials, students will have to prepare cases concerning cross-border activities in which the acquired knowledge should be applied. During the combined courses and tutorials, students will be asked to present their analysis of the cases and students are expected to participate actively and critically in discussions on the subjects treated.

Toetsvorm

Grades will be based on a written test. The test consists of case studies, which are comparable to the cases discussed during the course and are open in nature.

Literatuur

Michael Lang, Introduction to the Law of Double Tax Conventions, 2nd edition, Amsterdam: IBFD, 2013.

Michael Lang, Pasquale Pistone, Josef Schuch, Claus Staringer (eds.), Introduction to European Tax Law: Direct Taxation, 3rd edition, Wien: Linde Verlag, 2013.

Vereiste voorkennis

Students participating in this course should have obtained a Bachelor's degree in academic higher education (WO). Knowledge about economics and business administration is preferred, but not required. As such, a degree in finance, economics, business administration or law is preferred, but students with other backgrounds are also encouraged to apply.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

International Trade and Investment Law

Vakcode	R_IntTII6e ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Examinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Docent(en)	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The course focuses on the needs of the international business practitioners. In particular, this course aims to enable the participants:

- (1) to understand principles and rules of the world trading and investment system such as the objective of liberalization, non-discrimination, market access and protection of societal values
- (2) to adopt an independent and critical attitude with regard to

existing principles and rules

(3) to understand current developments such as the emergence of comprehensive regional trade and investment agreements and their relation to the world trading system

(4) to develop analytical skills to apply acquired knowledge and insights to concrete problems in the area of international trade and investment law.

(5) to develop a self-critical attitude that enables participants to independently acquire new knowledge and to improve their analytical and research skills.

Inhoud vak

1. World trading and investment system

- Interface between trade, investment and monetary systems
- Interpreting trade and investment law
- WTO Single Undertaking: Agreements and Understandings
- Understanding sustainable development

2. Principles of trade liberalization

- Market access rules GATT and GATS
- MFN and NT /concept of 'like' product
- Regionalism
- Agriculture
- General / Security exceptions
- Safeguard measures
- Art. XX GATT, SPS and TBT
- Trade remedies (dumping, subsidies)

5. International Investment Law

- Development and sources of FDI
- Structure of BITs
- Market access rules
- Fair and equitable treatment
- (In)direct expropriation
- Compensation
- Full protection and security
- Dispute Settlement

Onderwijsvorm

Teaching and class discussions. Students are expected to read the assigned literature in advance. Literature consists of reading materials and lecture notes. Participation includes attendance, participation in discussions and responding to questions.

Toetsvorm

The course will be evaluated by three assignments (counting resp. for 20, 30 and 35% of the final grade) and class participation (15%).

Participation includes attendance, participation in class discussions and responding to questions. When writing assignments students should refer to relevant sources such as treaties, case law and other primary and secondary sources. Criteria for grading assignments are:

- conciseness and being to-the-point
- argumentation supported by legal sources
- structure in sections and paragraphs
- creativity
- use of language

Literatuur

1. Michael J. Trebilcock, Advanced Introduction to International Trade Law, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015

2. Robert Dolzer and Christoph Schreuer, Principles of International Investment Law (2nd edition), Oxford University Press, 2012
3. Case law in <http://www.worldtradelaw.com>
4. More literature posted on BlackBoard

Vereiste voorkennis

Students are expected to have basic knowledge of public international law.

Doelgroep

IBL students only. If below 35 students, exchange students on graduate level may participate.

Master's Thesis - International Business Law

Vakcode	R_MThIBL ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	12.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	I.C. Ciobanasu LLM
Examinator	I.C. Ciobanasu LLM
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The goal of the master thesis is for students to complete an independent research project on a substantial scholarly topic in the field of international business law and within the curriculum taught during the VU IBL programme. This is the most significant research paper a master student produces while at the Faculty of Law of VU University Amsterdam. The thesis is intended to draw upon the master student's unique curriculum and intellectual experiences encountered while at VU University Amsterdam.

Inhoud vak

The final thesis requires every student to independently conduct research and write on a topic in one or more interconnected areas of international business law and to give a formal oral presentation (colloquium) to the members of a special committee. The Master's thesis can take different forms, varying from theory-based analyses to historical analyses of legal concepts and institutions, to pragmatic approaches to research or meta-theoretical reflections. The topic of the final thesis as well as the theories and the methodologies used in it are linked to (a) the topics, theories and methodologies discussed in the courses chosen and (b) the research projects being conducted by the lecturers. Students are encouraged to work on questions that assist the further development of ongoing research. Lecturers make suggestions for thesis topics based on their own research interests and invite students to attend conferences and various seminars in their fields of expertise.

Toetsvorm

Written paper and oral presentation

Literatuur

By indication.

Overige informatie

MORE INFORMATION

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Private International Law

Vakcode	R_PrivInt ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. M. Zilinsky
Examinator	mr. M. Zilinsky
Lesmethode(n)	Leergroep
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The main goal of this course is to equip students with the knowledge and skills to apply private international law rules in international commercial trade practice.

Inhoud vak

This course deals with aspects of private international law that may be relevant whenever cross-border commercial disputes are to be resolved.

Students will first be familiarized with general principles of private international law. Subsequently, they will be introduced to how to resolve the question of jurisdiction in international contracts, and how parties to a contract may prevent themselves from being sued in a foreign jurisdiction. The course further deals with issues of choice of law. In particular, it will examine which law governs an international commercial contract, having regard to the rules of the Rome I Regulation. Issues regarding recognition and enforcement of foreign court judgments and legal issues regarding insolvency conclude the topics that are focused on in this course.

Onderwijsvorm

Lectures

Toetsvorm

One written examination and one paper. The written exam consists of two cases with questions and counts for 75% of the final grade. The paper counts for 25%.

Literatuur

To be announced on Canvas.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

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Research Seminar - International Business Law

Vakcode	R_RSIBL ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. F.M. Gilligan
Examinator	mr. F.M. Gilligan
Docent(en)	dr. H.M.G. Denters, mr. F.M. Gilligan, prof. dr. M.R.F. Senftleben
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

Students attending this course will be able to:

1. Recognize and apply different methodologies and methods in law, with application to the field of international business law
2. (Critically) read and analyse law and scholarly legal writings
3. Differentiate between authoritative and non-authoritative sources
4. Use critical analysis in their own writings
5. Identify a research area of interest, a research topic / problem in that area and possible legal research question(s)
6. Explain the significance, background, objectives and rationale of the research topic
7. Identify and apply the relevant methodology and method(s) most suitable to the research question and sub-questions
8. Write a research proposal in preparation to the master thesis
9. Present skilfully in front of an audience written academic work

Inhoud vak

The course is designed around the central objective of this course, i.e. to prepare the students for academic level of reading, writing and oral presentations suitable for a master's level. The course has a double mandate:

A theoretical part: to teach students the relevant legal methodologies and methods applicable in the field of international business law as taught in the programme

A practical part: to refine the students' academic skills with reference to (critical) reading (law and scholarly work), writing (essays, problem questions and dissertations) and oral presentation skills in preparation for the master thesis

Toetsvorm

Students receive their final grade, from 1-10, on the basis of the following assessments:

Class participation 25% (No unexplained absence and contribution to group exercises)

Assignment 25% (self-sufficient, academic content)

Presentation 50% (50% academic content of research proposal and 50% presentation skills)

Literatuur

The reading materials will be provided via Canvas.

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