LL.M. „Digitalization & Law"

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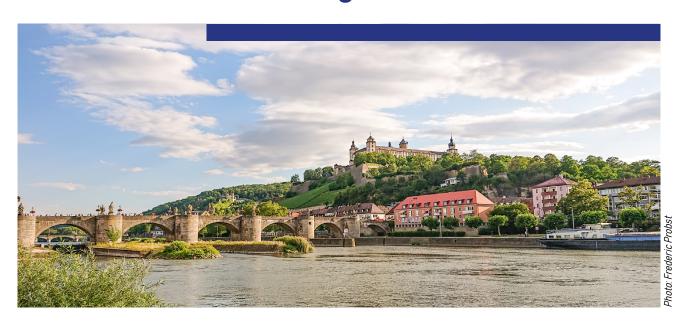
Digitalization has gained in importance in almost all professional fields. The rapidly advancing technical development creates new possibilities but also new legal problems. Due to the complexity of the subject, a specialized expertise is an indispensable prerequisite for dealing with digitalization from a legal perspective. The master's program builds on the legal knowledge already acquired and enables you to specialize in the field of digitalization. It will provide you with the necessary knowledge in the areas of IT law, legal tech, AI, computer science and data protection law, among others. With our master's program, you will acquire crucial expertise and additional qualifications compared to your competitors.

Overview

➤ **1 ½ years (3 semesters)**

➤ **Start: October (Wintersemester)**

➤ **Language: English**

Your Benefits

- **2 in 1:** Academic degree of „Master of Laws" (LL.M.) and a certificate of specialization in IT Law (Fachanwalt IT-Recht, theoretical part, § 14k FAO)

- **Interdisciplinary program:** The LL.M. covers the fields of law, ethics, technology and informatics

- **Qualified teachers:** The courses are taught by renowned professors and specialized lawyers

- **IT-Background:** The necessary technical knowledge will be transmitted in the courses

- **Location:** Study in the charming city of Würzburg, located in picturesque Franconia, surrounded by vineyards, the river Main and the Fortress Marienberg as well as being home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Residence with Court Garden

- **Cost of living:** The cost of living in Würzburg is low compared to other German cities. As a student, you have full access to the university library, can use public transportation in Würzburg for free and get meals at reduced prices in the refectories.

Who can study the master's program?

The master's program is aimed at all graduates of law with practical experience and welcomes international students. The LL.M. also addresses graduates of non-law degree programs, provided that their studies included at least basic legal knowledge. In addition, the course is directed at lawyers who wish to acquire the special theoretical knowledge for the specialist lawyer in IT-Law.

What admission requirements do I have to meet?

Please ensure that you meet the following admission requirements:

1. Educational background

■ You have a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts or Science with at least 210 ECTS credits at the University of Würzburg, a First State Examination in Law or a degree in a comparable course of study at another domestic or foreign higher education institution (e.g. university, university of applied sciences or university of cooperative education) or an equal domestic or foreign qualification

or

You have a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts or Science with at least 180 ECTS credits at the University of Würzburg or at another domestic or foreign higher education institution or an equal domestic or foreign qualification **and** practical work competences of at least 30 ECTS credits, proven by qualified practical work experience of at least one year and accepted by the programs Audit Committee

■ If the degree is a non-law degree, you must prove competences in one or several of the following areas with at least 15 ECTS credits:

i) Basic knowledge in the field of civil law

ii) Basic knowledge in the field of criminal law

iii) Basic knowledge in the field of public law

2. Practical work experience

■ You have qualified practical work experience for at least one year

3. English language requirements

■ You must prove your proficiency in English at least on level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

■ Please submit the results of a qualified test, we acccept:

- The certificate of a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score of 72 points in the Internet-based test

- The certificate of the International English Language Testing Sys-

tem (IELTS) with a minimum score of 5,5 points

- The certificate of Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) with a minimum score of 160 points

- The certificate of the Duolingo English Test with a minimum score of 100 points

- An English language test is not necessary, if one of the following exceptions applies to you:

  - You hold a passport from one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States of America

  - You have studied and completed your entire Bachelor's or Master's program in English

  - In all other cases the English language test is compulsory. Other exceptions cannot be considered.

4. German language requirements

- You must prove sufficient German language skills (at least on level A2 of the Common European Framework of References for Languages) by the end of the second semester at the latest

- A German language test is not necessary, if one of the following exceptions applies to you:

  - You hold a passport from one of the following countries: Belgium, Germany, Italy (exclusively from the region South Tyrol – Autonomous Province of Bolzano), Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Austria or Switzerland

  - You have studied and completed your entire Bachelor's or Master's program German

  - In all other cases the German language test is compulsory. Other exceptions cannot be considered.

Program structure

The LL.M. Digitalization & Law is a 1 ½ year program (3 semesters) and consists of 90 credits (ECTS). The program is divided into the following areas:

- Compulsory section (30 ECTS credits)
- Elective section (30 ECTS credits)
- Final section (30 ECTS credits) consisting of:
  - Master's thesis (25 ECTS credits)
  - Oral examination (5 ECTS credits)

Which courses can I attend?

1. Compulsory section

- Winter semester (October to February)
- The first term consists of the following 6 compulsory courses:
  - Introduction to Informatics (5 ECTS credits)
  - Introduction to German IT-Law (5 ECTS credits)
  - Machine Ethics (5 ECTS credits)
  - Fundamental Rights and Data Protection (5 ECTS credits)
  - Cybercrime I (5 ECTS credits)
  - Procedure Law (5 ECTS credits)

2. Elective section

- Summer semester (April to July)
- You can choose 6 of the following 8 elective courses:
  - Company Law and Digitalization (5 ECTS credits)
  - Legal Tech (5 ECTS credits)
  - Competition Law in the Digital Age (5 ECTS credits)
  - IP Law (5 ECTS credits)
  - Cybercrime II (5 ECTS credits)
  - Robot Law/ AI Law (5 ECTS credits)
  - E-Commerce/ Consumer Protection (5 ECTS credits)
  - Labor Law 4.0 (5 ECTS credits)

3. Final section

- Winter semester (October to February)
- Master's thesis (25 ECTS credits)
- Oral examination (5 ECTS credits)

How do I apply?

Applications can be made online via the university portal [WueStudy](#).

You can already register on WueStudy now. This account will then allow you to apply for the master's program during the application period from January 25 to July 15, 2024.

Instructions on how to apply via WueStudy can be found at: https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/en/wuestudy/help/video-tutorials/applicants/

For German applicants:
Once your application has been submitted, the admissions committee will assess whether all admission requirements have been met. In this case, you will receive a letter of admission. Otherwise, you will receive a rejection notice. With the letter of admission, you can enrol at the university of Würzburg at the office of student affairs. [Link office of student affairs](#)

For international applicants:
Once your application has been submitted, the admissions committee in cooperation with the International Office will assess whether the admission requirements have been met. If the admission requirements are met, you will receive a letter of admission from us. After receiving the letter of admission, you can enroll as a student at the University of Würzburg (after submitting further documents).

How much are the tuition fees?

Each semester you are required to pay 2500 Euros for the tuition. In addition, each semester you will have to pay a semester fee to the university which amounts to about 163 Euros. With the payment of the semester fee, you will receive a student ID. The student ID enables you to fully access the university library and use the public transport in Würzburg for free.

Contact

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

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or visit www.jura.uni-wuerzburg.de/digitalization-and-law for further information.

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