Programme overview

Taxes are at the heart of many decisions in business and government. In a world where trade is global, knowledge of only domestic rules is inadequate. With our Master’s in European and International Tax Law, you will be able to help businesses and institutions operate in a worldwide context with the European Union’s legal framework in focus.

The European Union is one of the world’s largest and most important economies. Those interested in doing business within EU member states must know the tax rules and practice of relevant laws. In this programme, you will gain a deeper understanding of the European Union’s legal system and how the tax laws of EU’s internal market operate in a cross-border context. Furthermore, you will learn how to find and use EU and international legal material.

We offer you a unique combination of specialist courses in both direct and indirect taxation with special focus on EU law. The courses are designed to meet the demands of the market for cutting-edge knowledge on multi-jurisdictional tax issues. The programme provides you with access to an international faculty with state-of-the-art knowledge in the field and experience from working with the courts and institutions of the European Union and in private practice of tax law.

Due to our close connections with the business community, our courses feature guest lectures by highly specialised professionals providing you with practical and theoretical insights on European and international tax law issues. During the programme, you will meet with tax practitioners working with these issues from, for example, EY and Deloitte.

Programme modules/courses

CORE COURSES (15 CREDITS EACH):
The Fundamentals of European and International Indirect Taxation and The Fundamentals of European and International Direct Taxation. These courses deal with the structure of Tax Systems, Comparative Taxation, Sources of Law, Public Finance, General Principles, Human Rights and Taxation, Methods of Interpretation, Access to Treaty Freedoms, Judicial Remedies and State Aid as well as Taxation and Transfer Pricing. One of the following: European and International Taxation – Direct Tax or European and International Taxation – Indirect Tax. The programme ends with a Master’s degree thesis (15 credits).

Career prospects

The Master’s in European and International Tax Law prepares you for a career within law firms, international audit and professional services firms, national tax authorities, tax divisions in multinational companies, as well as finance departments and other government tax policy institutions.

Tax specialists work at the centre of the corporate world or government policy, with clients and other professionals, to find the optimal tax solutions adapted to complex commercial and real-life circumstances. Graduates often find positions as tax specialists in their home country in various functions in both public and private sector.

The Master’s degree also adequately prepares students for PhD studies in European and international taxation.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

An undergraduate degree in law (LL.B) including 15 ECTS credits in tax law, or an undergraduate degree in economics or business administration (BA/BSc) including 30 ECTS credits in tax law or equivalent knowledge. English Level 6 (equivalent to IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 90). See www.lunduniversity.lu.se for details on English proficiency levels.

“The courses were extremely well designed and easy to follow. The contents were state-of-the-art and I often found myself discussing the most recent case law on the Fundamental Freedoms. Besides a great deal of knowledge, I also enjoyed the experience to learn and discuss within a small class with people from all over the world, gaining detailed insight into their experiences, too. Besides, the teachers of the programme have a great way of teaching and are open to all your ideas.”

Tobias Bornemann from Germany
**HOW TO APPLY**

1. **Apply online:** Go to [www.lunduniversity.lu.se/european-international-tax-law](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/european-international-tax-law). Click on “Apply” and follow the instructions for the online application at the Swedish national application website [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se). Rank the chosen programmes in order of preference.

2. **Submit your supporting documents:**
   - **General supporting documents:** Check what documents you need to submit (i.e. official transcripts, degree diploma/proof of expected graduation, translations, proof of English, passport) and how you need to submit them at [www.universityadmissions.se](http://www.universityadmissions.se).
   - **Programme-specific supporting documents:** When applying for the Master’s in European International Tax Law, you must also submit a CV and a statement of purpose with your application. For further instructions, see [www.lusem.lu.se/supporting-documents](http://www.lusem.lu.se/supporting-documents).

3. **Pay the application fee** (when applicable).

**SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFO**

We look for undergraduates with excellent results from an internationally recognised university. When assessing your academic record, we take into account your grade average and other merits such as your statement of purpose.

Undergraduates are recommended to have a minimum average grade equivalent to 3.0 out of 4, in cumulated grade point average (CGPA), C in the ECTS grading scale, and B in the American grading scale.

Strong English language communication skills are crucial to gain the full benefit of this programme.

**TUITION FEES**

There are no tuition fees for EU/EEA citizens. For non-EU/EEA citizens, the tuition fee for this programme is SEK 120 000 per year. See [www.lunduniversity.lu.se](http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se) for details on tuition fees.

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**About the School of Economics and Management**

The activities within Lund University School of Economics and Management cover research and education in business administration, business law, economic history, economics, informatics, and statistics, as well as research policy. About 4,100 students and 400 researchers, teachers and other staff members study and work at the School.

The School of Economics and Management provides a well-profiled, research-based education that is international and multidisciplinary in nature and helps equip our students to hold key positions in industry and society in an increasingly globalised world. Our students can choose from a wide range of specialist subjects and attend lectures by some of our best researchers, international guest professors, and business leaders from a broad spectrum of sectors and organisations.

**About Lund University**

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world’s top 100 universities. The University has 40,000 students and 7,400 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

Lund is the most popular study location in Sweden. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a distinct international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.


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