International and Transnational Criminal Law

The Amsterdam Law School offers an LLM in International and Transnational Criminal Law with substantive courses, opportunities for internships and law clinics, as well as research projects for courts, tribunals and related justice institutions. This track is the first to focus on international and transnational criminal law as two fields of legal study that are closely connected and mutually reinforcing.

Programme outline
The programme is unique because of the dual perspective it offers on international and transnational criminal law. It combines the perspective of the international adjudication of international crimes with its domestic perspective, whilst bridging the gap between international and transnational criminal law.

Amsterdam Law Practice
This master offers you a unique programme for experiential education, under the umbrella of the Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP). In the courses International Criminal Law Practice I and II you will apply your knowledge of international criminal law to current problems, engaging with professionals working in this field of law.

In the Amsterdam International Law Clinic you will work on public interest cases for NGO’s and other clients under the guidance of our clinical staff. You also can participate in a moot court or an internship with one of our partner institutions.

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*

Semester 1
• International Criminal Tribunals - Procedural Aspects (6 EC)
• International Criminal Tribunals - Substantive Law (6 EC)
• Law Lab in International Criminal Law (0 EC)
• International Criminal Law (6 EC)
• International Criminal Law Practice I (6 EC)

Semester 2
• International Cooperation in Criminal Matters in a Comparative Perspective (6 EC)
• Transnational Criminal Law (6 EC)
• Law Lab in International Criminal Law (0 EC)

One elective (6 EC) chosen from a selection of courses.

Some examples:
• International Criminal Law Practice II (6 EC)
• History and theory of International Law (6 EC)
• Amsterdam International Law Clinic (6 EC)
• ICC moot court (6 EC)
• International Human Rights Law (6 EC)
• International Humanitarian Law (6 EC)
• International Criminal Law Practice II (6 EC)
• International Law of Military Operations (6 EC)
• International Responsibility (6 EC)
• International Refugee Law (6 EC)
• Victims of war (6 EC)

A complete overview of possible electives can be found in the course catalogue at uva.nl/international and transnational criminal law.

Master's thesis (12 EC)

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

International students: Students with an academic degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor of Laws (LLB). Applications are assessed individually by the Admissions Board.

Students with a Dutch degree: Students with a university Bachelor’s degree in Law. Students with a BSc degree in PPLE with a major in Law can apply as well.

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.

Selection Criteria
Applicants will be selected on the basis of their study results and motivation by a selection committee. The selection criteria are:

• Motivation to participate in this track, with demonstrable affinity for research and the subject matter of the track
• Level of analytic and writing skills
• Curiosity, creativity, and an independent mind-set

Please visit the website for more detailed information: uva.nl/llm-international-criminal-law

Career Prospects

This LLM programme prepares students for a career in international and transnational criminal law. Graduates are singularly qualified to assume leadership roles at prosecution services, court organs or law firms specialized in transnational crimes or mutual legal assistance, academic institutions, NGO’s, and ministries including of foreign affairs, justice and defence. Other prospects include careers at international criminal courts and tribunals including at the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Facts & Figures

Degree: LLM International Criminal Law, track International and Transnational Criminal Law
Mode: full-time
Credits: 60 ECTS
Tuition fees: (2018-19): € 2,060,— (EEA), € 14,740,— (non-EEA)
Start: September
Application deadline: 1 April 2019 (all students)

Practical Information

Would you like to know more about the content of this track? Please contact its coordinator, Dr. Jill Coster van Voorhout, j.costervanvoorhout@uva.nl

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Harmen van der Wilt, Academic Director of this programme

“This track in International and Transnational Criminal Law has been created in 2018-2019. In this new and exciting programme, we offer a unique insight into the very closely connected and mutually influencing fields of international and transnational criminal law. We actively engage students by challenging their ideas about substantive and procedural criminal law as well as the underlying ideas and fundamental principles of these fields of law. Besides the well-structured, vibrant and inspiring courses, we invite students to participate in a wide variety of field trips to the various international criminal courts and tribunals in The Hague and exchanges with leading international and transnational criminal justice thinkers and professionals. We look forward to meeting you in Amsterdam, and hope you shall enjoy studying the legal theory and practice of international and transnational criminal law with us.”

More information: www.uva.nl/llm-international-and-transnational-criminal-law