

MASTER GERMAN LAW

The 3-semester Master degree programme in German Law is conceived for foreign lawyers, who want to get an insight into the German legal system and its context in order to independently expand their knowledge of German Law. The programme provides students with an introduction to German law (including in-depth examination of specific legal areas) and a secure understanding of its functionality and language. The LL.M. degree serves as the basis both for doctoral study in Germany and practical work on cases related to German law.* All lectures of the programme are exclusively held in German. For the admission to the law programme, an undergraduate law degree and a proficiency of C1 in German are required.

For those, whose level of German is at least B1, the University of Münster offers special intensive language courses in German in order to pass the DSH-2 or DSH-3. These courses usually take about 1 or 2 semesters. We offer winter (October) as well as summer semester (April) intakes. As the Master in German Law is a programme with non-restricted admission, you will be admitted, if you meet all the admission requirements. Application deadlines are March 15th for summer semesters and September 15th for winter semesters.

1 st semester			
German Law for Foreign Students	German Language Course	Propaedeutic Seminar	Civil Law I, Constitutional Law I <u>or</u> Criminal Law I
2 nd semester			
Civil Law II, Constitutional Law II <u>or</u> Criminal Law II	Civil Law III, Administrative Law <u>or</u> Criminal Law III	Specialisation in Business and Economics; Labour and Social Law; Information, Telecommunication and Media Law; International, European and International Private Law; Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution; Public Law; Criminal Law and Criminology <u>or</u> Tax Law	
3 rd semester			
Master's thesis			

* Please note that completion of the German Law Master's programme does not entitle graduates to practice law in Germany. Only under specific conditions are EU foreign nationals permitted to apply for practical legal training (*juristischer Vorbereitungsdienst*) or admission to the bar in Germany.



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Study Law at the WWU Münster

Four smiling international students (three men and one woman) standing in front of the main building of the University of Münster. The woman in the center is holding a red folder and a blue folder. The man on the far left is holding a tablet. They are all dressed in casual attire.

WELCOME TO THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR EDUCATION AT THE WESTFÄLISCHE WILHELMS-UNIVERSITÄT (WWU) MÜNSTER!

We are a classical German University with over 45,000 students – among them 3,500 from abroad – in 15 faculties. The University of Münster combines over two hundred years of tradition with modern innovation to provide a unique interdisciplinary education at a top ranked institution in Germany. Our student population enjoys a huge number of extra-curricular activities, events, and student organisations. You'll find everything you need to thrive in Münster. Here you're part of something bigger – you are part of the WWU!

STUDYING AT THE FACULTY OF LAW

The Faculty of Law at the University of Münster is one of the largest law schools in Germany with about 6,000 students. An above-average number of graduates complete their studies at the Faculty of Law with excellent grades. Compared to other law schools in Germany, the study conditions at the Faculty of Law are equally outstanding, as substantiated by numerous rankings. We place great emphasis on research and teaching, as well as on practical application and internationality. Evidence of the latter is reflected in our numerous partnerships (more than 100) with European and non-European universities as well as research institutes. International students from all around the world (through a partnership or as freemovers) are cordially welcome to study at our faculty – be it only for a semester or an entire Master's degree programme in German Law (LL.M.).

EXCHANGE

Internationalisation is enabling progress – not only at a professional but also at a personal level. Therefore, our faculty is happy to welcome many incomings in Münster each semester. Guest students can study at our faculty for up to three semesters. We offer a wide range of courses taught in German, but also in English, Spanish and French. From Human Rights in a Digital Age and Forensic Medicine to Droit de la famille, every student can find courses appealing to his/her language skills as well as interests. You won't only get the chance to learn about German Law but for example about British, Australian or U.S. Law, too, if you like. Most courses are taught by native speakers and are offered for both, German as well as foreign students allowing for an intercultural exchange. Most courses are worth 4 ECTS-credits. Besides, there are 3 introduction classes in English exclusively held for exchange students worth 8 ECTS-credits each. Every of these courses will provide you with an insight into one field of German Law (private, public or criminal law).

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OUR CAMPUS: THE CITY OF MÜNSTER

MÜNSTER: YOUR NEW HOME

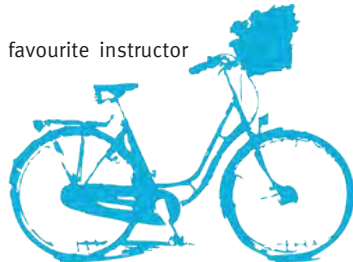
Since its official founding in the 18th century, the University of Münster has grown continuously to establish itself in all parts of the city. In other words, the entire city is our campus!

Münster is a medium-sized city in the west of Germany, which is known not only for its high standard of living, but also for enjoying a high degree of safety. Münster's cultural and civic life has helped win many awards for liveability and quality of life.

The historic city centre with its arcades, churches, townhouses, winding side-streets, bustling squares, traditional pubs and modern street cafés is popular among tourists and Münster residents alike. The Residence Park, the Botanical Garden right behind the castle and the Promenade – a green ring around the city centre – are the city's oases. And in summer, it seems the whole of Münster can be found soaking up the sun on the wide field next to the Aasee.

A bike is an absolute necessity, as Münster is Germany's bicycle capital. The car-free Promenade and the city's many bike lanes help you to stay safe and zoom around quickly. Fun Fact: Of the 310,000 inhabitants of Münster, around 60,000 are students at one of the eight universities in our city. You'll bike around our city and recognise friends from seminars and lectures. Shops, cafés and cultural institutions in the city also offer a wide range of discounts and concessions for students.

Nightlife, by the way, is perfect! You may even catch your favourite instructor at the turntables during the legendary Night of the Profs.



BEYOND STUDY

SPORTS

Our University Sport offers an attractive and varied programme: With more than 150 types of sports, sports tours, training courses, tournaments and international sports competitions, we have the right offer for everyone! Our new Campus Gym is packed with top class facilities and equipment. As a partner in the field of top-level sports we also play a special role in promoting elite sport and support our students in participating in national and international competitions. As a result, the University Sport is regularly ranked in the top 3 of Germany's competition ranking published by the general German university sports association.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Looking to improve your German or learn a new language? Our Language Centre not only offers German language courses to prepare you for studying in Germany. You can also improve your German language skills at our Language Centre during your studies. Or you can go for another language – to better communicate with international friends!

CULTURE

The WWU provides students a once in a lifetime offering of cultural enrichment! Whether you want to make music or enjoy it, act in a play, or sit back and enjoy the performances of others: Over 60 different groups and ensembles from music, drama and arts are enriching the university's day-to-day experience with creativity and new perspectives. There is even a semester ticket for cultural events included in the semester fee, which allows you to attend several events from associated institutions at a reduced rate or for free.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Germany has committed itself to being a land of ideas. To accomplish this task, government has invested significantly in education, keeping university fees low for students.

TOP LEVEL EDUCATION AT A LOW PRICE

You do not have to pay tuition fees at the WWU! However, like all German public universities, we charge a semester fee to support our student service institutions. Your fee includes our semester ticket with which you can use all public busses, trams, the underground and regional trains throughout the federal state of North-Rhine Westphalia free of charge. The semester fee currently is about € 300 per semester.

LIVING EXPENSES

The cost of living for students is approx. € 780 per month in Münster. Even though there are many job offers for students in Münster, you should have sufficient financial means to cover these costs. Because studying is very time-consuming, you won't have much time for a student job.

VISA

If you need a visa to enter Germany, you will have to prove that you have enough money to support yourself. In most cases, applicants have to prove that they have around € 8,700 at their disposal for the first study year.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

In Münster, most of the students live in a "WG", a flat usually shared with fellow students. Others prefer furnished or unfurnished apartments in residence halls. The residence halls of the Studierendenwerk Münster (Student Support Services Münster, a non-profit organisation) offer affordable housing opportunities. All in all accommodation is highly demanded and not always easy to find. We strongly advise you to start looking for a place to stay well before you come to Münster. Our International Office will assist you with your search.



SUPPORTING YOU

At the WWU, you will always find advice and guidance throughout your student journey. We have a network of support in place to help you have a smooth start on your study programme at the WWU, and adjust to student life, as well as to make it as easy as possible to find advice on many different issues. Here is a quick guide to some of our centres and institutions that can help you during your time at the WWU:

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

The team at the International Office advises foreign students, academics and staff, who wish to study, do research or teach at the University of Münster. If you have questions regarding application and enrolment procedures, finding accommodation, language courses etc., their Exchange Student Service will help you with any problems you might have. Or come meet other students at their international centre, the Brücke – a meeting point, a venue for cultural events, readings, international celebrations, exhibitions and concerts.

STUDY INFORMATION CENTRE (SIZ)

Do you have questions regarding studying Law in Münster or require assistance with planning your course schedule? The team at the Study Information Centre at the Faculty of Law will be happy to help you. We are at your disposal nearly every weekday all year round. Don't miss our Orientation Day at the beginning of each semester! Here you'll receive all necessary information about studying at the Faculty of Law and you'll have the chance to meet other incomings, who might become your friends for life.