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PANTHÉON SORBONNE

**ÉCOLE DE DROIT
DE LA SORBONNE**



SORBONNE LL.M.

BUSINESS LAW

Annual Program in Business Law

for Non-French Lawyers in Paris

Director : Mathias AUDIT, Professor of Private Law

This LL.M. (Magister Legum) is a University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne post-graduate degree open to young lawyers, jurists and recent law graduates, fluent in English and from non-French jurisdictions. It is tailored for legal practitioners with different legal and cultural backgrounds. The teaching consists of several fundamental courses taught by University professors and practicing lawyers in small groups ideal to trigger discussion and participation. In addition, a language course will be available to discover or improve the use of French as a working language.

LANGUAGE COURSE

Participants should be proficient in written and spoken English.

ELIGIBILITY

Application documents:

- Application form link
- Identification
- Official transcripts of law degree
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Two recent letters of recommendation

Each candidate will be selected after an interview scheduled shortly after reception of the application. Candidates will be notified by the Committee on Admissions by late July.

TUITION AND FACILITIES

Tuition fees are 6 000 Euros.

Participants registered at the University Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne receive a student ID card giving them access to all University facilities and specialized research centers, as well as the law libraries and intranet.

VISAS

Non-European Union students entering France with a student permit are required to obtain a visa. The request should be made to the consulate nearest to their residency at least two months prior departure. The University Paris 1 will provide the necessary form to obtain a student visa.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS





Pr. Mathias Audit

Professor of Private Law
LL.M Director

"The Sorbonne Law School is proud to offer to non-French speaking lawyers the opportunity to study French and European business law in a prestigious setting and in an internationally renowned law faculty. This unique experience will allow candidates to learn more about the legal reasoning specific to civil law countries. The courses are taught in English to small groups by academics recognized as leading French specialists in their respective fields. The LLM is also a unique window to learn French. In a nutshell, this "Sorbonne LLM Business Law for Foreign Lawyers" program is a rare and Parisian experience for all lawyers around the world wishing to become familiar with France, French and European law."

TARGETED AUDIENCE :

- English-speaking students with a law degree (bachelor or master) from a foreign university
- Attorneys and in-house counsels practicing in France and abroad



CORE COURSES

The following courses in English will take place between October and May :

INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH AND EUROPEAN LAW (60 hours)

- Introduction to French and European Judicial Systems and Proceedings (20 hours)

This course is devoted to the examination of French and European Union judicial systems and proceedings' specifics. Firstly it deals with Roman inspiration in the judicial branch of the French law (French laws and codes were slowly created over the centuries). Secondly it focuses on the EU courts and how they work together with the national courts.

- Introduction to French Business Law (20 hours)

The course provides the students with foundational information about French business law. The main studied area includes general principles of law, businesses relationship and the French laws applying to contracts, trade and corporate law.

- Introduction to French Public Economic Law (20 hours)

This course is meant to provide basic knowledge and competence to understand the broad field of French governmental policies, the justifications for public activities and their potential limitations. These areas are explored from the interdisciplinary perspectives of economics, law and politics.

BASICS OF FRENCH AND EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW (40 hours)

- Private and Public Contract Law (20 hours)

Lawyers are required to advise on and draft contracts for a wide variety of business arrangements. This course provides participants with an opportunity to gain an insight into the key terms and considerations involved in typical commercial agreements, both in the private and public sector.

- Corporate Law (20 hours)

The course sets corporate law and governance within its business context, with particular regard to the impact of French and European corporate law mechanisms on economic activities. The course adopts an approach drawing on continental European law.



LEARNING THE FRENCH LANGUAGE (60 hours)

- French for foreigners (40 hours)
- French for lawyers (20 hours)
- Lectures by visiting professors or practitioners.

TRANSNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW ISSUES (93 hours)

- Introduction to European Union Law (20 hours)

This course aims to offer an introduction to the European integration process. It emphasizes the important constitutional and administrative aspects of economic and social integrations. This course also deals with EU internal market legal rules and concepts applying to free movement of persons, goods, services and capital.

- Financial Markets Law (20 hours)

This course focuses on the law and regulation of financial markets. It provides a framework to explore the interactions of law, regulation, financial markets and financial institutions, principally within the EU and the UK.

- Competition Law (20 hours)

The course focuses on the competition rules concerning undertakings in Articles 101-106 TFEU (Lisbon agreement) regulating private firms' market conduct. Competition law contains three "pillars": prohibition of anti-competitive agreements (the "cartel prohibition"), prohibition of abuse of market power (the "abuse prohibition") and regulation of mergers and take-overs ("Merger Control"). These rules are supplemented both by other Treaty provisions as well as secondary legislation. The rules are of great significance since any firm may be subject to heavy fines and/or liability for damages in case of infringement. The European Commission plays an active part in enforcing the competition rules. Therefore a study of Competition Law means exploring the EU Administrative Law.

- International Contracts (33 hours)

This course deals with the techniques typically used by practitioners in the field of International Contracts and includes both theoretical and practical aspects. After an introduction to the issues and challenges tackled by companies willing to do business abroad, the course answers to questions related to the *Lex Mercatoria*, its application in practice, the different phases of an international contractual relationship, rules pertaining to international payments and international bank guarantees, etc.

The "Sorbonne LLM Business Law for Foreign Lawyers" is tailored for non-French-speaking foreign students holding a law degree (bachelor or master) from a foreign university.

This annual training in French business law is crucial for non-French lawyers and foreign law students. This Sorbonne program will provide them with the necessary skills to perform effectively in a global market.

For foreign lawyers facing regulatory proceedings, transactions or litigations including a French or European party, or simply interested in business and legal solutions on important cross-boarder matters, this program will help them discover new ways to deal with problems.

Our aim is to provide a European approach on topics of interest for students who want to practice business law internationally with a thorough understanding of the client's goals and the obstacles to their attainment. This program will accommodate students who wish either to practice transactional law or become business litigators. Hence the participants will be given a complete understanding of global business issues.

During the course of their academic year, students will be trained in all subjects, both private and public law, as well as European Union law related to business activities taking place in France and more generally in Europe.

Although legal courses are exclusively taught in English, students will benefit from French language training classes. Moreover they will have several opportunities to meet legal practitioners and visiting scholars often invited to give seminar in their field of expertise. Students will also have the opportunity to visit the most important French legal institutions, such as the Senate, the National Assembly, the Cour de cassation, the Conseil Constitutionnel or the Conseil d'Etat.

Students completing the program will gain a wide expertise and strong foundation for professional practice in French and European business law. The Sorbonne LLM Business Law Program also allows students to plan an internship in Paris and to prepare for work experience as legal advisors to private European businesses, business-oriented NGOs and other public entities.

This new Sorbonne Law School's LLM, directed by Prof. Mathias Audit, is tailored for English-speaking students who do not yet have a background in French and European business law.

REGISTRATION

ADMISSIONS ARE OPEN FROM MARCH TO JUNE, VIA OUR IT

<https://ecandidat.univ-paris1.fr>

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