Amsterdam Law School

European Union Law

Nothing compares to EU law. It is neither international nor national law but has characteristics of both. It is a mix of public and private law. It is exceptionally dynamic and it is only becoming more and more relevant for all areas of law and life. After studying with us, you will no longer be able to pick up a newspaper without seeing EU law issues on every page.

Programme outline
The European Union Law track offers a combination of foundational and specialised courses on EU law. The programme allows students to specialise in the fields of their choice, by taking courses such as EU Migration Law, Foundations of EU Competition Law, or EU Foreign Relations Law. This track examines not only the content of EU law, but also how it is adopted, applied, interpreted, and practised by political, judicial, and administrative actors.

Amsterdam Law Practice
This master offers you a unique 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, and in European Constitutional Law we offer an extensive legislative 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 mootcourt or an internship with one of our external 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*
- Principles and Foundations of EU Law (12 EC)
- European Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights (12 EC)
- EU Legal Remedies (6 EC)
- Three electives (18 EC) chosen from a selection of course. Some examples:
  - European Competition Law (12 EC)
  - Amsterdam European Law Clinic (6 EC)
  - European Law Moot Court (6 EC)
  - Internship (6 EC)
  - EU Foreign Relations Law (6 EC)
  - EU Migration Law: Forced and Unforced Migration to the EU (6 EC)
  - EU Regulated Markets (6 EC)
  - European Human Rights Law
  - European Integration and National Constitutions (6 EC)
  - Foundations of EU Competition Law (6 EC)
  - Globalization of Cartel Law (6 EC)
  - Individual Research Project European Public Law and Governance (6 EC)
  - Advanced EU Competition Law (6 EC)
  - EU Commercial Policy, Trade and Investment (6 EC)
- 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-union-law 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 will be qualified for careers with European businesses, at law practices or in the public sector, either in their home countries or in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and other cities with European institutions. The International and European Law programme also provides a strong basis for those seeking to continue on to a PhD in European law.

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 Thomas Vandamme, t.a.j.a.vandamme@uva.nl
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Laura Jacobs, student European Union Law

“This was the best choice I could possibly have made; I learned a great deal and now have a quite comprehensive understanding of EU Law. I participated in two “experiential” modules, moot court and a law clinic, which helped prepare me for the practical side of EU Law. Besides being informative, it was also fun; the programme fully met my expectations. The programme is organised in such a way that, once you have completed the basics, you can customize your Master’s to suit your own interests. EU Law is everywhere; if you are looking for a Master’s with a comprehensive orientation, you won’t go wrong here.”

More information: uva.nl/llm-european-union-law