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## Program Content and Objectives

The part-time programs International Construction Law (LL.M./MLS) are providing continuing legal education in the field of legal affairs with a special focus on international construction law. In order to achieve the highest possible practical gain for its participants, the program combines an education at the highest academic standard with a focus on the areas needed most in daily business, including economic aspects, project management, value engineering and alternative dispute resolution.

High-profile experts from the academic and professional world in Austria and abroad convey state-of-the-art knowledge, which will enable the students to deal with the international construction sector's legal customs professionally and to meet the changing challenges of the international construction industry. Intensive team work in small groups as well as case-based learning proved to be very efficient learning strategies.

Graduates of this Master Programs will be able to successfully complete challenging construction projects abroad.



UNIV.-PROF. I.R. DR.  
MANFRED STRAUBE  
SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

“The specialization in application-oriented areas of law – like e.g. in Law of International Construction Contracts – is one of the outstanding objectives of continuing education at the University of Vienna and its Faculty of Law.“

## Target Group

Due to an increasing volume in construction work abroad and the continuing globalization of the construction industry, the need for qualified lawyers working on an international level in this sector is constantly rising. However, also professionals – like e.g. civil engineers and construction economists – who are usually not involved in legal matters customarily deal with negotiations and implementation of contracts. Therefore, well-founded knowledge of international construction law as well as background knowledge of construction and standard contract forms is essential for successful completion of challenging construction sites abroad. The Postgraduate Programs International Construction Law (LL.M./MLS) are a reaction to this demand in the construction sector.

“From an engineer’s point of view I can say: The program “International Construction Law“ provides essential background information for the daily work with construction contracts and enables “the practitioner“ to understand international construction conditions and their particularities.“

ING. ALEXANDRA WURST – STUDENT „INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION LAW“ (MLS)

## Admission Criteria

Admission to the Postgraduate Program International Construction Law requires the completion of a law degree (LL.M) from a university in Austria or abroad, or a degree from a university in Austria or abroad in the area of civil engineering, construction management, economics or any other degree which is comparable with one of the above mentioned national or international degrees (MLS).

- Students who do not have an academic degree but who have 5 years of professional experience in an executive position may also apply (matriculation standard required); the Scientific Director will decide about admission.
- Non-native speakers and applicants whose first law degree program was not taught in English are required to provide a proof of advanced English language proficiency.

## Contents

MODULES	COMPONENTS	ECTS	ECTS
		LL.M	MLS
<b>SEMESTERS</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
1. Introduction to Law	Basics of Private Law, Law of Civil Proceedings, Business Law, Administrative Law, Procedural Law and Public Construction Law	–	20
2. Juristic Core Areas – National and International Construction Law	Austrian and International Construction Law – Liability in Construction Contracts, Collaterals and Constructions and Drafting Contracts, Public Procurement Law seen both from the national and international European point of view	27	29
3. Construction Industry	Economic backgrounds and their strong connection to the legal area - procedures like Value Engineering, Project Development and Financing, Claim Management, Claim Management and Performance	14	20
4. Alternative Dispute Resolution	Arbitration within the international context, several adjudication proceedings and systems developed for such proceedings	9	9
5. Legal English	General Legal English and English for Construction Law experts	opt.*	2
6. Master-Thesis and Defensio		8+2	8+2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>

\*optional



## Extract from the List of Lecturers (from science and practice)

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Fenwick Elliott LLP

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## Short Facts

Award	<b>LL.M. (Master of Laws)</b>
Duration	3 semesters – part-time
Total	60 ECTS
Language	English
Fees	€ 13,500
Annual Start	October
Application Deadline	End of June
Award	<b>MLS (Master of Legal Studies)</b>
Duration	4 semesters – part-time
Total	90 ECTS
Language	English & German
Fees	€ 18,000
Annual Start	March
Application Deadline	15 <sup>th</sup> December

## International Construction Law



The University of Vienna is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the largest in Central Europe. Thus, with more than 180 study programs and about 91,000 students as well as a staff of 9,400 employees, it is also the largest educational and scientific institution in Austria.

The University's Postgraduate Center offers a wide range of Advanced Postgraduate Programs. Students may choose from more than 20 master programs in the fields of »Education and Social Care«, »Health & Natural Sciences«, »International Affairs and Business«, »Communication and Media« and »Law«. In addition, the university offers customized corporate programs focused on at the goals and specific needs of organizations. All professional educational programs of the University of Vienna are adapted to the specific demands of professional life and aim at providing an interdisciplinary approach. Students will learn to understand how related academic disciplines are interconnected with their specific fields of expertise. The Postgraduate Center is also active in the Austrian and international discourse on lifelong learning.

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