



School of Economics and Management

**EAEIT, Master's Programme in European and International
Trade and Tax Law, 60 credits**
*Magisterprogram i European and International Trade and Tax
Law, 60 högskolepoäng*

Second cycle degree programme requiring previous university study / *Program
med akademiska förkunskapskrav och med slutlig examen på avancerad nivå*

Decision

The syllabus was approved by Deputy Dean of Education at the School of Economics and Management on 11-09-2020 (U2020/780) and was last revised on 12-09-2025 by Vice Dean of Education at the School of Economics and Management (U2025/641). The revised syllabus comes into effect 15-10-2025 and is valid from the autumn semester 2026.

Specialisations

Code	Swedish name	English name	Credits
TAXL	Europeisk och internationell skatterätt	European and International Tax Law	60 credits
TRAD	Europeisk och internationell handelsrätt	European and International Trade Law	60 credits

Programme description

The Master's Programme in European and International Trade and Tax Law is a one-year programme on the advanced level, offered in English and open to international and Swedish students.

Contemporary international trade law involves multiple fields of law, which affect all aspects of business. Important areas are for instance the law governing business contracts and operations, requirements stemming from competition regulation, the

protection of intellectual property rights, labour law requirements and the law on taxes and duties as regards cross border related issues. Important law- and policymakers in these fields are inter alia the European union (EU), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) and the World Trade Organization (WTO).

International trade evolves rapidly. New commercial realities mean that firms and institutions must constantly be prepared to adapt to new challenges. Significant changes in public attitudes to consumption and work imply that firms need to act in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Climate considerations and other issues of sustainability, such as the need to finance social welfare and protect workers, transform the business environment globally. In addition, digitalisation, artificial intelligence and automation create new legal issues for businesses and legislatures. These challenges are faced not the least in integrated economic areas in the world such as the EU which is expected to show the path for a necessary reform process.

The programme provides an in-depth understanding of both the practical and theoretical aspects of trade and tax law within the EU as well as globally. It makes the students apt to work with various legal issues in international business operations including the law regulating trade and taxation in general as well as more specific areas such as intellectual property law, competition law, contract law, investment law and labour law. The students will also increase their knowledge of sustainable trade policies, anti-corruption measures, artificial intelligence and the relevance of geopolitical changes in the world. The overall goal of the programme is to train students in the legal pluralism in European and international trade and tax law arising from globalisation. Students will learn how to deal with cross-border business transactions in practical and relevant situations by applying knowledge of theoretical and practical legal methods.

The programme offers two specialisations in either trade or tax law:

1. **European and international trade law.** This specialisation offers three tracks:
 - a) Contracts, trade and competition
 - b) Intellectual property law
 - c) Labour law and employers responsibility
2. **European and international tax law.** This specialisation focus on direct and indirect taxation.

The first specialisation leads to a Master's degree in European and international trade law and modules are possible to combine across the areas. The second specialisation leads to a Master's degree in European and international tax law.

The programme is built on mandatory and elective elements featuring oral and written examinations together with problem-solving tasks relevant to the learning outcomes and designed for active student participation.

Career opportunities

The EU and international law methods and the knowledge and skills taught in the programme are a necessity for consultants, legal advisors, judges and civil servants involved in international business and transactions, as well as for business decision-makers. The programme's optional courses allow students to design individual

specialisation and profiles, which will provide them a competitive edge when applying for positions after graduation. The programme is suited for employment within private practice, national and EU institutions, international organisations and legal research.

Connections to further studies

The programme will serve as a solid basis for further research in the field of European and international trade and tax law. The programme's graduates are qualified to apply for doctoral studies.

Goals

The Master's programme builds on previous studies in law, economics, business administration, political science, international relations (or equivalent) at the undergraduate level. The students shall develop their knowledge in European and international trade and tax law and achieve the following learning outcomes after successfully completing the programme:

Mission driven learning outcomes

Graduates of the programme will be trained as reflective practitioners in taking an active part in developing a sustainable society building on innovative thinking.

Knowledge and understanding

For a Master's degree (60 credits) students must

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the fields of trade or tax law, including both a broad command of the field and a deeper knowledge of certain parts of the field, together with insight into relevant research and development work
- demonstrate deeper methodological knowledge in trade or tax law

Competence and skills

For a Master's degree (60 credits) students must

- demonstrate an ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations in the field of European and international trade or tax law, even when limited information is available
- demonstrate an ability to independently identify and formulate issues related to European and international trade or tax law and to plan and, using appropriate methods, carry out advanced tasks within specified time limits
- demonstrate an ability to clearly present and discuss their conclusions on issues related to European and international trade or tax law and the knowledge and arguments behind them, in dialogue with different groups, orally and in writing
- demonstrate an ability to work individually as well as in groups with students from different cultures in order to solve practical problems as well as to manage a more extensive project
- demonstrate the skill required to participate in research and development work within the field of European and international trade or tax law or to work in

other advanced contexts

Judgement and approach

For a Master's degree (60 credits) students must

- demonstrate an ability to make assessments in the fields of trade or tax law, taking into account relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects, and demonstrate an awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the potential and limitations of science, its role in society and people's responsibilities for how it is used
- demonstrate an ability to identify their need of further knowledge and to take responsibility for developing their knowledge

Independent project (degree project)

For a Master's degree (60 credits), students must have completed an independent project (degree project) worth 15 credits in the fields of European and international trade or tax law, within the framework of requirements for the programme.

Course information

The academic year is structured in two semesters, and each semester is divided into courses with separate examinations. In order to progress within the programme, students must pass the courses sequentially, unless specific circumstances occur.

After a common introductory course, the students choose orientation in accordance with the two available specialisations:

- Specialisation 1: Trade law and its tracks
 - a) Contracts, trade and competition
 - b) Intellectual property law
 - c) Labour law and employers responsibility
- Specialisation 2: Tax law with focus on direct and indirect taxation.

It is possible for students to combine courses across the tracks in specialisation 1. In specialisation 2, students take mandatory elements during the whole programme. The degree project (thesis module) is mandatory for both specialisations.

Specialisation 1: European and international trade law

In *track a) Contracts, trade and competition*, the first semester is divided into two courses, one dealing with international contract law and another dealing with trade, investment and sustainability. The first course deals with the regulation of international trade in general. Important areas are sources of international law, international jurisdictions, courts and arbitration as well as different aspects on international sales of goods and services. This course is followed by a more specialised course in investment law and sustainability where the area of study is international investment agreements to promote and protect foreign investments under EU and international law. In the second semester, the students study competition policy and sustainable markets. A sustainable competition policy is an essential tool to create fair competition and simultaneously enhance the development of sustainable markets in

the European and international context. The course focuses in particular on the linkage between intellectual property protection and competition policy. The courses are adjusted every year depending on what issues that are topical.

In *track b) Intellectual property law*, the first semester is divided into two courses, one dealing with intellectual property, artificial intelligence and digitalisation and one dealing with intellectual property and trade. The course on intellectual property, digitalisation and artificial intelligence deals with new challenges regarding ownership of works and inventions created by algorithms, infringement by machines and access to data. The course in intellectual property and trade covers topics such as the importance of protection and enforcement of intellectual property in trade, the regulation of intellectual property protection in the WTO context via the TRIPS agreement, and regulation of intellectual property in free trade agreements. The course also includes aspects of intellectual property rights as investment assets, and as collateral for financing. In the second semester, the students study competition policy and sustainable markets. A sustainable competition policy is an essential tool to create fair competition and simultaneously enhance the development of sustainable markets in the European and international context. The course focuses in particular on the linkage between intellectual property protection and competition policy. The courses are adjusted every year depending on what issues that are topical.

In *track c) Labour law and employers responsibility*, the focus is on sustainability in relation to management when making and evaluating decisions where legal aspects are important and the law may be used as a strategic tool. The first semester is divided into two courses, one dealing with international contract law and another dealing with trade, investment and sustainability. The first course deals with the regulation of international trade in general. Important areas are sources of international law, international jurisdictions, courts and arbitration as well as different aspects on international sales of goods and services. This course is followed by a more specialised course in investment law and sustainability where the area of study is international investment agreements to promote and protect foreign investments under EU and international law. In the second semester, the students study the social dimension of European and international trade law, especially the development of social policy and labour law in the European Union and the emergence of economic human rights in the global context. The courses are adjusted every year depending on what issues that are topical.

Specialisation 2: European and international tax law

In European and international tax law, the first semester is divided into two courses, one dealing with the fundamentals of European indirect taxation and one dealing with the fundamentals of European and international direct taxation. Both courses are structured around common themes and constitute vital building blocks for any Master's of European and International Tax Law graduate. In the second semester, students study a 15 credits specialised course in direct and indirect taxation. The focus is on the underlying issues surrounding cross-border establishment from a functional perspective, both from EU law and from double tax treaty law perspectives. Key VAT concepts, as clarified in the case law of the European Court of Justice, are put into the perspective of comparative law (other VAT systems) legal reports, the work of the European Commission and the OECD. The course is adjusted every year depending on what issues that are topical.

Degree project

All specialisations end with a degree project/Master's thesis. The specific course for the thesis is at the end of the academic year. The aim of the thesis is to allow students to critically research and reflect upon a subject related to European or more general international trade or tax law. Students shall develop their skills to research, make and present in writing a major investigation in the field of research with support of the themes previously covered.

Additional information in appendix EAEIT Programme structure.

Degree

Degree titles

Degree of Master of Laws (60 credits)

Major: European and International Tax Law

Major: European and International Trade Law

Juris magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Europeisk och internationell handelsrätt

Huvudområde: Europeisk och internationell skatterätt

Degree of Master of Science (60 credits)

Major: European and International Tax Law

Major: European and International Trade Law

Filosofie magisterexamen

Huvudområde: Europeisk och internationell handelsrätt

Huvudområde: Europeisk och internationell skatterätt

Upon successful completion of the programme, students entering the Master's Programme with an L.L.B. are awarded a Master of Laws (60 credits), and students entering with a degree of Bachelor of Science are awarded a Master of Science (60 credits), in compliance with the National Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 1993:100). The major is in either European and International Trade Law (*Europeisk och internationell handelsrätt*) or European and International Tax Law (*Europeisk och internationell skatterätt*) depending upon chosen track.

In Swedish, the degree of Master of Science is *Filosofie magisterexamen*, and Master of Laws is *Juris magisterexamen*, will be applied depending on undergraduate educational qualifications.

Degree requirements

Specialisation 1: European and International Trade Law

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in European and International Trade Law* consists of 60 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure (see appendix) which includes the course *HARN63 Master's Thesis in European and International Trade Law, 15 cr.*

Specialisation 2: European and International Tax Law

The degree requirements for a *Degree of Master of Science, major in European and*

International Tax Law consists of 60 credits at advanced level. The following must be included in the degree: the courses that comprises the current programme structure (see appendix) which includes the course *HARN69 Master's thesis in European and international taxation, 15 cr.*

Requirements and Selection method

Requirements

General requirements

a) An undergraduate degree in Law

or

an undergraduate degree in Economics, Business Administration, Political Science or International Relations (or equivalent), including 15 credits in Law or equivalent knowledge.

b) A good command of English language, both spoken and written, equivalent to English 6 (advanced level) in the Swedish secondary system.

Additional requirements for the specialisation in European and international tax law

a) An undergraduate degree in Law, including 15 credits in Tax Law or equivalent knowledge,

or

b) an undergraduate degree in Economics, Business Administration, Political Science or International Relations (or equivalent), including 30 credits in Tax Law or equivalent knowledge.

Selection method

Selection will be based on academic merits from previous university studies and a Statement of Purpose in which applicants state their reasons for applying to the programme.

Transition rules

In case of revision of the curriculum of EAEIT, Master's Programme in European and International Trade and Tax Law, 60 credits, a student has the right to pursue and complete the programme for the nominal duration of the programme plus three semesters.

Other information

Programme management

The programme director, who is appointed by the Board of LUSEM, is responsible for the quality development and quality assurance of the programme. The Board of the School also assigns each programme to a host department at LUSEM. The host department is responsible for providing professional services to the students and

faculty of the programme.

Each programme also organizes a programme council, in which student representatives and faculty representatives of the programme, together with the programme director, coordinator and other professional services meet regularly.

All programmes at LUSEM are evaluated yearly and the outcome of a programme evaluation summary is presented to the Board of the School as part of LUSEM's Quality Development and Assurance system.

Grading scale

At the School of Economics and Management grades are awarded in accordance with a criterion-based grading scale A-U(F):

A (Excellent) 85-100 points/percent. A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good) 75-84 points/percent. A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good) 65-74 points/percent. The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought and lives up to expectations.

D (Satisfactory) 55-64 points/percent. The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient) 50-54 points/percent. The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U/F (Fail) 0-49 points/percent. The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

To pass the course, the students must have been awarded the grade of E or higher.

It is up to the teaching professor to decide whether the credits of a course should be converted into a total of 100 points for each course, or if the scale above should be used as percentage points of any chosen scale instead.

Academic integrity

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary actions against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in examinations and assessments. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practice in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University.

Programme structure for Master's Programme in European and International Trade and Tax Law

The programme of 60 credits has the following structure:

Semester 1, autumn (30 cr)		Semester 2, spring (30 cr)	
Period 1 Sept-Oct	Period 2 Nov-Dec	Period 3 Jan-March	Period 4 April-June
<p>Specialisation 1: Trade law <i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>HARN50 Introduction to European and international trade and tax law (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>and one of the following courses:</i></p> <p>HARN51 International contract law (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>HARN52 Intellectual property, digitalisation and artificial intelligence (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One of the following courses:</i></p> <p>HARN53 Trade, investment and sustainability (15 cr)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>HARN54 Intellectual property and trade (15 cr)</p>	<p><i>One of the following courses:</i></p> <p>HARN64 Competition policy and sustainable markets (15 cr)</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>HARN65 European and international labour law (15 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>HARN63 Degree project/ Master's thesis in European and international trade law (15 cr)</p>
<p>Specialisation 2: Tax law <i>Two mandatory courses:</i></p> <p>HARN50 Introduction to European and international trade and tax law (7.5 cr)</p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p>HARN66 Value added tax in the European union (7.5 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>HARN67 EU and international direct taxation (15 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>HARN68 Specialised course in European and international taxation (15 cr)</p>	<p><i>One mandatory course:</i></p> <p>HARN69 Degree project/Master's thesis in European and international taxation (15 cr)</p>

The School's programme portfolio is continuously developed and sometimes changes to courses may occur after you have accepted your study seat. These changes are usually a result of student feedback, or research development. Changes can take the form of altered course content, teaching formats or assessment styles. Any such changes are intended to enhance the student learning experience. If the programme includes elective courses, students will in most cases be placed in the elective(s) of their choice, but there are no guaranteed places.

1 credit (cr) = 1 ECTS credit