International Criminal Law (Joint programme)

The Amsterdam Law School and Columbia University School of Law (NY) offer a joint LLM programme in International Criminal Law. The joint programme leads to an LLM degree of the Amsterdam Law School and a certificate of Columbia Law School.

Programme outline
The International Criminal Law programme combines the study of theoretical aspects and foundations of international criminal law with its practical application by offering a workshop in criminal tribunals and providing opportunities to engage in internships. Amsterdam Law School students and Columbia Law School students complete the programme as a group, spending the first semester in Amsterdam and the second semester in New York.

Amsterdam Law Practice
This track 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 Law Lab in International Criminal Law you will apply your knowledge of international criminal law to current problems, engaging with professionals working in this field of law.

Under 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
Sept 2018-Dec 2018
• 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 (6 EC)
• Comparative Introduction Common and Civil Law (3 EC)
• Thesis preparation (3 EC)

Semester II
March-Aug 2019
• Colloquium on International Criminal Law
• Selected elective courses
• Thesis (7.5 EC)

The study programme in 2019-2020 may differ from the current programme.
Entry Requirements
The Master's programme in International Criminal Law Joint Programme is a selective, specialised programme open to a limited number of motivated, ambitious students.

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.

Career prospects
Career Prospects This LLM programme prepares students for a career in international criminal law. Graduates are singularly qualified to assume leadership roles in the world of international criminal courts and tribunals including the International Criminal Court (ICC), in national legal institutions and at law firms, in international criminal law academia and at ministries of foreign affairs, justice and defence.

Facts & Figures
Degree: LLM International 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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Nicolai von Maltitz, student International Criminal Law

The Amsterdam-Columbia LLM programme offered a unique insight into the field of International Criminal Law; it has shaped and changed my views on law and politics. Spending the first semester in New York, Columbia Law School offered us the possibility to choose electives from a wide-ranging list of courses linked to International Criminal Law, Human Rights and Political Philosophy. Turning to our second semester at Amsterdam Law School, our adventurous journey continued in small classes, now focusing on the legal theory and practice of International Criminal Law. Besides the well-structured, vibrant and inspiring courses, we were invited to participate in a wide variety of field trips to the various International Criminal Tribunals in The Hague, and regular “wine and cheese” gatherings that gave us the unique opportunity to meet some of the leading figures at work in the realm of international criminal justice.

It has been an invaluable privilege to study at these two renowned law schools, located in two of the world’s most multi-cultural cities – what a perfect surrounding for gaining a sound basis in one of the most visionary fields of international law.

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