

*Master of Laws in* | European Banking, Securities & Finance



LL.M.

FINANCE EUROPE

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专修欧洲银行法, 债券法和金融法



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*Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main*



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10 YEARS ILF  
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# The ILF *offers*

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The Institute for Law and Finance (ILF) is a center for academic excellence in teaching and research in the fields of law and finance. It was established in 2002 as a foundation of the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main with the support of many leading commercial banks, international law firms, consulting and accounting firms as well as regulatory authorities such as the German Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) and the European Central Bank. In addition, the ILF provides a policy platform in the legislative process by regularly holding conferences and seminars for the purpose of promoting discussions and exchanges between academia and practitioners.

## WHY STUDY AT THE ILF?

With the recent developments taking place in the banking and financial markets as well as new requirements for financial regulation being implemented, there is an urgent need for professionals to be trained in these specialized areas of legal practice.

Our Master of Laws in European Banking, Securities and Finance (LL.M. Finance Europe) program offers excellent interdisciplinary and practice-oriented training in the areas of European banking, securities and finance law. By studying at the ILF, you will be trained not only to deal with but also to excel in this increasingly important area where the worlds of international law and global finance meet. You will be taught by prominent professors from Goethe University Frankfurt am Main as well as experts from the legal and financial industries.

Frankfurt plays a central role in European and global finance. The ILF, which is located in Frankfurt, the major financial center in Europe, provides the ideal location to train young professionals to deal with both current and future legal and financial challenges.

We strive to provide students from the People's Republic of China with a solid and comprehensive legal and financial education set in a dynamic learning environment, thereby giving them the legal training they need to excel in their careers.





WHERE  
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ARE:



## GOETHE UNIVERSITY, FRANKFURT CITY

*The Institute for Law and Finance is situated in the House of Finance located at Campus Westend of Goethe University. Goethe University Frankfurt am Main was founded in 1914 by prominent citizens of Frankfurt and is today one of Europe's leading institutions of higher education.*

It is a lively, urban, and cosmopolitan university which provides an excellent atmosphere for research, study, thinking, and creating. With currently more than 41,000 students, including over 6,500 international students representing more than 129 nationalities, it prides itself on a rich tradition of intellectual and cultural excellence. Right in the heart of Frankfurt City, Germany, Campus Westend of Goethe University is surrounded by a large park area with a beautiful campus atmosphere.

## HOUSE OF FINANCE

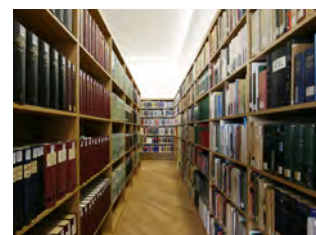
The House of Finance amalgamates the University's interdisciplinary research on finance, monetary economics, and corporate and financial law under one roof. With its attractive premises and exceptional infrastructure, the House of Finance allows its numerous researchers, doctoral students and graduate students to learn, exchange ideas and conduct research in a stimulating environment. Our students have the use of the most modern equipment and facilities and state-of-the-art technology during their studies at the ILF. In addition, they benefit from the extensive contact and network opportunities available due to the presence of researchers and experts working in the fields of law and finance at the House of Finance.

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Students have access to the specialized library housed in the House of Finance, which is based on the extensive law collection of the former Institute of Foreign and International Business Law (AIW) and contains more than 40,000 volumes, including about 100 international periodicals.

Our students can use the Jurisdata, LexisNexis and Westlaw databases, and via the University Library (Universitätsbibliothek Johann Christian Senckenberg), they have electronic access to hundreds of legal, economic and financial journals. A computer room allows students to access all databases and the internet with stationary desktops and numerous notebook cable sockets. ILF students can use the library and the computer facilities every day around the clock.





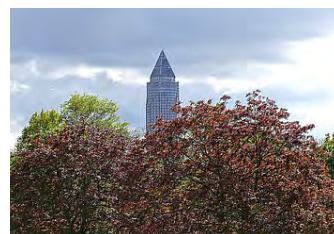
The libraries of the University's Faculty of Law and Faculty of Business and Economics are also located at Campus Westend. The Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, the national library and national bibliographic information center for the Federal Republic of Germany, is also located in Frankfurt. The library resources of the Deutsche Bundesbank are also accessible to students.

Students of the Institute for Law and Finance are full members of the University community and are eligible to use all facilities available to students of Goethe University.



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### FRANKFURT CITY



Since the Middle Ages, the city of Frankfurt am Main has been a major trade and financial center at the crossroads of Europe's trade routes. Today, as the leading financial marketplace in continental Europe, Frankfurt is the seat of the European Central Bank and international banks such as Deutsche Bank and Commerzbank. Many major foreign banks are also represented in Frankfurt. Thus, Frankfurt is at the center of European monetary policy and the European Economic and Monetary Union.



Major public banking institutions, including the Deutsche Bundesbank and KfW Bankengruppe, one of the EU's leading public credit institutions, are based in Frankfurt, as is one of the world's largest stock exchanges, Deutsche Börse. Deutsche Börse also houses the world's largest and most modern, all-electronic derivatives exchange, Eurex.



The region benefits from an outstanding telecommunications and transportation infrastructure. Frankfurt Airport is the leading airport in continental Europe and offers excellent connections within Europe and overseas. Frankfurt's dense transportation network ensures a seamless connection to all road and rail links. Frankfurt is an international meeting point for many. It offers many cultural attractions, among them two opera houses, concert halls, theaters, and a great variety of museums and art galleries. Situated along one of Europe's great rivers, the Main, Frankfurt is a vibrant city with many recreational facilities which cater to the city's international population.



Official website of Frankfurt city: <http://www.frankfurt.de>





# Who can APPLY

*Graduates holding a first degree in law, business or economics from the People's Republic of China and who have good academic records are eligible to apply to join our LL.M. Finance Europe program.*

Since English is the sole language of instruction, applicants must have a good command of written and spoken English. In the first year of the program, no more than 40 students will be admitted in order to ensure academic excellence and direct, personal contact between students and the faculty.

## **DURATION OF THE PROGRAM**

The LL.M. Finance Europe program at the ILF is a one-year postgraduate degree program. It is divided into two semesters, namely the winter semester (*October to February*) and the summer semester (*April to July*). The program commences in October and teaching ends in July of the following year.

## **CONFERMENT OF DEGREE**

The LL.M. Finance Europe Degree is conferred by the Faculty of Law of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main.



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**COMPONENTS OF THE LL.M. FINANCE EUROPE PROGRAM (60 ECTS) ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**A) Coursework: 9 courses (45 ECTS)**

**B) Master's Thesis (15 ECTS)**



# CURRICULUM

## A. Coursework

In order to earn the LL.M. Finance Europe degree, students must acquire a minimum of 45 credit points through graded coursework. Credit points for a course are successfully acquired by receiving a passing grade as a result of fulfilling the specific requirements of the course (e.g. prepared attendance, presentations and exams). Students are required to attend all 11 courses offered in the program and have to pass at least 9 of the courses.

### List of the 11 Courses Offered:

#### LAW

**Capital Markets and Securities Law**

**Drafting of Contracts**

**Regulation of Financial Instruments**

**Law of Project and Acquisition Finance**

**Law of Commercial Banking**

**Law of Corporate Finance**

**Law of Investment Banking**

**Nuts and Bolts of M&A**

#### BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

**Fundamentals of Finance**

**Monetary Policy and Financial Regulation**

**Financial Markets and Institutions**

#### INTRODUCTORY COURSES (no credit points awarded)

**Basics of Financial Mathematics**

**Basics of European Union Law**

**Introduction to Legal Methods and Terminologies**

## B. Master's Thesis

Students must submit a thesis on a subject agreed in consultation with the student's thesis adviser. With the approval of the examinations committee, a thesis may also be completed by two students, provided that the part of each student allows for an individual grading of his or her work.

The students shall show in the thesis that they can carry out independent academic work and present the results appropriately. The final thesis will be reviewed by the student's thesis adviser and by one additional examiner according to the regulations of the program. Theses could potentially be on any subject related to coursework conducted in the LL.M. Finance Europe program.



# EXTRA-CURRICULARS

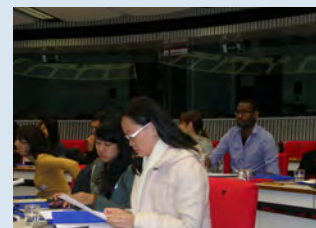


During the semester as well as the break between the winter and summer semesters, specially-organized German language and advanced Business English courses will be offered to the students. In addition, intensive intercultural and communication courses will be offered during the semester break.

There will also be many academic as well as social opportunities (*e.g. classes and extra-curricular events*) for students to interact with the ILF international students participating in the other ILF programs.

ILF students, in addition to attending public conferences, seminars and guest lectures organised by the ILF, also have the opportunity to participate in many of the extra-curricular activities organised during the entire academic year. Subject to possible changes, these include:

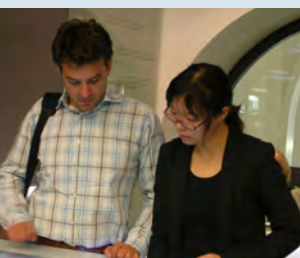
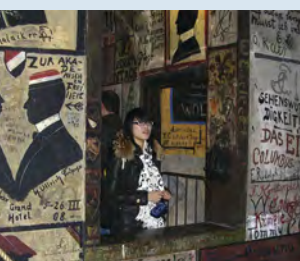
- Graduation Event
- Guided tour of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Commerzbank Tower, Lufthansa etc.
- ILF Alumni Roundtables
- ILF Students' Christmas Party
- Special receptions held by sponsors
- Student excursions
- Visit of a basketball game of the Fraport Skyliners



## ILF CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

The ILF promotes the constant exchange of ideas between academics, regulatory bodies, credit institutions and the legal community. Regular series of conferences and guest lectures on topical issues related to international business and the financial markets are delivered at the ILF by leading academics and practitioners from all over the world.

Many of these conferences and lectures are open to the public and are regularly attended by ILF students and academics as well as legal and finance professionals. If you wish to be informed about these events, send an email to: [events@ilf.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:events@ilf.uni-frankfurt.de)





# PRACTICAL INFORMATION



## HEALTH INSURANCE

All students are required to prove that they have adequate health insurance under German law before they can be matriculated as students of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. They are required to take out a German health insurance for the duration of their studies.

This applies regardless of any private health insurance policy the student may hold in his or her home country. Students under 30 years of age must be insured with a German public insurance company while students above 30 years old must be privately insured. The costs for students under 30 years of age are currently about 60 EUR per month.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

Students should apply for visas once they have accepted a place in the program. Upon such acceptance, an official letter of admission from the Dean of Goethe University's Law Faculty will be sent out. This letter of admission is necessary to apply for a student visa at the German embassy in the People's Republic of China. Students are responsible for arranging their own visas.

The ILF is happy to provide assistance should the embassy require further information regarding student status or the planned course of study.

## LIVING COSTS

Overall personal living expenses vary depending on the cost of accommodation and other personal choices. An estimate of 800 EUR to 900 EUR per month for general living expenses is a realistic calculation for the Frankfurt area.

ILF students receive a student card from Goethe University which entitles them to use the facilities of the University, which include the University's refectories and cafeterias, where students can eat at reduced prices. Students have direct access to the facilities on Campus Westend where the ILF is located.

The student card includes a free pass to public transportation in the Frankfurt area and certain regional trains.

## ACCOMMODATION



There are several accommodation options available to students in the Frankfurt area. A limited number of dormitory rooms are offered by the university's student services. However, since the demand for these rooms is usually greater than the number of rooms available, they are often quickly booked out.

Other options include student housing facilities offered by various church organizations and other non-profit housing facilities. We strongly recommend that students contact such organizations as soon as they receive notice of acceptance to the program, as these rooms are also very sought after.

The ILF is able to provide a list of these organizations and further information to help you find private accommodation in Frankfurt.

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*All decisions regarding admissions to the LL.M. Finance Europe program are made by the Admissions Committee.*

## TUITION FEES

The tuition fee for the LL.M. Finance Europe program is set at 16,000 EUR. This fee covers tuition, the use of the ILF facilities, the use of the facilities of Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, the conferment of the degree upon the successful completion of the program requirements, transcripts, degree certificates as well as selected extra-curricular activities.

It does not cover the costs of living (i.e. board and lodging), health insurance, teaching materials or computer consumables. Students shall also bear the University's semester enrolment fees (currently about 330 EUR per semester) themselves.

## PAYMENT TERMS

*The tuition fee shall be paid in 3 instalments:*

- 20% (3,200 EUR) non-refundable and to be paid within 14 days of receipt of ILF acceptance;
- 40% (6,400 EUR) by 1 October of the year of joining the program; and
- 40% (6,400 EUR) by 1 April of the subsequent year.

The Terms of Enrolment will be provided to admitted students.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be considered on a "rolling basis". Applicants will be informed of the results of their applications within 4 weeks of receipt by the ILF of the completed application and at the latest, by 30 June. Admissions to the LL.M. Finance program will be granted to successful applicants on a "first come first served" basis. No application fee is required.

## HOW TO APPLY TO THE ILF

Graduates with a degree in either law, business or economics from the People's Republic of China are eligible to apply to join the LL.M. Finance Europe program. We recommend that you send in your application as early as possible in order to secure a place in our program. We accept applications sent by regular mail or courier, but not electronically.



# Application

## YOUR APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

<b>APPLICATION FORM</b>
<b>LETTER OF MOTIVATION</b>
<b>CURRICULUM VITAE</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE QUALIFICATION AND TRANSCRIPTS</b> E.g. high school diploma, Abitur, Baccalauréat or other similar diploma. University entrance qualification document and transcripts must be submitted in English or German or as certified translations into one of these languages. All copies must be certified by a notary public or other appropriate public institutions.
<b>ACADEMIC DEGREES AND TRANSCRIPTS</b> Degree certificates and transcripts must be submitted in English or German or as certified translations into one of these languages. All copies must be certified by a notary public or other appropriate public institutions.
<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY</b> Proficiency in English must surpass a level of TOEFL 580, CBT TOEFL 237, IBT TOEFL 92 (ILF's Institutional Code with TOEFL is 5984) or IELTS 6.5. You should request the test center to directly send a copy of the official test results to the ILF. If the testing schedules do not allow the results to be available by the application deadline, you should state in your application when the results will be available.
<b>REFERENCES</b> At least two sealed and confidential letters of recommendation, preferably from university professors and/or employers must be submitted. The letters may either be included together with the application materials (as long as they are in a sealed envelope preserving confidentiality) or sent to the ILF directly by the referees. References should be current. More than two references may be included.
<b>CLASS RANK</b> A written confirmation from the relevant university indicating your class rank should be included in your application. This confirmation shall state your relative standing in the year of graduation and where possible, broken down into the relevant majors (e.g. in top 5% of law graduates in the class of 2010). The total number of students should also be stated. This information is required to assess the performance of the applicant in relation to his/her peers. If a given university does not provide such information, we need a written statement by the university to that effect.
<b>APS CERTIFICATE</b> An APS Certificate from the Akademische Prüfstelle must be submitted.
<b>TWO PASSPORT-SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS</b>
<b>PHOTOCOPY OF PASSPORT</b>

Note: It is the policy of the ILF not to return any application materials. Once the admissions process has been completed, the application materials of applicants will be destroyed in compliance with German data protection legislation.



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