



Master International Business Law

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid - M International Business Law - 2014-2015

The IBL Master programme is conferred upon students who satisfactorily achieve a minimum of 60 European Credits (EC); one academic year. You can choose between two specializations: Business Relations or Regulation of Business.

The 2014-2015 IBL Master programme consists of:

- The compulsory courses of the chosen specialization (either Business Relations or Regulation of Business) (30 EC)
- Optional courses (choose from the list of optional courses described below) (in total 12 EC)
- A compulsory research seminar (6 EC)
- A Master thesis (12 EC)

You can find a calendar for the IBL Master programme on www.vu.nl/en: click on the Master programme under 'Programmes', and then go to 'Study programme'.

Please check via VuNet the Academic and Examination Regulations for more information about the compositions and the aim of the IBL Master programme.

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IBL Spec. Business Relations

Opleidingsdelen:

- IBL Spec. Business Relations Compulsory
- IBL Spec. Business Relations Optional

IBL Spec. Business Relations Compulsory

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
International Arbitration	Periode 4	6.0	R_Int.com.ar
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
Private International Commercial Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PrivIntCom
Research Seminar - International Business Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_RSIBL

IBL Spec. Business Relations Optional

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
Financial Markets	Periode 5	6.0	R_Finmark
International Intellectual Property Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_Int.prop.l
International Tax Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.tax.l
International Trade and Investment Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_IntTII6e

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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.

Toetsvorm

Take home examination, presentation and assignment

Literatuur

To be announced on Blackboard

Overige informatie

IBL

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RECHTSGELEERDHEID

The following course objectives are only available in Dutch:

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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:

schriftelijk presenteren van een wetenschappelijk juridisch betoog

schriftelijk verslag doen van een rechtswetenschappelijk 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

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 focusses on a critical analysis of the free movement case law of the European Court of Justice. The emphasis is on understanding 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.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

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

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Coördinator	dr. P. Iglesias Rodriguez
Examinator	dr. P. Iglesias Rodriguez
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

This course addresses the main aspects concerning the regulation of financial markets, institutions and actors. The course analyzes the activities performed by governments, public regulators, lobby groups, financial firms and corporations in respect of financial markets' activities. Hence, it may be useful for students aiming to work in both the public sector (e.g., financial supervision agencies) and the private sector (e.g., law firms, financial industry or lobby groups). The course will also be of interest to students pursuing an academic career in the area of capital markets law.

At the end of the course the student will have substantial knowledge on:

- a) the structure, rationale, functioning, risks and relevance of financial markets;
 - b) the role of public actors (e.g., financial supervisors) and private actors (e.g. financial industry, investors) in shaping the financial system;
 - c) how financial rules affect businesses, individuals and society at large;
 - d) the interactions between public and private financial market actors at the international, European and national levels;
- and
- e) the main academic discussions on core financial markets' aspects

The course will enable the student to provide solutions to practical legal problems that regulators, law firms, financial firms and corporations may encounter in respect of financial markets' issues.

As part of the course the students write a short paper and present it before their fellow students. This contributes to the development of the students' research and communication skills.

Inhoud vak

The course consists of 7 lectures:

Lecture 1. Introduction and basic concepts on financial markets and institutions

Lecture 2. The objectives of financial regulation and supervision

Lecture 3. The regulation of listed firms

Lecture 4. The regulation of trading in securities

Lecture 5. The regulation of clearing and settlement

Lecture 6. The regulation of financial derivatives

Lecture 7. The regulation of financial supervision authorities

Toetsvorm

Written exam, paper, presentation and participation

Literatuur

Readings distributed by the course coordinator

Overige informatie

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Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. J.J. van Haersolte-van Hof
Examinator	dr. J.J. van Haersolte-van Hof
Docent(en)	dr. J.J. van Haersolte-van Hof
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

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Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. dr. B.H.A. van Leeuwen
Examinator	mr. dr. B.H.A. van Leeuwen
Docent(en)	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 company law with (other) major legal systems.

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; corporate social responsibility
The internal governance of companies
Investor and creditor protection through reporting
Regulation of financial markets
Non-commercial organizations/social economy

Toetsvorm

To be decided.

Literatuur

Literature is not available yet.

Overige informatie

English language courses, literature, assignments and tentamination.

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Coördinator	mr. dr. R. Mellenbergh
Examinator	mr. dr. R. Mellenbergh
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Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

In brief, the 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/DCFR; CISG; EU proposal on a Common European Sales Law);
- (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

- Introduction to important contract laws of the world
- Offer & Acceptance, Battle of Forms
- Pre Contractual Negotiations & Letters of Intent
- Content & Interpretation of Contracts
- Remedies for Non-Performance
- Supervening Effects
- Sale of Goods
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Agency
- Construction Contracts
- Legal English - Drafting Commercial Contracts in Practice

Toetsvorm

Written exam and papers

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 Blackboard, such as commonly used clauses in international commercial contracts (boilerplates) and references to international instruments such as PICC, PECL/DCFR, CISG and to additional literature on international contract law.

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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, mr. A.A. Machnicka
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

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:

- IP protection and public health;
- the balance between IP protection and freedom to create;
- the regulation of market access in the pharmaceutical industry;
- further 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.

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.

Overige informatie

CAPACITY

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

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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

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

Doel vak

The student will acquire a structured understanding of the concepts and principles of international tax law. He/she will know:

- what to look for when dealing with international tax situations;
- the right questions to ask;
- the different approaches of national tax systems; and
- how to apply tax treaties.

Perhaps most importantly, the student will obtain an overview of the framework of international tax law. This will provide him/her with the background knowledge and the confidence to pursue specific 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

then 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.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

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, Vienna: Linde Verlag, 2013.

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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. Students successfully completing the course should be able to understand relevant principles and rules of the world trading and investment system, and solve legal problems in these fields.

Inhoud vak

WTO-purposes and Membership, Single Undertaking: Agreements, Understandings, Doha Round problems
Principles of trade liberalization, Market access, MFN and NT /concept of 'like' product, How do GATT and GATS commitments differ?
World Trading System vs Regionalism, The emergence of comprehensive regional trade and investment agreements, FTAs and CUs
Exceptions to MFN/NT, General/ Security exceptions, Safeguard measures, BoP measures, GSP schedules
Non-tariff barriers to trade: SPS and TBT
International Investment Law, Development of FDI, Definition Sources of FDI Law, Structure of BITs, Fair and equitable treatment, Expropriation, Compensation, Full protection and security

Toetsvorm

Assignments

Literatuur

Peter van den Bossche and Werner Zdouc, The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization, Cambridge University Press, 3rd edition, 2013.

Materials on BlackBoard

Case law referred to in classes in <http://www.worldtradelaw.net/>.

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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

Paper and presentation

Literatuur

By indication.

Overige informatie

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Private International Commercial Law

Vakcode	R_PrivIntCom (200917)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	mr. M. Zilinsky
Examinator	mr. M. Zilinsky
Docent(en)	mr. M. Zilinsky, mr. J.W. Rutgers
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
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 familiarised 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 judgements and legal issues regarding insolvency conclude the topics that are focussed on in this course.

Toetsvorm

Written exam and paper

Literatuur

Texts and documents available on Blackboard

G. Van Calster, European Private International Law, Hart Publishing 2013

Overige informatie

The course Private International Commercial Law may not be followed with the Dutch course Internationaal Privaatrecht.

Research Seminar - International Business Law

Vakcode	R_RSIBL ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
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Coördinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Examinator	dr. H.M.G. Denters
Docent(en)	dr. H.M.G. Denters, mr. F.M. Gilligan, prof. dr. G.T. Davies, prof. dr. M.R.F. Senftleben, I.C. Ciobanasu LLM
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

Presentation, assignment and research proposal following a template.

Literatuur

The reading materials will be provided via Blackboard.

Recommended book: Lisa Webley, "Legal Writing", 3rd Edition, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group.

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