

APPLICATION DEADLINE

15 May: Countries where APS certificates are required (i.e. P.R.China, Mongolia and Vietnam)

1 July: All other Asian Countries

Applications will be considered on a “rolling basis” and admissions to the LL.M. International Finance program will be granted to successful applicants on a “first come first served” basis. Applicants will be informed within 6 weeks of receipt of the completed application. No application fee is required.

VISA/APS REQUIREMENTS

Students from the PRC, Mongolia and Vietnam must acquire APS (Akademische Prüfstelle) certificates before they can obtain student visas to study at the ILF. As APS certificates may take up to at least 3 months to be issued by the relevant authority, applications should be made early.

TUITION FEES: 18,000 EUR

This covers tuition, the use of the facilities of the ILF and Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, the conferment of the degree upon the successful completion of the program requirements, transcripts, degree certificates as well as selected extra-curricular activities. It does not cover the costs of living (i.e. board and lodging), health insurance, teaching materials or computer consumables. Students shall also bear the University’s semester enrolment fees (*currently about 370 EUR per semester*) themselves.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Reduction of tuition fees by 2,700 Euro (*15% of tuition fees*) if applications are received by the ILF by **15th January**.

Reduction of tuition fees by 1,800 Euro (*10% of tuition fees*) if applications are received by the ILF by **28th February**.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

After graduating from the ILF, if you wish to stay and look for work in Germany, you can apply to extend your existing residence permit for up to 18 months (and work unrestricted). Such job seeker visas are granted as long as foreign students have evidence of receiving a degree from a German university, have health insurance and can support themselves financially during the period of stay.

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GOOD REASONS TO STUDY AT THE ILF:



- An interdisciplinary curriculum with excellent law and business/finance courses
- Top lecturers consisting of leading professors from Goethe University and experts from the professional world
- A location in Frankfurt, the financial center of continental Europe
- Increased interaction with ILF international students via combined courses with them
- A program that is open to graduates of law, business or economics faculties
- Advanced Business and Legal English and basic German language courses
- Exclusive and intensive Legal and Management Training Program during the semester break
- Organized student excursions (*e.g. Field Trips to Other Cities, special Company Visits, European Central Bank, Germany Stock Exchange, Basketball Game, Football Game*)



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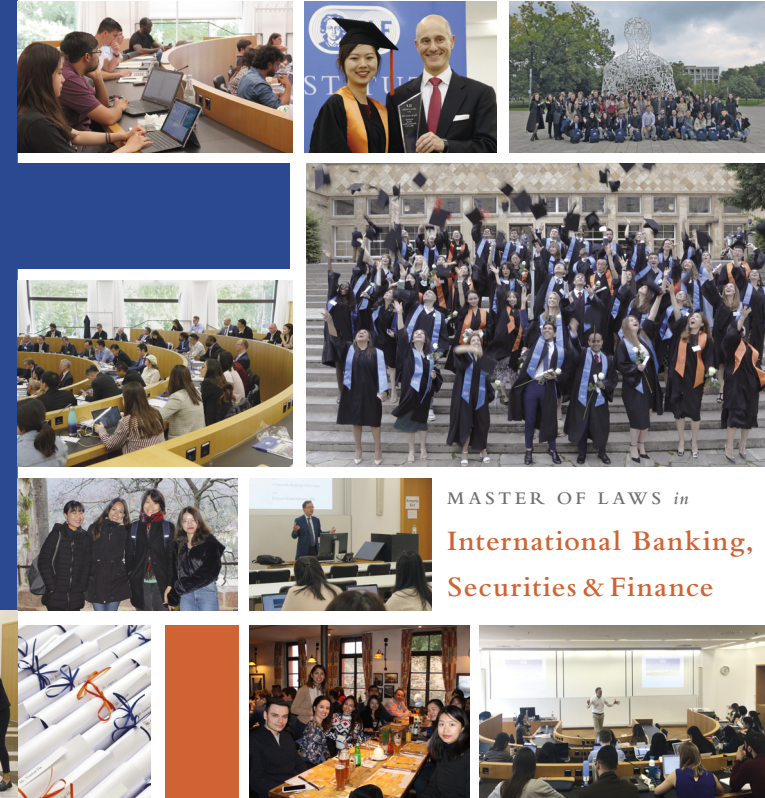
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LL.M. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

(Program for Graduates from Asia)



MASTER OF LAWS in
**International Banking,
Securities & Finance**



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THE ILF OFFERS

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The Institute for Law and Finance (ILF) is a center for academic excellence in teaching and research in the fields of law and finance. It was established in 2002 as a foundation of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main with the support of many leading commercial banks, international law firms, consulting and accounting firms as well as regulatory authorities. In addition, the ILF provides a policy platform in the legislative process by regularly holding conferences and seminars for the purpose of promoting discussions and exchanges between academia and practitioners.

WHY STUDY AT THE ILF?

Our Master of Laws in International Banking, Securities and Finance (LL.M. International Finance) program offers excellent interdisciplinary and practice-oriented training in the areas of international and European banking, securities and finance law. At the ILF, you will be trained not only to deal with but also to excel in this increasingly important area where international law and global finance meet. You will be taught by prominent professors from Goethe University as well as experts from the legal and financial industries.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Graduates holding a first degree in law, business or economics from Asia and who have good academic records are eligible to apply. Proficiency in English must surpass a level of TOEFL 580, CBT TOEFL 237, IBT TOEFL 92 or IELTS 6.5.

DURATION OF PROGRAM

One-year postgraduate degree program which is divided into two semesters. Winter Semester (October to February) and Summer Semester (April to July). The program commences in October and teaching ends in July of the following year.

The LL.M. International Finance Program is listed among the top 10 LL.M. programs for banking, finance and securities law worldwide by LLM GUIDE in 2021!



CONFERMENT OF DEGREE

The LL.M. International Finance degree is conferred by the Faculty of Law of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main.

GOETHE UNIVERSITY, FRANKFURT CITY

The ILF is situated in the House of Finance located at Campus Westend of Goethe University. Goethe University Frankfurt am Main was founded in 1914 and is today one of Europe's leading institutions of higher education.

It is a lively, urban, and cosmopolitan university which provides an excellent atmosphere for research, study, thinking, and creating. With currently more than 46,000 students, including over 7,400 international students representing more than 135 nationalities, it prides itself on a rich tradition of intellectual and cultural excellence.

Students of the ILF are full members of the University community and are eligible to use all facilities available to students of Goethe University.

HOUSE OF FINANCE

The House of Finance amalgamates the University's interdisciplinary research on finance, monetary economics, and corporate and financial law under one roof. With its attractive premises and exceptional infrastructure, the House of Finance allows its numerous researchers, doctoral students and graduate students to learn, exchange ideas and conduct research in a stimulating environment.

FRANKFURT CITY

Today, as the leading financial center in continental Europe, Frankfurt is the seat of the European Central Bank, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (Deutsche Börse), the German Federal Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) and international banks such as Deutsche Bank and Commerzbank.

Frankfurt serves as a perfect international meeting point for many people. It offers many cultural attractions, among them two opera houses, concert halls, theaters, and a great variety of museums and art galleries. Frankfurt is a vibrant city with many recreational facilities which cater to the city's international population.

CURRICULUM

COMPONENTS OF THE LL.M. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE PROGRAM (90 ECTS):

- A) **Coursework: 12 courses** (55 ECTS)
- B) **Business and Legal English Part 1 and 2** (10 ECTS)
- C) **Legal and Management Training Program** (5 ECTS)
- D) **Master's Thesis** (20 ECTS)

A. Coursework

In order to earn the LL.M. International Finance degree, students must acquire a minimum of 55 credit points through graded coursework. The 12 courses offered are:

LAW

- Capital Markets and Securities Law
- Drafting of Contracts
- Law of Commercial Banking*
- Law of Corporate Finance
- Law of Investment Banking*
- Law of Project and Acquisition Finance
- Process and Principles of M&A Transactions
- Regulation of Financial Markets and Instruments
- Sustainable Infrastructure Investments for Institutional Investors

BUSINESS & FINANCE

- Global Economic Environment*
- Financial Markets and Institutions*
- Fundamentals of Finance

INTRODUCTORY COURSES (No ECTS)

- Basics of Financial Mathematics*
- Basics of European Union Law*

B. Business and Legal English Part 1 and Part 2

During the semesters, students are required to attend Business and Legal English courses. Further, an optional basic German language course is also held.

C. Legal and Management Training Program

During the semester break between February and April, the Legal and Management Training Program will take place over a four-week period. Students will attend communication, presentation, interview and negotiation skills courses as well as specially-organized guest lectures and excursions to banks, law firms and institutions.

D. Master's Thesis

Students shall write a thesis within a 4-month period on a subject agreed in consultation with the student's thesis adviser.

*combined classes with international students of LL.M. Finance program