



## LL.M. & LL.D. PROGRAMS

# Overview

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The International Economic & Business Law LL.M. Program

In 1994, the Graduate School of Law at Kyushu University established Japan's first Master's level program taught entirely in English: the LL.M. program in International Economic and Business Law (IEBL).

Drawing upon faculty members with particular strengths in these fields of law, the IEBL program is designed to provide both Japanese and international students with the ability to confront the many challenges of contemporary international economic affairs and commercial transactions.

Taught in English from a Japanese perspective, the IEBL program seeks to develop a critical understanding of economic and legal principles within the framework of transnational & comparative law.





## The LL.D. Program

The LL.D. Program offers students the unique opportunity of preparing a doctoral thesis in English whilst studying at a Japanese university. Participants will pursue a closely supervised program of research for 6 consecutive semesters (3 years) prior to submitting a final dissertation.

The program is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to complete high-level research in law.

The Graduate school of Law encourages applications from suitably qualified applications of all nationalities.

Proposals for doctoral research on any legal topic will be considered.



# LL.M. Program Key Points

## DURATION OF PROGRAM

The IEBL is taught on a full time basis and takes 12 months for completion, beginning in October every year and ending in September of the following year.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION & CURRICULUM

All IEBL students are expected to complete a 20-credit (approx. five courses per semester) curriculum and write a Master's Thesis. Courses offered within the framework of the LL.M. program are grouped around three key themes:

### Business and the Law

- IP and Private International Law
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
- White Collar and Corporate Crime
- Business Law in a Networked Age

### Globalization and the Law

- Transnational Commercial Law and Foreign Investment Law
- Current Legal Issues and Roman Law
- Introduction to EU Law
- World Trade Law
- Public International Law
- International Maritime Law

### Innovation and the Law

- Fundamental Issues in IP Laws
- Japanese Intellectual Property Law and Practice
- Law, Innovation and Economic Growth

The above is an indicative list and is subject to change.



"Having completed my Master in Laws studies at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) in 1998, I felt that I was not ready yet to enter the world of work and wanted to continue another academic venture. In my search for an appropriate LLM course, Kyushu University came to my attention, and more particularly the course structure and module content which seemed to be wide enough in scope to gain a good understanding of the many challenges and opportunities in an ever changing international economic environment.

My decision to join the LLM in International and Economic Business Law in International Economic and Business Law at the Faculty of Law of the Kyushu University, is one I will never regret and which has opened many doors. Thanks to the combination of the internationality of the program and the high diversification of the colleague students in the class, the LLM in International and Economic Business Law gives you an excellent training in facing the difficulties that come with many international legal and other management positions one might pursue. Following my stay at Kyushu I started working as associate lawyer with Linklaters LLP in the mergers and acquisitions department. After six years with Linklaters, I joined Euronav NV, a world leader in the transportation of crude oil, as General Counsel of the group.

I wish all present and future participants all the best and hope they will enjoy the year at Kyudai!"

Egied Verbeeck  
(LL.M. 1999, Kyushu University, Faculty of Law)



# LL.D. Program Key Points

## DURATION OF PROGRAM

Students are required to submit the final version of their dissertation three years after enrolling on the LL.D. program.

## RESEARCH TOPIC

The doctoral thesis may be on any law-related subject agreed in consultation with the academic supervisors and approved by the LL.D. Faculty Committee. However, Kyushu University, Graduate School of Law would particularly welcome doctoral research proposals in these fields:

### Business and the Law

- International Arbitration
- IP and Private International Law
- International Civil Litigation
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Contemporary Issues in Competition Law
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

### Globalization and the Law

- International Business Law
- Current Legal Issues and Roman Law
- International Economic and Social Law
- World Trade Law
- Public International Law
- International Maritime Law

### Innovation and the Law

- Contemporary Issues in Intellectual Property Law
- Nature, Business and the Law
- Intellectual Property Law and Practice
- Creative Economy, Innovation & the Law

A full list of professors and their current research interests can be found at:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programsinenglish/>



"Before studying in Kyushu University, I was a law-school student at Peking University. I learned about the LLM program at Kyushu University by chance, but out of my deep curiosity about Japan, I applied for it and was luckily admitted to the program.

Since then, my wonderful journey in Japan began. The diverse & interesting courses taught by knowledgeable and insightful professors; the special lectures of distinguished scholars or governmental officials from the US, EU, or other Asian countries; the opportunities to organize and participate in global conferences; the chances to discuss, share different views, and make friends with classmates from all of the world; the occasions to learn the beautiful language & experience Japanese culture through interesting study trips; etc., all appealed to me a lot and made a difference in my life. All these made me decide to go beyond the one-year study in Kyushu University and pursue my LL.D. there. My four-year study in Kyushu University is the biggest treasure in my life. It has not only enriched my knowledge in law, but also broadened my view of the world. Diversity was the biggest lesson for me!

I am currently working at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto law firm, which is one of the biggest law firms in Japan, and my work mainly focuses on foreign investments in China, M&A and other international matters. Interestingly, in a big M&A transaction, I happily worked with one of my Singaporean classmates, who also graduated from Kyushu University. The world may be big, but it also seemed so small! I miss and will always remember my professors, classmates and happy study times in KyushuUniversity!"

Jie Yuan  
(LL.D. 2007, Kyushu University, Faculty of Law)



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# Why Fukuoka? Why Kyushu University?

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Located in the heart of East Asia, midway between Tokyo, Shanghai and Seoul, Fukuoka is the largest city in Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands. It is a thriving modern metropolis that has not sacrificed its unique local character and charm. Historically known as Hakata, it has long been one of Japan's key ports for commerce with the rest of Asia, and today the spirit of Hakata lives on, for the growing continental ties of recent years have enabled the city to establish itself as a major regional center.

In 2006, Newsweek named Fukuoka as one of the "Ten Most Dynamic Cities" in the world, identifying an energetic regional economy, excellent infrastructure, and the proximity and openness to Asia as key features behind its continued growth. In June 2008, the Financial Times reported a survey of world cities that ranked Fukuoka as the 17th most livable city in the world, and awarded the city a special commendation for its downtown shopping district.

Kyushu University is the largest university in Kyushu and one of the most prestigious national universities in Japan. Founded in 1911 as one of seven original Imperial Universities, it continues to be a focal point for academic and educational excellence.

Graduate study in Kyushu University provides well-motivated students with the opportunity to study in a dynamic academic atmosphere and to enjoy life in one of Japan's fastest growing cities.

And yet, perhaps the most important feature of Fukuoka for the foreign resident is its people. Known throughout Japan for their friendliness, the people of Fukuoka have long enjoyed good relationships with visitors from abroad. For the foreigners living among Fukuoka's 1.7 million residents, life is both comfortable and stimulating.

## Tuition and Financial Aid

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### TUITION FEES

For the academic year 2015-2016, tuition fees total around ¥900,000. The final amount for 2017-2018 is available upon request after it is confirmed in January 2017.

LL.M. & LL.D. Financial Aid

Information is available at:

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/llmapplicationprocess.htm>

# Faculty

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The Graduate School of Law has a large and diverse faculty, with wide ranging research interests in all major fields of law and political science. Moreover, faculty members have a wide range of experience in business, the legal profession, government service, international organizations, as well as academia. The following is an indicative list of faculty currently involved in the IEBL program.

Professor KONO Toshiyuki (Director of International Programs)

LL.B. & LL.M. (Kyoto University), specializing in Private International Law and Civil Litigation, and Law & Culture.

Professor AKASHI Kinji

LL.B. & LL.M. (Keio University), Ph.D. (Utrecht University), specializing in Basic Theories of International Law and History of International Law

Professor IGIMI Mariko

LL.B., LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Roman Law.

Professor PEJOVIC Caslav

LL.B. (University of Montenegro), LL.M. (Belgrade University), LL.M. (Kyoto University), Ph.D. (Zagreb University), specializing in Maritime Law, International Business Law & E-Commerce.

Professor TERAMOTO Shinto

LL.B. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Intellectual Property Law.

Professor UEDA Junko

LL.B., LL.M. & LL.D. (Nagoya University), Ph.D. (University of London), specializing in Commercial Law & EU Law.

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Professor VERMEULEN Erik

M.A. (Tilburg University), Ph.D. (Tilburg University), specializing in Company Law.

Associate Professor FENWICK Mark

LL.B. (University of London), M.Phil. & Ph.D. (University of Cambridge), specializing in Corporate Crime and Transnational Business Law.

Associate Professor HAN Sang Hee

B.A. & LL.M. (Korea University), LL.D. (Keio University), Ph.D. (Beijing University), specializing in International Law and Politics.

Associate Professor IRIE Hideaki

BA (University of Tokyo), MS (University of Tokyo), MA (Hosei University), Ph.D. (University of Tokyo), specializing in Conflict Management.

Associate Professor KOJIMA Ryu

LL.B. (University of Tokyo), LL.M. (Harvard University), specializing in Intellectual Property Law, and Law & Culture.

Associate Professor VAN UYTSEL Steven

LL.B. (Antwerp University), LL.M. & LL.D. (Kyushu University), specializing in Competition Law, Product Liability & Natural Resources Law.

Assistant Professor FORMACION Antonio

LL.B. (San Augustin University), LL.M. (Kyushu University), specializing in Internet Law and Privacy.



# Facilities and Services

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## Library

The Law Library of Kyushu University houses one of the largest collections in Japan with over 310,000 volumes. It is particularly well known for its collection of international and foreign-language materials, and provides an excellent research resource for all graduate students.

## Technology

Kyushu University provides wireless access throughout the campus. International students enrolled on a program at the Graduate School of Law are given access to the LL.M. Study Room, which contains a number of computers and network hubs for laptops. Students are also given access to an extensive selection of on-line databases containing both English and Japanese materials, including LEXIS/NEXIS & WESTLAW.

## Health Care

All international students are obliged to join a national health insurance scheme. For a nominal monthly charge, 70% of health costs are covered by insurance. Students are free to choose their health care provider.

## Student Supporters

All international students enrolled on a course in the Graduate School of Law will be provided with a Supporter to assist with various practical matters upon arriving in Japan.

## International Student & Researcher Support Center

In 2009 Kyushu University established the *International Student & Researcher Support Center* (KUSC).

KUSC is responsible for providing a range of services for supporting incoming students and researchers from overseas.

The KUSC web page can be found at:

<http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en>

## Housing

Kyushu University offers a number of housing options.

Further information is available from: [supportcenter-kai@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp](mailto:supportcenter-kai@jimu.kyushu-u.ac.jp)

# APPLICATION INFORMATION: LL.M. PROGRAM

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## Application Procedure

The application procedure for October 2017 entry is available on the international programs website.

<http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/programs/english/prospectivestudents.htm>

## Requirements for Admission

For admission to the IEBL program, students must have or expect to have by the time of enrolment:

- An undergraduate law degree from an accredited university.
- A thorough knowledge of the English language. Please note: if English is not your native language you must take the TOEFL test or equivalent. A TOEFL score of 580 or above (computer based test: 237 or internet based test: 92) is required for admission.
- Sufficient financial support for the program of study.

## Application Forms

Application forms for the program are available from the Admissions Office of the LL.M. Program or may be downloaded from <http://www.law.kyushu-u.ac.jp/~iebl/>

Please write to the following address to request hard copies of the necessary application materials:

Admission Office of the LL.M. Program

Faculty of Law, Kyushu University, 6-19-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku,

Fukuoka 812-8581, Japan.

Fax: 81 (Japan)-92-642-4162

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## Requirements for Admission

The LL.D. program is open to applicants with:

- A Master's degree (in law or a related discipline) from an accredited university. All applicants will be expected to have completed some form of legal study at a graduate level.
- Competence in the English language is a prerequisite of the program and proof of English ability will be required of non-native speakers. In principle, a TOEFL score of 600 (computer based test: 250 or internet based test: 100) is required.
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