



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam Law School

Fact Sheet Incoming Exchange Students 2023-2024



General Information	
Name of institution	University of Amsterdam
ERASMUS code	NLAMSTERD01
Name of department/faculty	Amsterdam Law School
Website	Amsterdam Exchange Programme in Law
Course Catalogue	Online course catalogue
Online Campus tour	Amsterdam Law School Tour - YouTube

About	
General	<p>With some 5,000 students and 450 staff members, The Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam is one of the largest faculties in the Netherlands. It offers students a wide variety of courses and has a strong international orientation, with both a global and a European focus.</p> <p>The Faculty of Law favors an interdisciplinary approach, collaborating with other law schools in the Netherlands and incorporating such fields as economics, psychology, sociology and even health care with the study of law.</p> <p>The faculty maintains strong ties with the corporate world and many staff members are also legal practitioners. Social engagement is another</p>

	<p>characteristic of both staff and students, who frequently offer their services to various law clinics.</p> <p>Since the summer of 2017 the faculty is located on Roeterseiland Campus, an open city campus designed to offer future-proof teaching and research facilities. The university offers students many possibilities to develop themselves in or outside the university.</p>
Education	The Faculty offers three bachelors programmes (two specialised and one general) and eighteen masters (LLM) programmes. Several of these LLM programmes are taught in English.
Academic tradition	The research undertaken at the Faculty of Law is characterized by its international orientation and its high standards.

Academic information	
Courses open to exchange students	<p>The Amsterdam Law School offers most courses in law for exchange students at Master's level. Exchange students may choose courses from the following LLM programmes and LLB minors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LLM European Private Law 2. LLM International and European Law (comprises of the following four tracks): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Public International Law b) International Trade & Investment Law c) European Union Law d) European Union Competition Law & Regulation 3. Bachelor courses of the Minor Law and Justice in the European Union 4. Bachelor courses of the Minor Law and Economics 5. The Bachelor courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Comparative Law - Global Health and International Law - European Union Law, An Introduction - International Law, introduction - Law and Economics I: Economic Theory and the Law - Law and Economics II: Empirical Legal Studies - Law and Economics III: Digital Legal Studies (please note that this course takes place in January) - Integration and Disintegration within European Union Law - European Private Law and Inequality

	<p>- Moot Court in European Union Law (please note that this course takes place in January)</p> <p>NB: The courses '<i>Principles and Foundations of International Law</i>' and '<i>Principles and Foundations of EU Law</i>' are not open for exchange students.</p> <p>Check the complete Exchange programme online.</p>
Course information	As an exchange student, you can choose courses from the above mentioned LLM programmes and from the LLB minors offered by the Amsterdam Law School.
	<p>For information about each course, consult the Course Catalogue.</p> <p>To avoid scheduling conflicts, the Amsterdam Law School advises exchange students to choose their courses within one Master's programme (please see above). Students who choose courses from different Master's programmes run the risk of conflicting classes and exams. Please consult the timetable before registering for a course.</p> <p>Obliged introductory courses</p> <p>In order to participate in the field of European law, it is required that students have completed an introductory course at their home university in which they obtained a basic knowledge of the field of law concerned.</p> <p>Students who have not completed such a course must take the introductory course: European Union Law, An Introduction.</p> <p>Students who are interested to take courses in the field of international law but without having a background in international law need to take the Introductory course in International Law.</p>
Resit exam	In case students did not pass their exam the first time, it is not possible to take a resit exam at their home university. Resit exams should be taken at the University of Amsterdam.
Course placement	Not guaranteed.
Faculty calendar	Academic calendar
Timetables	Timetable

Faculty requirements	
Online application	<p>After you have been nominated for exchange by your home university, you will receive an e-mail with a link to start your online application.</p> <p>Both exchange and independent ('free-movers'/fee-paying) students need to complete this form in order to be admitted.</p> <p>All applicants must have a valid e-mail address at all times. Without a valid e-mail address we are not able</p>
	to inform you about important matters, and the student will not be receive a housing offer.
Entrance requirements	Students must have completed at least 120 ECTS (or the equivalent in local credits) before their semester at the Amsterdam Law School.
Language requirements	<p>All courses in the Amsterdam Exchange programme of the Amsterdam Law School are taught in English. Proficiency in the English language is therefore a prerequisite. Applicants from non-English speaking countries must present proof of proficiency by providing a copy of either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A TOEFL score* of at least 100 iBT; with a minimum of 24 for subscores reading and writing, a minimum of 22 for subscore listening and a minimum of 25 for subscore speaking. 2. An IELTS score* with a minimum score of 7; with a minimum of 6.5 for each subscore; 3. Cambridge English Language Assessment*: minimum grade C1 Advanced with a minimum score of 190. 4. If your bachelor's program has been completely taught in English, this is sufficient. 5. An International Baccalaureate or European Baccalaureate Diploma <p>* The test results may not be more than two years old, calculated from the start date of the English-language Master's programme in question.</p>
Deadline nomination (partner)	<p>1 April: Fall semester</p> <p>1 October: Spring semester</p>
Deadline application (student)	<p>1 May: Fall semester.</p> <p>15 October: Spring semester</p>

Transcripts	
Grades	<p>In the Netherlands grades are awarded on a grading scale from 1-10, 10 being the highest. A passing grade is a 6 or higher. Very good/excellent grades are an 8 or higher. A 'pass' is given for courses/seminars which are not graded, but for which the student has met the requirements.</p> <p>After you have completed your courses, your grades will be published in the UvA's Student Information System (SIS). Please refer to the table below for the UvA Grading Scale.</p>
Transcripts	<p>After we have received all the grades we will make a transcript. We will send a digital transcript, directly via e-mail to the home university and the student. Upon request, we can send a hard copy to the home university.</p>
ECTS	<p>Workload per semester: 30 ECTS and one course is 6 ECTS.</p>

10 point grading scale	ECTS Quality Assessment	Distribution percentage	Recommended U.S. Grade	Recommended ECTS Grade
8 ≤ grade ≤ 10	Excellent	10%	A	A
7.5 ≤ grade < 8	Very good	25%	B	B
7 ≤ grade < 7,5	Good	30%	B	C
6 < grade < 7	Satisfactory	25%	C	D
5,5 ≤ grade ≤ 6	Sufficient	10%	D	E
< 5.5	Fail	-	F	F

Additional Student Services	
Practical Matters	Please refer to the website for information on practical matters, such as arrival in Amsterdam, costs, housing, immigration, visa, health insurance etc.
Education Desk	Students at the Law Faculty can consult the Education Desk concerning practical and administrative questions, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Making an appointment with a study advisor 2. Discussing problems with registrations for courses or exams Contact the Education Desk
Disabilities	If you have a disability, chronic condition or dyslexia and have or expect problems in studying because of this, the University of Amsterdam can provide extra support. Visit our website to see what kind of support is available.
Student Associations	There is a variety of student associations with an international focus. Many offer activities and services that are specifically oriented towards international students. Take a look at our website to find associations that match your interests.
Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam	Each semester, the University of Amsterdam welcomes over a 1,000 international students to Amsterdam. The Erasmus Student Network Amsterdam (ESN Amsterdam) is the student organisation that helps these students to make the most of their exchange by organising cultural and social activities. ESN offers an introduction week for international students to kick off the academic year.

