Since 1994 study programmes on European Studies have been offered by the University of Hamburg in cooperation with the Institute of European Integration of the Foundation Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, an academic institution at the University of Hamburg. The present interdisciplinary Master Programme ‘European and European Legal Studies’ allows graduates from all branches of learning to discover and take in the process of European integration in its legal, political, and economic dimensions. The programme focuses not only on a theoretical and academic analysis, but also equips the students with the skills necessary for a successful career in a demanding and international working environment – from the European institutions to international think tanks, companies or law firms. Compulsory work placements offer students a first glimpse into their future professional practice and build up their problem-solving abilities. In addition to its multi-perspective method, which is not the only feature that makes the Hamburg Master Programme unique in Germany, there is also the opportunity to live and study together ‘on campus’ figuratively in a single multicultural living and class room.

Admission Requirements

• Graduation from an institution of higher education with a grade above average (Bachelor degree representing 240 credits in accordance with the ECTS or comparable), preferably in law, economics or political sciences
• Proof of adequate English language skills
Study Course and Curriculum

• The ten months of studies start off with attending the lectures of the so-called basic section to become acquainted with the legal, economic and political foundations of the process of European integration.

• Thereafter the modules of the fields of specialisation tie in. Students may choose one of four possible electives on the different aspects of the process of European integration, its various actors, and its levels of action.

• During the summer term students begin to prepare a master thesis for which they have four months in total.

• In between the two terms the students have time for their internships at one of the European institutions, federal ministries, departments of state, in the private sector or with other suitable bodies. Further insight into the relevant fields of work is provided by excursions to the European institutions in Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Brussels as well as to the Foreign Office in Berlin.

• Successful completion of the Master Programme leads to the award of either of two academic degrees: ‘Master of Arts (M.A.)’ or ‘Master of Laws (LL.M.)’, whereby the latter can only be obtained by students possessing a first degree in law and whose studies in the Master Programme were predominately of a juristic nature.

Electives

• The EU as a Political Actor
• External Relations of the EU
• Companies as Economic Actors
• Law of the EU

Career Prospects

For the more than 700 participants from all over the world successful completion of the course of studies has opened up a wide range of occupational fields. International organisations, national ministries, law firms, and consultancies, as well as academics, research and development, and the private sector provide ample job opportunities for the alumni of the Master Programme.

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