

Master's Programme Globalisation and Law

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Master's Open Day

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Scope and Profile

- **One-year programme**
- **Taught in English**
- **Study Load: 60 ECTS**
- **1 general track and 3 specialisations**
- **Prospective jobs: jurist, academic, ...**
- **Most popular: 146 new students this year**
- **International profile: 89% international students**



Learning Objectives

- To know the role played by law in the globalisation process
- to develop research, analytical and problem-solving skills and
- to improve written and oral presentation skills.



Programme Focus

Free Programme

- Broad interests in the field of G & L

Human Rights

- The roles and legal status of the individual in the process of globalisation

Corporate and Commercial Law

- The legal aspects of the role of corporations

International Trade and Investment

- The public dimension of cross-border trade and investment

Curriculum: 60 ECTS

The students enrolled in one of the specialisations must:

- Pass the two core courses (12 ECTS in total)
- Pass the mandatory specialisation course of their track (6 ECTS)
- Earn 18 ECTS in specialisation courses (three specialisation courses)
- Earn 12 ECTS in elective courses
- Pass thesis (12 ECTS)

The students enrolled in the Free Programme must:

- Pass the two core courses (12 ECTS in total)
- Earn 24 ECTS in Free Programme courses (four courses)
- Earn 12 ECTS in elective courses
- Pass thesis (12 ECTS)

The core courses

Public International Law

(1st period = Sep / Oct)

Corporate Social Responsibility

(4th period = Feb / Mar)



The specialisation courses

Human Rights Law

- **Int'l Human Rights Law (mandatory); Dispute Settlement; Int'l Humanitarian Law; Human Rights of Women; Human Rights and Human Development; Int'l Criminal Law.**

Corporate and Commercial Law

- **Comparative Commercial Law (mandatory); Int'l Trade Law; European Competition Law; Int'l Commercial Dispute Resolution; Int'l Commercial Law; Comparative Corporate Governance.**

Trade and Investment Law

- **Int'l Trade Law (mandatory); Advanced Int'l Trade Law; Intellectual Property Law; Law and Economics; Int'l Investment Law; Human Rights and Human Development; The Law of the Economic and Monetary Union.**

Elective courses

For the students enrolled in a specialisation

- One of the two remaining specialisation courses
- One or two specialisation courses from the other two specialisations
- A moot court
- An internship
- An LLM course from other Faculties or ours, *subject to prior authorisation by our Faculty* (6 ECTS, max)

For the students enrolled in the Free Programme

- One or two more specialisation courses
- A moot court (12 ECTS, but 6 are extracurricular)
- An internship (up to 12 ECTS)
- An LLM course from other Faculties or ours, *subject to prior authorisation by our Faculty* (6 ECTS, max)

Partner Universities (limited number of places for each university)

Europe

UK: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Brighton

Austria: Vienna:

Germany: Berlin, Mannheim, Saarbrücken

Portugal: Lisbon

Turkey: Istanbul

Belgium: Liège, Louvain, Antwerp

France: Paris, Toulouse

Denmark: Copenhagen

Sweden: Lund, Uppsala

Croatia: Zagreb

Spain: Barcelona, San Sebastian

Luxembourg

Italy: Trento, Torino, Milan



Partner Universities (limited number of places for each university)

Outside Europe

Australia: Melbourne, Canberra

Canada: Montreal, Vancouver, Toronto

South Africa: Stellenbosch

USA: Detroit

Singapore

China: Beijing, Hong Kong, Xiamen



Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Human Rights Law	PIL	IHRL		CSR	HR & HD	
	IDS	IHL		HRW	ICL	
Corporate & Commercial Law	PIL	Eur. Compet. Law		CSR	Int. Comm. Law	
	ITL	ICDR		Comp. Co. Law	Comp. Corporate Govern.	
Int. Trade & Investment Law	PIL	Intel. Prop. Law		CSR	HR & HD	
	ITL	Law & Economics		Int. Invest. Law	The Law of the Econ. & Monetary Union	
Free Programme	PIL	FP course or elective		CSR	FP course or elective	
	FP course or elective	FP course or elective		FP course or elective	FP course or elective	

Thesis

- **Topic chosen in consultation with supervisor**
- **Should fit with specialisation**
- **Must be between 8,000 and 10,000 words**
- **Periods 3 (Jan) and 6 (Jun/Jul)**
- **The importance of writing a good thesis cannot be overstated**

Internships

- **Students may register for only one internship per specialisation**
- **May account for up to and no more than 6 or 12 ECTS**
- **For at least 20 working days => 6 ECTS. For at least 40 days => 12 ECTS**
- **In principle, must be undertaken on a full-time basis**
- **Part-time may be permitted, but for not less than 2 working days per week**
- **Aim is to enable students to deepen their academic knowledge by experiencing some kind of legal professional practice**
- **Internship plan must be submitted for approval at least 4 weeks before the start**
- **Restrictions: plan submitted for approval after the start of the internship; employment relationship; carried out in offices run by family members; work from home.**
- **Providers from Faculty's database or elsewhere**

Examples of providers

Corp. & Com

- **Belgian Embassy Rome; Apex Int'l Holding Voorburg; Köster Adv.; White & Case LLP, BXL;**

HR

- **NGO Humanrights.ch, Bern; NGO Sweat, Cape Town; Law Faculty, West Java**

ITIL

- **Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP, BXL; Indonesian Embassy in NL; European Central Bank; Int'l Comm. of Jurists, Berna**

FP

- **Belgian Embassy Bs. As.; Ajibade & Company LLP, Lagos; Solve Advocaten, A'dam; Nindyo & Assoc. LLP, Jakarta**

Moot courts (up to 6 ECTS per moot court)

Participation by invitation only:

- Philip Jessup Moot Court on Public Int'l Law
- Nuremberg Moot Court on Int'l Criminal Law
- ELSA Moot Court on WTO Law
- Willem Vis Moot Court on Int'l Arbitration Law
- Frits Kalshoven + Jean Pictet on Int'l Humanitarian Law

Info, Permissions, Exams

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Student Portal, Academic Paper Dossier, Registration for Courses and Exams, Exam Regulations	
Permission for internship, other courses etc	Please go to student desk
Exams	Form
	Pass/fail => A grade 6, on a scale of 1 to 10
	Right of inspection
	Right of appeal

Admission requirements

A bachelor's degree in law from:

- NL, or
- A comparable degree from abroad.

or

A (bachelor) degree from:

- Higher vocational education institute, or
- A university in a field other than law.

N.B.: In the latter case, entrance exam is required.

- November and May
- Computer-based (on-line)

Applicants who are non-native English speakers and have their undergraduate degree in a language other than English must meet one of the following requirements:

- [IELTS](#) minimum score overall 6.5 & writing 6.5, or an overall score of minimum 7;
- [TOEFL](#) internet-based minimum score 90 with a writing score of minimum 25, or an overall score of 100; or,
- [Cambridge examinations](#): minimum score of C.

Master's Honours Research Track

- From January to June.
- Aims to further develop academic research skills.
- In consultation with their supervisor, students may write an extended thesis and get 12 ECTS.
- Students prepare themselves for a future PhD or academic career.
- Completion of the Honours Programme leads to 15 extracurricular ECTS.
- Students who successfully complete the programme will receive a Law Honours Research Track certificate together with their master's degree.



Why LLm at Maastricht University?

- International student population and staff
- Intensive educational system (PBL): small groups / personal atmosphere
- Excellent knowledge and labour market skills
- University in the heart of Europe
- Expert staff
- High profile guest speakers
- Renowned Research Schools



Rankings & recognition

- Among 40 best law faculties in Times Higher Education (THE) Law 2020
- UM is the 10th best young university (THE “Young Universities” Ranking 2019)
- Top 100 Ranking QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020

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