

Department of Law



Study an LL.M. in the heart of Scandinavia



The LL.M.s on offer at our Department are a reflection of Sweden's international expertise.

Known for its independent foreign policy, commitment to human progress across the globe and engagement in matters of international justice, Sweden is e.g. the home of the Nobel Prize, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), the International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC), the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Stockholm is also internationally recognized as a leader in the field of arbitration and home to one of the most active and respected arbitration institutes in the world, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce.

In the matter of transboundary environmental law and governance as well, Stockholm has a particular place, being the city where the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment, the first major UN conference of environmental matters, was held.

As for European legal studies, Stockholm University, within the auspices of the Faculty of Law, houses an Institute of European Law and a research section in European Commercial Law at Stockholm Centre of Commercial Law. Our Faculty also hosts the Swedish Network for European Legal Studies.

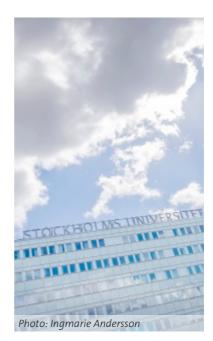
As Sweden's most prominent law school, we are therefore proud to offer tailored, career-boosting programmes, suited both for practising lawyers and newly graduated law students, paired with areas of law representative of Swedish expertise:

- European Economic Law
- European Intellectual Property Law
- Environmental Law
- International Commercial Arbitration Law
- Public International Law

SULaw

The Faculty of Law was founded in 1907 at what was then called Stockholm University College (Stockholms högskola). The Faculty was seen as an alternative to the more closed academic environments at the traditional universities.

The Faculty of Law is the largest law faculty in Sweden, both in number of researchers and students. The Faculty has one single department, the Department of Law, or SULaw, which offers law studies and research in most areas of law.





European Economic Law

60 ECTS

The one-year master programme in European Economic Law (EEL) is an internationally renowned legal degree with a twenty-year history and a large community of alumni, many of whom hold prominent positions at European institutions, academic centres and law firms. The teaching staff includes former judges and present members of the EU Court, as well as reputed academics and practitioners in the field.

- Advanced European Economic Law
- The Internal Market Digital and Social Challenges (elective)
- EU Competition Law (elective)
- EU Banking and Financial Law (elective)
- Legal Methods in Research and Practice
- Master Thesis in European Economic Law



European Intellectual Property Law

60 ECTS

Intellectual Property has long been an international subject and has recently grown tremendously in prominence, with technology pushing and breaking boundaries as never before. Our LL.M. in European Intellectual Property Law (EIPL) is a one-year programme starting with a mandatory Advanced IP course. An elective course then allows you to specialise and deepen your knowledge in either Industrial Property Law with Patents & Trade Marks or Copyright Law & Transborder IP Conflicts. The master's thesis in the second term completes the programme.

- Advanced Intellectual Property Law
- Industrial Property Patents and Trade Marks (elective)
- Copyright and Transborder Litigation (elective)
- Master Thesis in European Intellectual Property Law



Environmental Law

60 ECTS

Environmental concerns and environmental law have become increasingly transboundary and even global in scope. Our LL.M. in Environmental Law (EL) focuses on the transboundary dimensions of environmental law, including international law, EU law, and transnational law. It also highlights how legal approaches, principles and concepts to protect the environment integrate, collide or clash with other areas of law. The programme pays particular attention to environmental law in relation to trade and corporate responsibility, climate and energy, human rights, and social-ecological resilience.

- Transboundary Environmental Law
- Cross-cutting Issues in Environmental Law
- Methods, Theories and Practices in Environmental Law
- Master Thesis in Environmental Law



International Commercial Arbitration Law

60 ECTS

Our LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law (ICAL) programme has established a global reputation and topped international rankings for specialized LL.M. programmes. Over 15 years, more than 300 graduates from about 70 countries have enriched their careers and expanded their networks thanks to the programme. In ICAL, students actively put theory into practice. The dynamic learning environment encourages students to apply the theories learnt through hands-on problem solving, surrounded by students from a broad range of backgrounds and using a wide array of scholarly and comparative perspectives.

- International Commercial Arbitration
- Advanced International Arbitration
- Master Thesis in International Commercial Arbitration



Public International Law

60 ECTS

Our LL.M. in Public International Law is an advanced level programme during which you will acquire in-depth knowledge of international law, as well as be provided with the necessary theoretical and methodological foundations to be able to work independently with research, development or other qualified work in the area of public international law. The programme has an emphasis on scholarly, societal and moral aspects and is based on a gradual methodological training, at the same time as students tackle increasingly advanced international law issues.

- Advanced Course in Public International Law
- Human Rights in a Global Perspective
- International Criminal Law (elective)
- International Law and the Global Economy (elective)
- Master thesis in Public International Law

Study Information

Study Structure

The teaching method at SULaw is problem-based/socratic. Most foreign students will attend classes of about 30-35 students with no more than 8-10 class hours per week scheduled. Preparations before classes are therefore very important and students are expected to actively participate in class.

Credits

The Swedish credit system is based on ECTS (or Higher Education Credits/ HEC). A week of full-time studies represents app. 40 hours. 30 ECTS per semester or 60 HEC/ECTS per academic year are considered full-time studies.

Examination

Each course ends with an examination of some sort (e.g. sit-in exam, home exam etc) but students are examined throughout the year with various assignments.

Visa

Students from outside the EU might need a resident permit and/or visa in order to study in Sweden. Students are invited to check this with the Swedish Migration Agency early enough before their studies at SULaw.

Costs

Applicants who are citizens of countries outside of the EU/EEA and Switzerland are required to pay application and tuition fees. The national application fee is currently (as of 2022) set at SEK 900. The tuition fee per academic year for our LL.M. programmes is SEK 90,000.

Insurance

All international students studying in Sweden are covered by a state insurance 24 hours a day, free of charge.

Semester Dates

autumn semester end of August/early Sept -mid January

spring semester mid-January - early June





Applying for our LL.M.s

Eligibility

Besides proving their English proficiency, applicants must hold an LL.B. or equivalent undergraduate degree with a minimum of 180 ECTS in law. Applicants on the last year of such a degree can also apply. Each LL.M. also has a specific academic entry requirement. Please see our web page for more specific information.

Application

Our only application round is open between mid-October and mid-January every year.

Applications must be submitted through the national Swedish application web site University Admissions where students must document their eligibility for the chosen programme, and upload all the documents required for the selection process.

Supporting documents

In their applications, students are required to upload the following :

- Copy of diploma + transcript
- Proof of English proficiency
- Personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- CV

Selection

Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of a weighted assessment of grades from earlier legal studies, relevant extra-curricular/professional experiences, one personal statement and two letters of recommendation. Typically, grades from legal studies and extra-curricular/professional experiences carry most weight.

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