

Unique Master of Laws Programs



Jan Hendrik Reese, Germany

“Studying here has improved my language skills. But the most important thing you learn in Australia is to take things easy, and be happy no matter what happens.”

Jan Hendrik Reese, Germany 

The School of Law at La Trobe University Melbourne, Australia offers two specialised Master of Laws degrees for German law graduates who have or who are about to complete the First State exam.

Master of Laws Programs

Program Name	Master of Laws in Global Business Law	Master of Laws International
Duration	1 year	1 year
Starting Dates	January, June, November. Flexible entry available (start dates depend on subjects chosen)	January, June, November. Flexible entry available (start dates depend on subjects chosen)
Campus	Melbourne (Bundoora)	Melbourne (Bundoora)
Special Features	The practice of law is increasingly a global business. The Global Business Law program at La Trobe University's Law School presents as an opportunity for law graduates to study in subject areas of global interest, including international business and arbitration law, and US business and corporations law.	The Master of Laws International is unique in Australia and designed with non-Australian lawyers in mind. The degree is a coursework program only available to overseas lawyers who have a law degree from their home jurisdiction.
Academic Entry Requirements	An Australian Bachelor of Laws or an approved international equivalent.	Bachelor of Laws or equivalent from a jurisdiction other than Australia
English Entry Requirements (applicable to both courses)	International students applying for postgraduate courses at La Trobe University must provide evidence of their English language proficiency. The standard English requirement for entry into postgraduate study at La Trobe is an IELTS result of 6.5 with no individual band score less than 6.0. Other English language tests are acceptable. Please see the list of Recognised English Programs, at www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply/how-to/	
2010 Annual Tuition Fee (\$A)*	21 230	21 230

* Please note that fees listed are for commencing students for the 2010 academic year only. Please note the University reserves the right to vary fees on an annual basis. Fees will not normally rise above 7 per cent per annum. Should the University decide to increase its fees, that increase will take effect on 1 January of the following year.

Master of Laws in Global Business Law

Global business law students are taught by internationally renowned academics from the world's best universities, including the University of California (Los Angeles), Duke University, Pennsylvania State University, the China University of Politics and Law in Beijing, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the University of Muenster in Germany.

The structure of the program is ideal for overseas law practitioners or recent graduates who seek quality Master of Law options. The subjects are delivered in a five-day intensive mode during the Australian summer (November-February) and winter (June-July) vacations. The following table is an example of the broad range of subjects available (students must complete a total of eight subjects of their choice):

Master of Laws in Global Business Law

Session	Summer 2009 – 2010	Winter 2010
Period	November – February	June – July
Choice of Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Business Law and Practice Corporate Finance for Lawyers International Business Transactions International Commercial Arbitration International Tax Law Introduction to American Law Introduction to Australian Law USA Antitrust Law USA Contracts Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese Foreign Trade and Investment Law Introduction to American Law Introduction to Australian Law USA Commercial Law USA Consumer Law USA Corporations Law USA Intellectual Property Law

For full details of the program, please refer to Global Business Law website www.latrobe.edu.au/lawman/courses/postgraduate/global-business-law

Master of Laws International

The Master of Laws International is unique in Australia because it allows foreign law graduates to study undergraduate law subjects within their Master of Laws degree. This degree is only available to overseas lawyers who have a law degree from their home jurisdiction and who wish to gain advanced qualifications in law and expand their career prospects internationally. Students from Germany and other European countries are currently enrolled in this course. This coursework degree can be completed in two semesters.

The structure of the Master of Laws International provides non-Australian lawyers with two career enhancement options:

- complete some or all of the Bachelor of Laws subjects required for legal practice in Australia; or
- specialise in Australian and Global Business Law through a combination of undergraduate and postgraduate subjects and expand career development options in their home country.

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La Trobe University Melbourne (Bundoora) campus

Admission to Legal Practice in Australia

An overseas law graduate or practitioner hoping to seek admission to practise in Australia should seek a ruling from the Legal Services Board in Victoria as to the extent to which their existing academic qualifications and practical legal training may be regarded as sufficient. This should be made at least six months before commencing this program and action should be initiated from Germany. The ruling may require the completion of a number of law subjects as well as an additional period of practical training. The application can be made under the Legal Profession (Admission) Rules 2008.

Visit: www.justice.vic.gov.au

Advanced Standing

Advanced standing may be granted to suitable applicants. Advanced standing means that applicants may be granted credit for up to two subjects or 30 credit points. Advanced standing of 30 credit points will result in a 25 per cent deduction in tuition fees. Students who have passed the Fachspezifische Fremdsprachenausbildung in Rechtsenglisch (FFA) from Muenster University School of Law or a similar program at another German university are eligible for 30 credit points advanced standing.

Articulation with Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD)

The Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) is a research doctorate in Law that allows students to either gain advanced qualification in law for further career advancement or pursue academic career. The doctorate combines coursework and research with a required thesis length of 55 000 – 60 000 words.

Applicants must have completed an Australian Master's degree or Bachelor's degree with Honours at H1 or H2A level, or approved international equivalent, plus at least three years of relevant professional experience. Applicants are also required to provide evidence of research expertise.

www.latrobe.edu.au/law/international

"I was amazed by the flexibility of the program, which allowed me to 'fast-track' my degree by taking classes in the summer school. The classes are small and allow for plenty of student/lecturer interaction and discussion."

Jan Apking, Germany 

English Language Requirements and Direct Entry Program

International students applying for postgraduate courses at La Trobe University must provide evidence of their English language proficiency. The standard English language requirement for entry into law for applicants not educated in English is an IELTS result of 6.5; with no individual band score less than 6.0. Other tests and courses are accepted by the University. Details are available at: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/apply

Alternatively, students can enrol in English for Further Studies program at La Trobe University International College which will provide direct entry into La Trobe University courses. Details are available at: www.latrobe.edu.au/icollege

"At the School of Law, I enjoyed the flexibility and competence of staff and the opportunity to know new people and a new legal system. Great atmosphere!" Florian Schwarz, Germany

How to Apply

International students should contact La Trobe International or visit the website below for information on how to apply for the Master of Law programs. La Trobe International's website also contains important information on studying in Australia including visa and government requirements, facilities and resources, scholarships, campus lifestyle, accommodation, living costs, and support services.

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For assistance please contact one of our overseas representatives: www.latrobe.edu.au/international/contact