The rapidly changing field of European Union Law is relevant to almost every legal question that legal experts encounter in practice. The complex influences of EU law on the law of the Member States and their position in the world are well illustrated by the great difficulties to give effect to the UK referendum on Brexit. In our track ‘European Union law’ you will learn to fully understand and explain these complex legal relationships between European, international and national law. You will also obtain the fundamental legal skills that allow you to master new legal fields and solve a diverse range of legal problems.

FACTS & FIGURES

Degree LL.M. International and European Law
Mode Full-time
Credits 60 ECTS credits
Tuition fee € 2,006 (EEA) € 14,740 (non-EEA)
Duration 12 months
Language English
Starts in September, February
Application deadline(s)
Dutch students: 1 August
All others: 1 April
The European Union Law track combines a solid basis in substantive and institutional EU law with extensive opportunities to specialise. The compulsory core courses ‘Principles and Foundations of European Union law’ and either ‘European Constitutional Law’ or ‘European Competition Law’ provide students with both a broad and deep understanding of European Union law. Building on this foundation, students may freely choose a large number of optional courses to specialize in the fields of their choice. Optional courses include European Migration Law, European Monetary Union, further courses in Competition Law, Law of the Internal Market, European Foreign Relations Law, and many more. Please see the digital course catalogue for detailed and up-to-date information on the curriculum: www.coursecatalogue.uva.nl.

EU law and its international roots
The track ‘EU law’ is one of four tracks under the umbrella master programme ‘International and European Union law’. As such it specifically aims to teach students European Union law in comparison with and in contrast to public international law and its effects in the European and national legal orders. This will allow students to understand and place EU law in the broader 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. Because of this nexus between research and teaching we are able to integrate the most recent academic insights and legal developments and offer guest lectures by renowned international scholars and practitioners. Last but not least the nexus between research and teaching guarantees that our lecturers are greatly enthusiastic about the topics they teach.

Our research into ‘law and governance’ translates for teaching into a ‘law in action’ approach that encourages students to look beyond the letter of European law and introduces them to how it comes about, how it is interpreted and applied.
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 or at least 60 ECTS in law courses (for students with a liberal arts and sciences degree with law focus). 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-union-law.

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?

'One of the reasons I chose the EU Law programme is because it gives you a very broad overview of EU law, but then you're given a lot of flexibility to decide where you want to specialize.'
- Jocelyn Ho, USA

'I liked the teachers here, they are very qualified; there are academics, there are people from the commercial sector. So you get a really good mix and they are very up-to-date on the latest research.'
- Zsófia Zsiros, Hungary

'I especially liked the fact that this track offers many practice-oriented courses, the option of taking part in a moot court and an International Law Clinic, which exposes students to real clients and issues. In addition, I supplemented my compulsory courses with courses in State Aid Law and European Competition Law, and I was motivated to do an internship and write a report about it for extra credits.'
- Margot de Vries, the Netherlands

'I visited the United Nations offices and the International Labour Organization in Geneva on a students’ association trip, and there was a trip to EU institutions in Brussels. These trips offer valuable additional insights. I think it is important for students to learn about practical applications of what they've learned. Look for traineeships, ask your favourite professors if you can help them out with research, or do some work for an NGO.'
- Krystyna Bakhtina, Ukraine
Career prospects

Graduates will be qualified for a career in one of the EU institutions, national administrations or legal practice. The programme also can be a basis for a post-academic study or an academic career.

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

Andreja Nedeljkovic (Serbia), alumnus
‘Without my educational background from the Amsterdam Law School I would not have been able to work at an international organisation like the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).’