

# LLM International Business Tax Law

## Quick Facts

Duration  
One year

Language  
English

Degree awarded  
Master of Laws

Start  
End of August

Application deadline  
April 1 for non-EU/EEA,  
July 1 for EU/EEA

Rankings  
#1 International Law  
School worldwide, Social  
Science Research Network  
Ranking, August 2018

Tuition fees  
EU/EEA citizens:  
€ 2,092 p/yr  
Non-EU/EEA citizens:  
€ 14,600 p/yr  
Fees are indicative only  
and may be subject to  
change

Taxation is an increasingly important determinant for multinational enterprises in their decisions on where and how to invest. Incentives and disincentives created by tax systems affect companies' behavior. Moreover, all kinds of legal considerations are taken into account in the decision-making as well. This Master equips you with advanced tools to understand and manage the complex problems companies and governments are facing in the field of international business taxation. With your understanding of how tax and legal considerations relate, you will be optimally prepared to help these multinational enterprises, organizations, and governments.

## IBTL in short

- This program is unique in the world, focusing on the principles underlying **tax systems worldwide**.
- Help multinational enterprises, organizations and governments to make good decisions in the field of international business taxation.
- **Unique degree** in both the legal and the economic aspects of international business taxation, providing good career prospects.
- Courses such as Transfer Pricing and Tax & Technology prepare you for the future.
- Inspirational lectures by internationally-reputed lecturers affiliated to the **largest Fiscal Institute within Europe**: the Fiscal Institute Tilburg.
- Average number of months until first paid job: 2.6
- Gross monthly income just after graduation: €2,199.

## Curriculum

The program consists of 60 credits (ECTS)

### Core courses (30 ECTS)

- Business Taxation
- Business Taxation and Decision-Making Processes
- Corporate Tax Structures
- Value Added Tax in Cross-Border Situations
- International and European Taxation

### Master's thesis (18 ECTS)

### Sub-track courses (12 ECTS)

Choose 2 out of 4 courses

#### Organizations and Strategies Track

- International Business Law
- International Company Law
- Transfer Pricing
- Tax & Technology (TiU or VU)

#### Globalization Track

- Advanced EU Competition Law
- Trade and WTO Law
- Transfer Pricing
- Tax & Technology (TiU or VU)

## Practical Matters

Approximate monthly overview of the cost of living

Accommodation	€450-550
Food & drinks	€250
Books & readers	€65
Insurance	€40

### Scholarships

Orange Tulip Scholarship China

*Tuition waiver + €5,000*

Sino-Dutch Bilateral Exchange Scholarship  
€16,113

China Scholarship Council  
*Several scholarships*

### Admission & application

Best qualifying Bachelor's degrees:

- Bachelor's degree in Law

### English requirements

- TOEFL: 90 (internet-based)
- IELTS: 6.5 (min. 6.0 for all components)
- Cambridge CAE or CPE

## Fiscal Institute Tilburg

The FIT is the largest fiscal institute within Europe. International cooperation is part of its primary objectives concerning both education and research in the area of tax law and tax economics. A strong network - including foreign universities (EUCOTAX) with the FIT as its focal point - has evolved around the 'EUCOTAX Wintercourse' since 1993. This network carries out joint international research programs. It facilitates guest lectures by foreign tax scholars at Tilburg University and enables tax scholars from Tilburg University to deliver guest lectures abroad.

## Career prospects

As a Master of Laws in International Business Tax Law, you are well prepared for a career as a professional business tax advisor or an in-house counsel of corporations or a career in academic research.

### Graduates started for example as:

- Senior Tax Consultant at Deloitte
- International Tax Services Consultant at EY
- VAT Specialist at Siemens

## Professional skills

A key advantage of the International Business Tax Law qualification is the specific skills you develop throughout the program - qualities valued by future employers. These skills include:

- The ability to critically assess and examine international business tax law phenomena
- Discuss international business tax law developments and cases from an analytical perspective, grounding your assertions in relevant theory, literature, and methodologies
- Convey your knowledge persuasively both orally and in written form
- Exhibit strong interpersonal skills
- Display a clear understanding of the needs and perspectives of future clients, public organizations, and non-profit organizations

## Students' projects

Students have many possibilities to integrate their curriculum by participating in projects which deepen their knowledge and broaden their experience in the field of international taxation:

- EUCOTAX Wintercourse (only for Dutch speaking students)  
[www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/studying/additional-education/eucotax\\_wintercourse](http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/students/studying/additional-education/eucotax_wintercourse)
- International and European Tax Moot Court Competition  
[www.law.kuleuven.be/taxmootcourt](http://www.law.kuleuven.be/taxmootcourt)