Master’s 2019-2020

European Competition Law and Regulation

Today’s markets are characterized by rapid developments due to disruptive innovation and dynamic technological changes. As businesses adjust their practices to the changing market environment, the boundaries of the law are greatly challenged. Cases involving Google or Facebook as well as attempts to regulate AirBnB and Uber or the position of household energy producers may serve as examples.

Programme outline
The Master’s track in European Competition Law and Regulation offers a programme unique among European universities that allows students to specialize in competition law while studying the regulatory framework applicable to economic activities in fast-moving and progressively digitalized markets. Students will fully understand and be able to explain the complex web of market processes in a European law context, and will also obtain fundamental legal skills that allow them to master new legal fields and solve a diverse range of legal problems.

Amsterdam Law Practice
In this master you will be offered a tailor-made programme for experiential education, under the umbrella of the Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP).

In Principles and Foundations of EU law you experience the complexity of your role as a lawyer in the context of a negotiation simulation.

In the European Law Clinic, you can work on actual legal cases for NGO’s and other actors under the guidance of our clinical staff. You can also participate in a moot court or an internship with one of our partners in the field of European law.

In the Amsterdam Law Practice you will work with fellow students towards the solution of actual problems. You learn by doing, in an educational setting that prepares you to be a lawyer that makes a difference.

Study programme*
Compulsory Courses
• Principles and Foundations of EU Law (12 EC)
• European Competition Law (12 EC)
• Law of the Internal Market: Free Movement of Goods and Services (6 EC)
• EU Regulated Markets (6 EC)
Two electives (12 EC) chosen from a selection of courses. Some examples:
• European Law Moot Court (6 EC)
• Globalization of Cartel Law (6 EC)
• Advanced EU Competition Law (6 EC)
• European Competition Law Moot Court (6 EC)
• Amsterdam European Law Clinic (6 EC)
• Consumer Rights in the Digital Single Market (6 EC)
• Regulation, Regulatory Impact and Reform (6 EC)
• EU Foreign Relations Law (6 EC)
• EU Legal Remedies (6 EC)
• Individual Research Project European Public Law and Governance (6 EC)

Other possible electives can be found at coursecatalogue.uva.nl, European Competition Law and Regulation.

Master’s thesis (12 EC)

* The study programme in 2019-2020 may differ from the current programme.
Entry Requirements

International students: Admission to the Master’s programme is based on your prior academic credentials.

Students with a Dutch degree: students with a Bachelor of Laws degree from a Dutch university and students with a PPLE degree with a ‘major in law’ are eligible for admission.

Please visit the website for more detailed information on the entry requirements: uva.nl/llm-european-law-and-regulation under ‘Application and admission’

English Language proficiency:
Both Dutch and international students need to provide proof of English proficiency (TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge certificate). Dutch students are exempted if they passed English for their vwo diploma (sufficient mark, 6 or higher) or possess a vwo certificate in English. Please visit the website for more detailed information about the entry requirements.

Career Prospects
Graduates of this Master’s track will be particularly well-qualified for an international career at the EU institutions, in EU Member State governmental organizations that deal with economic regulation and competition law, as well as private practice – either as a practitioner at a national or international law firm or as in-house lawyer at a national or international company.

Facts & Figures

Degree: LLM in International and European Law
Mode: full-time, part-time
Credits: 60 ECTS
Tuition fees: (2018-19): € 2,060,— (EEA), € 14,740,— (non-EEA)
Start: September (February)
Application deadline for the September semester: 1 April 2019 (non-EEA students), 1 May (EEA students), 1 August (Dutch students)

Practical Information
Would you like to know more about the content of this Master’s programme? Please contact the coordinator, Dr Kati Cseres, k.j.cseres@uva.nl
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"The Competition Law and Regulation track offers a highly customizable programme. Due to the few mandatory courses, students can choose freely in which direction they want to go by taking the courses that interest them most. This enables an interdisciplinary approach, as it is possible (and even required) to take courses from other Master tracks. Next to the many different courses, the university also offers a great Law in Action programme that caters to students who want to have a practical side next to their theoretical studies. I think the most interesting aspect is the experiential learning programme. I believe that it teaches soft skills and practical experience that are extremely important in professional life and that are much appreciated by employers. Next to that it is also an interesting and challenging way to learn new things and to get to know other students."

More information: uva.nl/llm-european-competition-law-and-regulation