

The LL.M. family is ...



Prof. Michael Lang

The first part-time and full-time students started their study in the LL.M. Program in International Tax Law at the WU Vienna in September 1999. The Institute for Austrian and International Tax Law at the WU and the Akademie der Steuerberater:innen und Wirtschaftsprüfer:innen joined forces and developed a highly specialized full-time and part-time academic program. We wanted to make use of our Viennese expertise in the area of international tax law and to create an opportunity for gifted young people to enlarge their knowledge. Our "family" now consists of more than 900 alumni and students who are living in 76 countries on 5 continents. They have been taught by more than 100 of the best qualified experts in international tax law from all around the world. Students and lecturers have been meeting in Vienna and have exchanged and developed a lot of ideas. Research projects have been stimulated and many of our alumni have gone back to teach international tax law in their countries or are now doing research. We are happy that we are still in touch with our former students and that they are continuing to show their commitment to our program and our Institute. The researchers at our Institute have benefited a lot from all these activities and our Institute has become a meeting place for experts from all over the globe. We are most grateful to Beck and Linde Publishing House for their support and for our partnership during the last 25 years; and finally, the whole program would not have been possible without Barbara Ender (Akademie).

For this anniversary edition of the Vienna Alumni News we reached out to alumni from throughout our history from all continents and many countries to collect their memories, hear where their careers have taken them after graduation and their advice for prospective students. Read our alumni stories and get inspired.

MILESTONES

- 1999:** The very first lecture of the LL.M. Program was held in September 1999
- 2000:** The first full-time students graduated in June 2000
- 2001:** The first part-time students graduated in June 2001
As from September the Program was taught and tested entirely in English
- 2004:** IFA Congress in Vienna – a unique opportunity to present the Vienna LL.M. Program
- 2007:** First Klaus Vogel Lecture – this annual lecture is a tribute to Prof. Klaus Vogel who was instrumental in developing the LL.M. Program
- 2009:** Anniversary publication on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Program
Alumni describe recent developments in the tax treaty practice of their countries
- 2010:** The first full-time group with more students from Non-European countries than students from Europe
- 2013:** New Campus close to Prater – a new and award-winning architecture
- 2021:** New Akademie next to Vienna central station – a new and inspiring learning environment
- 2024:** More than 1,000 students have been admitted to the LL.M. Program

... international



David Dominguez, Colombia, graduation year 2016
European Tax Manager, Amphenol

Choosing the LL.M. Program was a no-brainer for me! After comparing various Programs across Europe and the USA, this one clearly stood out with its rich, diverse curriculum. The focus on different tax systems around the world – combining theoretical and practical insights – was exactly what I was looking for. Subjects like European tax law, Transfer Pricing, and Mergers & Acquisitions were not only fascinating but also incredibly relevant. The chance to interact and learn from renowned tax experts and scholars from around the globe truly sealed the deal for me. The faculty's renown in the international tax scene spoke volumes about the Program's quality and influence. Moreover, living in Vienna was absolutely fantastic! The city's rich cultural scene and the easy travel throughout Europe during breaks was a sheer delight. My time in the Program was nothing short of amazing! The curriculum was thoughtfully structured, allowing me to immerse myself in learning while also engaging in numerous workshops and networking events organized by our university and its partners, including major firms. This perfect blend of study and interaction allowed me to grow not just academically but also personally. This LL.M. was a game-changer for my career! It opened my eyes to a whole new world of international tax law. It allowed me to delve deep into complex topics and understand tax systems from a global perspective, catapulting my career and intellectual growth to new heights. The Program also dramatically broadened my professional network, connecting me with peers and leading tax professionals who brought invaluable perspectives.

MY ADVICE:

Embarking on this LL.M. is an inspiring journey that will redefine your career and propel you forward! If you're contemplating whether to dive in, let me tell you: it's absolutely worth it. Take full advantage of the incredible courses, workshops, and networking opportunities. These experiences will not only enrich your knowledge but also connect you with some of the brightest minds in the field. Make one of the best decisions for your career!



Tsutomu Endo, Japan, graduation year 2017
Partner at Nagashima Ohno and Tsunematsu

I chose the LL.M. Program because of its reputation for providing deep and wide knowledge in navigating the complex international tax world, which perfectly aligns with my career aspirations as a tax professional. My time in Vienna was just amazing. The LL.M. Program provided me with a variety of lectures regarding international taxation as well as a wide range of countries' domestic tax regimes by leading experts. In addition, discussions with excellent and diversified classmates are stimulating, which enable me to broaden my prospective. After completing the LL.M., I went back to my law firm and started working again as a tax lawyer in Japan. I currently advise on a variety of tax issues including international taxation and what I learned in the LL.M. becomes, without doubt, the basis for my tax practice.

MY ADVICE:

Joining the LL.M. Program will surely give you valuable experience which is useful to your career as a tax professional. In addition, since meeting with extraordinary classmates, teachers and staff will become a lifetime treasure, you should meet, discuss and interact with as many people as possible.

The LL.M. family is ...



Andrea Lee, Czech Republic, graduation year 2002
Tax Manager in RBI

I was looking for an affordable postgraduate Program in international tax and as I was working for an Austrian consulting company, going to Vienna seemed like the obvious solution. I have really enjoyed my studies in Vienna. I studied full-time and we were a group from different backgrounds. We spend also lots of free time together so I it was really great fun. After the Program, my knowledge allowed me relatively easy access to the international job market. I was working in China, Vietnam, Australia and other countries and I am not sure if this would be possible without the Program. In addition, I have been in touch and on occasions connecting with my classmates or students from the other years – either for private or business reasons. It does have its charm talking to local people in China who studied in the same school.

MY ADVICE:

Keep your mind open, have fun, connect and use the opportunities that come across.



Arne Schnitger, Germany, graduation year 2001
Partner, PwC

The excellent composition of the faculty made me choose this LL.M. Program. The time in Vienna was a great experience; you had the chance to learn a lot and start building your network. The Program can be seen as a “kickstarter” to gain deep understanding of International Tax.

MY ADVICE:

Apply!



Silvia Hallová, Slovakia, graduation year 2017
Partner, Grant Thornton Slovakia

There are two capital cities for studying International Tax Law and Vienna is one of them. I wanted to extend my knowledge in international tax law and to attend the Program, which is led by former professionals, who have a lot of practical experiences. This makes the Program practical and usable for practice. My time spent during the LL.M. studies was great for learning, exchanging experiences, extending the network of practitioners from all over the world. We spent part of the Program also in Brussels to see, how the European Union lives its daily life. The Vienna LL.M. Program deepened my knowledge in interpreting the international tax law and help me to boost my further career in tax advisory.

MY ADVICE:

Do it. Do not hesitate!!!

... connected



Trudy Marie Muscat, Malta, graduation year 2011
Senior Manager International Tax, Deloitte Malta

I had done extensive research on the content of the international tax law Master Programs and found that the breadth of topics and the mature methodology of this Program suited me most. The spectrum of subjects covered ensured that we touched upon a myriad of relevant cross-border tax rules, preparing us well for practical experience. The connection fostered with fellow alumni is second to none and we retain a healthy network to this day. Having a range of professors and lecturers also broadened our network and exposed us to many different experiences and practices. Being in Vienna further encouraged an appreciation of continental European culture and opportunities. The Program's curriculum was vast and deep enough to give me a strong basis on which to continue my personal development through experience. Further, the attractiveness of the Program to practitioners and professors worldwide provides for a network and connections that are not to be discounted, and that continue to be nurtured throughout my professional life.

MY ADVICE:

I would advise you to consider the broad curriculum and facilities available to a student reading international tax law at WU, as I believe that they remain second to none. A great campus in central Europe, access to professors and doctorate students, opportunities to converse, network and debate with noted academics in the field, an extensive library and the availability of a doctorate Program, are, amongst others, notable advantages of this Program.



José Martín Nombera Mujica, Peru, graduation year 2020
Associate to BDO

The first reason to choose the LL.M. Program was its excellent staff of professors, whose academic research I had read before joining the LL.M. I knew that being one of their students would guarantee the academic exigence I needed. Second, the diversity of students who come from all over the world, which would allow an intercultural and expertise exchange. Finally, the opportunity to live in Vienna and know its culture and history as one of the most ancient European capitals. The time in Vienna was one of the best years in my life, because of everything I learned and, mostly, the people I met. My classmates are the best memory I have from that year, people from different countries helping each other to make us better professionals and persons. Since I hold the LL.M. degree I apply a global perspective on my daily job, knowing other national tax systems and the correct functioning of Double Taxation Conventions to ensure companies and businessmen can structure their commercial operations in a totally globalized world.

MY ADVICE:

Studying this LL.M. Program could be the best academic decision you can ever make, because you will receive the necessary lectures to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of international tax law, and you will be given the opportunity to write a thesis which is published in a book. However, the best experience you can have there is knowing different people who undoubtedly will made you to grow up: professors, classmates, Ph.D. students, WU staff.

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Andrew Ogutu, Kenya, graduation year 2008
Tax lead for the Africa region, IFC World Bank Group

I realized that the Vienna LL.M. Program was the ideal Program to equip me with the necessary knowledge and skills required to navigate the world of international taxation. I found the Program to be excellent and the experience of living in Vienna for about a year, from interacting with participants from all over the world, learning about the city's rich history, to enjoying the city's wonderful architecture was simply amazing. After completing the LL.M. Program, I could apply the knowledge that I acquired from the Program in my day-to-day tax advisory work. This course did not only give me a strong foundation in international taxation and a network of tax professionals from which I can tap useful tax insights but the multicultural set up of cohort prepared me to work in teams with diverse cultural backgrounds.

MY ADVICE:

The decision to pursue the Vienna LL.M. Program is one that I am immensely proud of. You could be as well.



Thao Le, Australia, graduation year 2023
Lawyer and Tax Advisor

I chose the LL.M. Program mainly because of the following reasons: (i) the Program came highly recommended from my university tax professor; (ii) the admission procedure was an ease and very timely; and (iii) the class timetables suited my work schedule. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Vienna during the LL.M. studies. Vienna is a nice city to live with beautiful architecture and fascinating history. There is no need to have a car because the city has excellent public transport infrastructure. The LL.M. Program itself comprises of many different small courses exploring different aspects of international tax law. Apart from the great foundation of knowledge that the Program provides, I really enjoyed class discussions when everyone was free to speak their mind on a particular topic and you don't have to be politically correct. The Program adds important new skills and knowledge to my already existing career as a lawyer and tax advisor. It allows me to expand my horizon, take on new challenges and help more people navigating the changing international tax landscape.

MY ADVICE:

If you are thinking of doing this Program in Vienna, go for it and do not think twice! You will meet people from around the world, form lasting friendships and learn from the best tax experts. The value of doing this Program is immense. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to take their tax career to a different level.

... multifaceted



Cristóbal Pérez Jarpa, Chile, graduation year 2018
Professor of Tax Law, Universidad de los Andes

The infrastructure, the renowned professors of WU, the courses of the Program, and the high-level professionals that takes part at the LL.M. Program made, without a doubt, the most obvious and secure option to increase my knowledge and expand my professional network globally. Also, the location was a relevant factor in the decision-making process: Vienna is the most beautiful and friendly city I have ever been. Meeting new friends and colleagues made my time in Vienna one of the best of my life. From an academic point of view, it was one of the most challenging years. The LL.M. Program gave me both, on the one hand, good friends to enjoy Vienna that last a lifetime and, on the other, a challenging and interesting academic experience. The Program was the very first big step of my academic career. After spending some years working as a tax lawyer in the private sector, the Program opened my knowledge in the field of international tax law that led me find plenty doors opened in the academic world as well.

MY ADVICE:

Think big! The LL.M. Program will make you to “go big” in either field of practice of international tax law, i.e. private, public or academic sectors. The diverse courses, high-level colleagues and professors involved in the Program, and the infrastructure, will provide you with an amazing network of professionals and a broad and deep knowledge of international tax law. Those factors make the perfect combination that will certainly open doors in all the different mentioned fields.



Tian Xu, PR. China, graduation year 2003
Partner, eiger, Shanghai

Its strong reputation, its glittering faculty and a truly international group of fellow students made me choose the LL.M. Program. I was already studying in Vienna before getting enrolled in the LL.M. Program in International Tax Law. But with this Program my good academic experience in Vienna reached its peak. I had a wonderful year of absorbing knowledge of international tax law and making a lot of friends, with whom I have been staying in touch since then. The Program provided me with systematic training in international tax law, sharpened and deepened my understanding of tax issues and concerns of multinational clients. On the other hand, the international network that I, being a graduate, am able to access and rely on, is enormously precious.

MY ADVICE:

If you haven't studied tax law, don't be scared off, as this Program will prepare you from A to Z in international tax law from both academic and professional perspectives. Open yourself and get inspired by your fellow students and mentors. Last but not least, don't miss the opportunity to live and spend some time in Vienna, a city rich in culture and history, which you will never forget in your life.

The LL.M. family is ...



Ranjith Pathiyil, India, graduation year 2014
Managing Director, Andersen in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait

The following key parameters made me select the Program: the jurisdiction where the Program is offered (Austria); the number of regions and jurisdictions covered within the Program; the diversified professors involved; and the diversified background of students (from consulting, industry, academics, ministries). I literally enjoyed my presence in Vienna, explored the opportunity of meeting with professors, students with various background, visiting faculties, and supervisors – ended with learning various perspectives, improved networking skills and I believe the knowledge curve shifted to a “speed” mode. The LL.M. Program helped me to have different perspectives on a single topic (increased the interpretation skills) and started embracing the “intent” of tax policy, procedures and governance from various point of view (e.g., as a consultant, entrepreneur, industrialist or as a tax inspector).

MY ADVICE:

Be clear on your “interest”/ “passion”, visualize the nature of work you would be performing, and understand the opportunities and growth you will have post pursuing this LL.M., this would help you take a decision on the way forward.



Klaus Bieberach, Panama, graduation year 2012
Partner Bieberach & Co.

I believed the Program was the best to help me understand the tax culture of the most influential trading partners of my country and how they apply tax treaties. It was a great time: every week was a unique experience mixing intense studying, rich academic activities outside the courses and enjoying one of the best cities of the world to live. This LL.M. Program made me understand better the diversity of tax jurisdictions, and their interaction. It allowed me to meet and learn from world renowned professors, it helped me sort sources of information and taught me how to analyze and solve cases which has been key to provide advice on international taxation.

MY ADVICE:

Study hard, enjoy Vienna, and build a world network.

... in love with Vienna



Filippo Federico Miotto, Italy, graduation year 2007
Partner Transfer Pricing, BDO

I wanted to foster an international career in international tax. I had an amazing time during my LL.M. studies. It was incredibly rewarding to develop deeply into international tax and engage with such a diverse and talented group of classmates and professors. The Program challenged me intellectually and broadened my understanding of the law in ways I hadn't imagined. The LL.M. Program was instrumental in preparing me for my career. It provided me with a deep understanding of international tax, which has been invaluable in my work. Additionally, the Program's focus on research and critical thinking honed my analytical skills, which are essential in my day-to-day responsibilities. The opportunity to learn from and network with experienced professionals in the field also greatly enhanced my career prospects.

MY ADVICE:

If someone is passionate about international tax, the Vienna LL.M. will represent a unique opportunity of studying in an outstanding academic environment and living in a beautiful city!



Shauna Pittman, Canada, graduation year 2009
General Counsel, Department of Justice of Canada

I chose this LL.M. because of the professors, the curriculum, the flexibility of attending school only on Fridays and Saturdays, and the opportunity to experience Vienna. I enjoyed my time during my LL.M. studies immensely. Every course was interesting, the classes were small and allowed for a lot of discussion, and the course work was manageable, even as I worked full-time (remotely). I became friends with other students who shared my passion for international tax, and we remain friends to this day. In one year, this LL.M. gave me the knowledge I was seeking, especially in the areas of tax treaty law and the tax systems of other countries. This prepared me for the hundreds of international tax cases I have worked on in the past 15 years.

MY ADVICE:

This LL.M. was the best thing I ever did for my career. The professors are experts who are passionate about their work and generously share their knowledge. The staff is wonderful and will help with everything you need. The students share the same goals and interests, which makes every day at school (and outside school) a lot of fun. Vienna is a safe and wonderful city to live in, and its location makes quick trips to other European cities possible and seamless. Don't miss out!

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Andrian Candu, Romania, graduation year 2008
Managing Partner, BizMatters Consulting

My studies at WU Vienna and completing the LL.M. Program in International Tax Law may be considered as being a turning point in my professional and personal life. Seeking, at the beginning, to receive only a basic knowledge in international taxation, I have actually acquired a knowledge and expertise which helped me to build a professional career within PwC. This also helped me to have a better understanding of how a tax policy shall be designed and implemented, which brought a significant contribution during my activities as member of the government or holding other public offices. The LL.M. Program was also the time of meeting great professors and building friendship with colleagues from different countries. It was the time during which I have discovered the beauty of Vienna, the great history, culture and local traditions. This was the time when I have been to my first Viennese Ball, but also the time when I have asked my girlfriend at that time, to become my wife, and thus create a family.

MY ADVICE:

Do it, it will change your life!



Danny Septriadi, Indonesia, graduation year 2005
Co-Founder DDTC

Back in 2004 when I first sought to deepen my knowledge in this area, options for such specialized Programs were scarce. It was the Vienna LL.M. Program, with its pioneering approach, that truly stood out. The curriculum offers a great balance between in-depth theoretical knowledge and practical application. The subjects covered are not only wide-ranging but also consistently updated to reflect the latest developments in the field and to ensure that graduates are equipped with the skills to navigate the complexities of international tax law in today's dynamic global environment. My experience with the LL.M. Program has been surprisingly well-balanced. While the workload can be demanding, the distribution of assignments and in-class learning is actually quite enjoyable. The Program played a pivotal role in equipping me for a successful career in this dynamic field. The key aspects that stand out are learning from the best of the best, a global perspective and the strong network.

MY ADVICE:

The knowledge and experience you gain are truly commensurate with the tuition fees.

... crazy about tax



Kuralay Baisalbayeva, Kazakhstan, graduation year 2013
Tax Policy Advisor, OECD

I wanted to study the Vienna LL.M. because it's a comprehensive Program designed to keep anyone ahead of the curve and the global shifts in tax environment. Besides it opens the door to international professional opportunities. My time during the LL.M. studies was amazing and unforgettable! The Program helped me build a long-lasting professional network thanks to which I got a job offer at Big4 in The Netherlands after the graduation.

MY ADVICE:

Just do it! You will regret more of not doing it.



Jean-Philippe Van West, Belgium, graduation year 2013
Professor International and European Tax Law,
Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

The decision to choose this LL.M. Program was twofold: firstly, the Program came highly recommended by my first mentor, Professor Lieven Denys, whose advice I've always valued. Secondly, the allure of Vienna – a city celebrated for its rich culture and acclaimed as the world's most livable city for several years – promised not just an educational journey but also an exploration of historical grandeur. My LL.M. journey was a kaleidoscope of experiences – a blend of rigorous learning, enlightening encounters, and unforgettable adventures. It was a period marked by enduring friendships, enlightening lectures, and the creation of a professional network that resembles more of a family. 'Fun, friends, intellectually stimulating and future-focused' perfectly captures the essence of my time there. The Program was not just a cornerstone for my career in international tax law; it marked the beginning of an extraordinary academic journey. It laid the foundation of technical expertise and an invaluable network, while also fostering an independent spirit for continuous learning and exploration. Obtaining my Ph.D. at Vienna University of Economics and Business further solidified my commitment to this field. Returning to teach in the LL.M. Program, a decade after my own studies, was a profoundly full-circle moment, symbolizing not just personal achievement but the enduring impact of this Program on my professional life.

MY ADVICE:

Embrace every moment with an open heart and an eager mind. The journey through this LL.M. Program is not just about academic achievement but also about growing personally and professionally. Enjoy the learning, the friendships, and the unique experiences that Vienna offers, for they are as invaluable as the knowledge you'll gain.

The LL.M. family is ...



Marco Antônio Gomes Behrndt, Brazil, graduation year 2004
Partner, Machado Meyer Sendacz e Ópice

What caught my attention was the amazing and well-structured Program. I was certain that it would be – as it was – a turning point in my career and in my life. The year I spent on my LL.M. studies was certainly one of the best years of my life. Not only is Vienna one of the most amazing cities in the world, but I also met amazing professors and students who broadened my mind and certainly contributed to the success of my career. The LL.M. Program provided me with a comprehensive understanding of complex international tax matters and insights into cross-border issues. It has been fundamental to my career as it has given me the ability to deal with the intricate challenges faced by multinational companies and has certainly set me apart from other professionals in the field.

MY ADVICE:

Seize this opportunity with all your energy and will. Do your best in class, study hard and absorb every single lesson. It will surely be one of the best times of your life.



Verena Trenkwalder, Austria, graduation year 2000
Partner, KPMG Austria

When I first heard about the LL.M. Program in Vienna I was amazed by the broad and specialized curriculum tailored to meet the demands of an increasingly globalized economy. With the rapid expansion of multinational corporations and cross-border transactions, expertise in international tax law has become indispensable. The Program provided me with the necessary skills and knowledge to navigate complex tax systems and regulations across different jurisdictions and to better understand the needs of my clients, which are mostly large international industrial manufacturers. I attended the first full-time Program in 1999/2000 and I am still proud to have been part of this success story. We had an intense but also great time in Vienna. This year really allowed me to engage with experts and practitioners from various backgrounds, enriching my learning experience and expanding my professional network. As I became a tax partner in 2001 and had the overall responsibility to deliver value to our clients, it was a good strategic decision aimed at enhancing my expertise in an area of international tax law that is crucial for addressing the challenges of today's global economy and advancing my career in the field of taxation.

MY ADVICE:

I would encourage everyone thinking of studying this LL.M. to do it! Vienna is renowned for its prestigious educational institutions and its status as a hub for international law studies, particularly in the field of taxation. By studying there, you have access to top-notch faculty and resources that are essential for gaining a comprehensive understanding of international tax law. Vienna is a great town with lots of possibilities and a diverse and multicultural environment and you will gain a network of friends, experts and practitioners from various backgrounds that enriches your private and professional life and opens a lot of doors.

... thinking big



Ákos László Burján, Hungary, graduation year 2009
Partner, PwC Tax, Legal & People Services

The LL.M. in Vienna offered me a great opportunity to broaden my knowledge in the field of international taxation, which later greatly helped me in my everyday advisory work. We had the highest-quality lectures in the most important areas of the international tax arena. The well-experienced professors and practitioners gave us a lifetime of experience with their presentations and in-depth discussions. Also, after lecture hours, classmates and I could have fun together in the amazing town of Vienna. This gave me the opportunity to make good friends with whom we have been in active contact for 15 years now. The Program strengthened my knowledge in the field in which I had already been working, and I could provide an even higher quality of service to my clients.

MY ADVICE:

The 1 or 2 years long Program will be a lifetime experience, both from a professional and fun perspective. In my opinion, this is the best structured and quality international tax master Program that is combined with the possibility of spending great time in the amazing city of Vienna with nice people around you. So, my advice is not to hesitate to enroll in the Program.



Tomas Balco, Czech Republic, graduation year 2003
Senior Adviser, OECD, Centre of Tax Policy and Administration

I was inspired by friends who have given me a very good advice to pursue career and studies in the field of International Tax Law. I found the Program a unique opportunity to plunge into the world of international taxation. My time in Vienna was an extremely intellectually stimulating period of my professional life and the best part of my studies. It may sound strange, but after a few classes, I was often looking forward to the next class. I really enjoyed engaging with the lecturers, professors as well as the fellow students. My reflection is that this Program was a key to a door into the global world and career in the field of international taxation. It was like something was missing in my prior studies and career and I found it in this Program. It is an excellent opportunity to dive into different aspects of international tax law – ranging from tax policy perspective and developing conceptual thinking on international tax to practical considerations related to application of these concepts in practice. The Program also enabled us to meet some of the key international experts who are in Vienna or were coming to Vienna from other parts of the world to deliver the lectures, which is unique opportunity to build professional relations with those experts. The amazing thing is that I kept meeting them also later in my career and could refer to them as my teachers and coaches.

MY ADVICE:

I would recommend that the students take time off from their work – so they can fully read up the study materials and focus on the study. Should that be difficult for your personal or professional circumstances, consider taking the part-time version of the Program. Enjoy it, dive into it and make the best out of it.

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Renata Blahova, Slovakia, graduation year 2003
Partner, BMB Partners, Bratislava

I was keen for international knowledge and inspiration. The EU tax law part of the Program has been an excellent opportunity for any CEE student to obtain valuable insights and talk to brilliant tax experts and practitioners. As a mother of two at that time I decided to join the part-time version of the study and mostly commute from Bratislava to Vienna. Nevertheless, there were plenty opportunities to meet fellow students with enriching opinions and life stories, some of them I keep in touch till today. The social part of the study was a lot of fun. Tax advisory firm BMB Partners that I founded in Slovakia in 1996, also thanks to my time spent in Vienna during the LL.M. Program, entered into partnership with LeitnerLeitner and later on into alliance with the global network TAXAND and became one of the most respected independent tax boutiques in Slovakia specializing in international tax law.

MY ADVICE:

If you are interested in international tax law the LL.M. Program in Vienna offers an excellent opportunity to obtain valuable insights, discuss challenging tax cases with brilliant tax experts and fellow students. Moreover, not only it will provide unforgettable experience of Vienna's culture and atmosphere, but it will inspire and enrich your career in tax law.



Maurizio Di Salvo, Italy, graduation year 2013
CPA and Tax Lawyer, CDInternational Group

I strongly felt the need to improve my knowledge of international taxation in a university context and Prof. Michael Lang is one of the most leading experts in that field. I have opted for the Part-time course, put all my energy into completing the curriculum as a working student and finally obtained a final big satisfaction when finishing the Program successfully. The LL.M. Program contributed greatly to my professional and life growth and helped me enter an international context.

MY ADVICE:

If you are looking for a LL.M. Program after some years of practice in your home country, then go to Vienna.

... charming



Daniel Fuentes Hernandez, Mexico, graduation year 2011
Global Head of Tax and Trade / International Tax Professor

The main factors that led me to choose this LL.M. Program were its best world-class faculty and curriculum, the truly international environment reflected in the great diversity of nationalities of its students, the access to the academic world by giving us the opportunity to publish our master's thesis and access to participate in a number of high-level conferences and, obviously the culture and quality of life in Vienna. My time in Vienna was full of memorable moments. The LL.M. Program was an enriching and eye-opener experience from various perspectives. I made friends for life, learned about many cultures, and the challenges of the LL.M. Program and life in Vienna made me discover the best version of myself. The LL.M. Program greatly prepared me for success in my personal, academic and professional life. My colleagues and faculty inspired to develop my academic career in Mexico and learn to effectively communicate and lead an international team as an in-house tax professional.

MY ADVICE:

If you are motivated and convinced to take your career as an international tax professional to the next level, you definitely have to do this LL.M. Program. This Program will provide you with the opportunity to learn from the best world-class professors, make international friends for life and live in a wonderful city rich in culture.



Blaž Pate, Slovenia, graduation year 2006
Attorney at Law, Tax advisor, Partner at LeitnerLeitner

I chose this Programme mainly because of its high ranking in the top best LL.M.s in international tax in the world. The Program has an established reputation, and it was a privilege for me to be granted this opportunity to research and study here under the umbrella of many great lecturers. I decided for a full-time Program which was on one hand very busy year taking into account all lectures, seminars and exams but on the other hand it was one of the best years of my life for sure. I met so many great colleagues and professors from all over the world. We really enjoyed our time together either in the faculty or even afterwards in our free time. I really enjoyed it and honestly, I miss that time. I obtained great knowledge and experiences in international tax law which I could not get in my country. The Program gave me also different kind of skills in the area of tax and understanding how to approach and advise clients. This is particularly important in today's increasingly interconnected world whereby international tax is a very important topic.

MY ADVICE:

Just go and study this LL.M. Program without any hesitation. For those looking to comprehend how tax regimes around the world interact, this LL.M. Program provides the opportunity to obtain a unique knowledge and experience in international tax law which will for sure help you in your future career. This Program addresses the tax systems of various countries, as well as all other international tax topics in cross borders situations. At the same time, you will meet many new great colleagues from all over the world which will also help you in today's globalization.

... and growing



**Nangel Kwong, Australia,
graduation year 2017
Director of Global Tax Policy, PwC**

The strong diversity of topics and lecturers was the key draw for me to choose this Program, as well as proximity to the Global Tax Policy Center with Professor Jeffrey Owens. My time in Vienna was wonderful! Between thought-provoking conversations with international lecturers, making lifelong friends, and having the best time in Vienna, the year absolutely flew by. Following the LL.M. Program I went on to work in the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, in-house as Head of Tax Policy at Deliveroo, and now as Director of Global Tax Policy at PwC. The LL.M. Program gave me the grounding and forum to build fresh ideas on new tax policies to remake the international tax framework and pursue my career goals.

MY ADVICE:

Focus on what you're passionate about – if you love it, it ain't work. And don't miss out on going to a ball during Vienna's ball season, especially at the Hofburg palace – you might meet your Prince Charming.

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