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. Competition law 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. The LL.M. track in ‘European Competition Law and Regulation’ focuses on the law and regulation of economic activities in fast-moving and progressively digitalized markets.
The European Competition Law and Regulation track is a programme unique among European universities as students specialize in competition law and study the regulatory framework applicable to economic activities in Europe. The track follows a coherent set of strongly interrelated, and for that reason compulsory, core courses such as ‘EU Competition Law’ and ‘EU Regulated Markets.’ In these courses you will acquire a profound understanding of both the substance and procedures of EU competition law and sector-specific regulation. Moreover, you can choose from various electives such as Globalization of Cartel Law, Advanced EU Competition Law and you can specialize in particular areas such as State Aid Law, Consumer Protection, and sector specific regulation such as Energy, Telecommunications or Banking law. Please see the digital course catalogue for detailed and up-to-date information on the curriculum: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl.

EU competition law and regulation and its international roots
The track ‘EU Competition law and Regulation’ is one of four tracks under the umbrella master programme ‘International and European Union law’. It allows students to understand and place EU Competition law and Regulation in the broader international law context of an increasingly globalised world.

Close connection between research and teaching
The close connection to one of the university’s research centres of excellence, the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG), ensures that classes are taught by outstanding experts in their field. The quality of this programme is further enriched by our close academic partnership with the Amsterdam Centre for Law & Economics (ACLE), whose faculty members teach in several core courses. Our research into ‘law and governance’ and ‘law and economics’ translates into a ‘law in action’ teaching approach that encourages students to look beyond the black letter of European law and introduces them to how it comes about, how it is interpreted, applied and what effects it may have on markets. Because of this link between research and teaching, we integrate the most recent academic insights from both law, economics and politics.
Application & admission

Entry requirements
Entry to the Master’s programme depends on your academic background, including an academic degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor’s of Laws. You will need to prove sufficient ability in English. The track also requires basic knowledge of European Law.

To apply for a Master’s programme at the Amsterdam Law School, you will need to register in Studielink first. After registering in Studielink, you must follow the admission procedure, including filling in the online registration form and paying the application fee. In addition, several hard copy documents must be sent to the admissions office.

Find the exact entry requirements and all deadlines under 'Application and admission' on our website: www.uva.nl/llm-european-competition-law-and-regulation.

The Board of Examinations reviews applications as soon as the admissions office receives the online intake form, application fee, and hard copy documents.

For any questions, please contact our admissions office at admissions-als@uva.nl.

What do graduates say?

‘The LL.M. allowed me to deepen my knowledge in EU competition law and regulation and to develop my research skills. With the support of the teachers I was awarded an ACCESS Europe research grant and prolonged my time at the University of Amsterdam as a research assistant. Discovering the academic life within this institution would not have been possible without the personal advices and support I received from the teachers. What I liked the most in this LL.M. is that it offers unique courses but also career guidance and opportunities.’
- Aurélie Villanueva, currently working as ACCESS EUROPE Research assistant

‘I liked the University of Amsterdam because it’s so close to the heat. You’re close to the big law firms at the Zuidas, you’re close to the Hague, where policy is made. I particularly liked the very practical aspects that really prepared me well for the professional life after studies.’
- Justin Nogarede, currently working at the European Commission
Career prospects

Graduates of the master track ‘EU competition law and Regulation’ will in particular be qualified for an international career in the EU institutions, national governmental organizations of EU Member States dealing with economic regulation and competition law as well as private practice, either as practitioner in national and international law firms or as in-house-lawyer in national and international companies.

The Master’s degree in International and European Law also forms an excellent basis for an academic career.

The Amsterdam Law School offers students information, workshops and individual vocational counseling through its Career Services Programme.