International Trade and Investment Law

International trade and investment are driving forces in the world economy. This Master’s focuses on the international rules that govern these economic relations and the institutions that administer and apply these rules.

Programme outline
This Master’s programme has two major focuses: the Geneva-based World Trade Organisation (WTO) and international investment law. The first semester deals with the core legal principles that govern both international trade and investment law. The second semester turns to the dispute settlement aspects of the WTO and international investment arbitration. Other courses broaden the programme’s range to include domestic regulation, development issues and regional trade agreements. The course of study culminates with a Master’s thesis in which, under the supervision of an academic, students explore in depth an aspect of the international trade and investment law regime.

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

Study Programme*
- Principles and Foundations of International Law (12 EC)
- International Investment Law (6 EC)
- International Trade Law (6 EC)

One elective (6 EC) chosen from:
- International Investment Arbitration (6 EC)
- International Trade Law and Domestic Regulation (6 EC)

One elective (6 EC) chosen from:
- International Investment Law - Topics Seminar
- International Trade Law - Topics Seminar

Two electives (12 EC) chosen from:
- History and Theory of International Law (6 EC)
- International Criminal Tribunals (6 EC)
- International Trade Law (6 EC)
- EU Foreign Relations Law (6 EC)
- EU Regulated Markets (6 EC)
- European Human Rights Law (6 EC)
- International Environment Law (6 EC)
- International Investment Arbitration (6 EC)
- International Law of Military Operations (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-international-trade-and-investment-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 from the International Trade and Investment Law track may move on to pursue careers in international law firms or as legal advisers to governments, international organisations, or companies and NGOs with an international focus. The Master's also provides graduates with a solid foundation to pursue an academic career in international economic law.

Practical Information

Would you like to know more about the content of this Master's programme? Please contact the coordinator Dr Geraldo Vidigal, g.vidigal@uva.nl
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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)

"Trade and domestic regulation are a particular interest of mine. Studying how national legislation affects the market access of imported products is interesting, relevant and challenging. The final exam of this particular course is an essay on a topic of your own choice; you are free to write on a wide range of trade-related subjects. The atmosphere in this Master's programme is surprisingly close. The small group of students representing many different nationalities makes for an intimate and friendly atmosphere, and this includes the teachers and course directors as well."

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