



Master's 2020-2021

European Competition Law and Regulation

Should social networks, like Facebook, that offer their services for free be subject to intervention by competition authorities? Are the measures that Member States implement to combat climate change compatible with EU state aid rules? How should EU law regulate the sharing economy and platform economy like Airbnb and Uber in a way that ensures consumer protection while maintaining the benefits that such business models provide? Global challenges like rapid technological development, climate change and societal transformation often disrupt existing market structures and business models and challenge our understanding of how markets operate. As businesses adapt their practices to the changing market environment, the boundaries of the law and existing models of regulation are greatly challenged.

Background

The Master's track in European Competition Law and Regulation offers a programme unique among European universities. It allows students to specialise in competition law and the broader regulatory framework applicable to economic activities in fast-moving and progressively digitized markets. Students will gain a full understanding of and be able to explain the complex web of market processes in a European law context. They will also obtain fundamental legal skills that allow them to master new legal fields and solve a wide range of legal problems. Our instructors include leading researchers and internationally renowned legal practitioners who prepare students for the dynamic and fast-developing field of EU economic law and regulation while contributing their academic insights. Besides larger-scale lectures, students also get to work in smaller groups that provide an active and informal learning environment.

Amsterdam Law Practice

At the Amsterdam Law School, students are offered an experience-oriented programme unique in the Netherlands. The Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP) teaches students to apply their knowledge of the law to questions from actual practice. This method inspires and motivates students to engage in research and deepen their knowledge. Students learn by doing and make a connection with society by working with fellow students on crafting solutions for societal problems. They take part in EU law negotiation exercises as well as in the European Competition Law Moot Court and the European Law Moot Court. Moreover, the programme offers them the opportunity to establish contacts in the professional field – a valuable prelude to a successful legal career.

Study programme*

Compulsory courses

- Principles and Foundations of EU Law (12 EC)
- European Competition Law (12 EC)
- Law of the Internal Market: Free Movement of Goods and Services (6 EC)
- EU Regulated Markets (6 EC)

Two electives (12 EC) chosen from a selection of courses.

Some examples:

- Consumer Rights in the Digital Single Market (6 EC)
- European Law Moot Court (6 EC)
- Amsterdam European Law Clinic (6 EC)

- Regulation, Regulatory Impact and Reform (6 EC)
- EU Foreign Relations Law (6 EC)
- EU Legal Remedies (6 EC)
- Globalization of Cartel Law (6 EC)
- Individual Research Project European Public Law and Governance (6 EC)
- Advanced EU Competition Law (6 EC)
- European Competition Law Moot Court: Herbert Smith Freehill (6 EC)

Master's thesis (12 EC)

*The study programme in 2020-2021 may differ from the current programme. We refer prospective students to coursecatalogue.uva.nl (available from Mid-May).



Entry requirements

Students with a Dutch university level Bachelor's degree in Law and students with an academic degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor of Law (LLB) are eligible for this Master's programme.

In case of having obtained another diploma, please check the entry requirements on our website: uva.nl/llm-european-competition-law-and-regulation under 'Application and admission'. Applications will be assessed by the Board of Admissions.

English language proficiency: International students need to provide proof of their proficiency in the English language (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge certificate). Students who received their prior education in the Netherlands are exempted from this test. Please visit the website for more detailed information about English language proficiency requirements.

'Civiel effect'

Pursuant to the Convenant inzake het civiel effect, graduates who have completed the Master's in European Union Law in addition to a full Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law qualify for admission to the Dutch bar and judiciary (the so-called 'civiel effect' of the Master). For

Yannis Schlüter, student European Competition Law and Regulation



“The Competition Law and Regulation track offers a highly customisable programme. Due to the few mandatory courses, students can choose freely in which direction they want to go by taking the courses that interests them most. This enables an interdisciplinary approach,

as it is possible and even required to take courses from other Master's tracks. Next to the many different courses, the university also offers a great Law in Action programme that caters to students who want exposure to the practical side of things besides their theoretical studies. I think the most interesting aspect is the experiential learning programme. I believe that it teaches soft skills and practical experience that are extremely important in professional life and that are greatly appreciated by employers. It is also an interesting and challenging way to learn new things and to get to know other students.”

Facts & figures

Degree	LLM in International and European Law
Mode	full-time, part-time
Credits	60 ECTS
Statutory tuition fees (2019-2020)	full-time: € 2,083,- part-time: € 1,775,- For non-EEA students or for second Dutch degree programmes check our website
Language	English
Start	September or February
Application deadline for the September semester	1 April: International students who need a visa or who plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 May: International students who do not need a visa or/and who do not plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 June: Dutch students
Application deadline for the February semester	1 October: International students who need a visa or who plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 November: International students who do not need a visa or/and who do not plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 December: Dutch students

more information about civiel effect, see student.uva.nl/civieleffect (in Dutch).

Career prospects

You will find our graduates in international law firms specialized in competition law and economic regulation, as corporate lawyers in multinational companies, in the EU institutions, most notably DG Competition as well as national competition authorities and national Ministries of Economic Affairs.

Contact

If you would like to know more about the content of the Master's track in European Competition Law and Regulation, please contact the programme coordinator, Dr Kati Cseres.

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More information: uva.nl/llm-european-competition-law-and-regulation