European Private Law

Are you up to the challenge and ready to become the very best private lawyer you can possibly be? Do you want to look beyond the letter of law and discuss the justice and politics implicit in the rules of private law? Learn how to resolve cross-border private law issues in multiple European jurisdictions? Then come and study European Private Law at the University of Amsterdam.

The Master's programme
In the European Private Law Master’s at the Amsterdam Law School, students with a passion for private law experience a small-scale programme of the highest quality in a truly international environment. In this Master’s programme, students examine the core issues of private law from a comparative and transnational perspective. Our students are trained to analyse and anticipate legal developments and understand them in the light of the socio-economic and political context in which they occur. This unique mix of positive law and theoretical/critical analysis helps students to develop a creative approach to private law issues and provides them with the knowledge and skills needed to develop their careers at the highest level of national and international practice.

Amsterdam Law Practice
The European Private Law Master’s offers a tailor-made experiential education programme under the wing of the Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP). The European Private Law in Practice module provides students with an opportunity to learn about the EU’s private law-making process in an interactive manner. Students are asked to formulate amendments to a legislative proposal in the field of European Private Law, debate their proposed amendments in a parliamentary setting, and lobby for their adoption. This enables students to enhance their knowledge of private law issues and strengthen their problem-solving, research, analytical, communication and teamwork skills.

Study programme*

Compulsory courses (24 EC):
- Private Law in a European and International Context (6 EC)
- European Contract Law (9 EC)
- European Private Law in Practice (3 EC)
- European Company Law (6 EC)

Mandatory electives (24 EC) chosen from:
- Comparative Law (6 EC)
- Consumer Rights in the Digital Single Market (6 EC)
- Finance, Security and Insolvency (6 EC)
- Human Rights in Private Law (6 EC)
- EU Private International Law (6 EC)
- European Tort Law (6 EC)
- Making markets beyond the state: between private law and international economic law (6 EC)
- Foundations of EU Competition Law (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).

More information: uva.nl/llm-european-private-law
Entry requirements
Students with a Dutch university level Bachelor’s degree in Law or PPLE 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/lm-european-private-law 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.

Career perspectives
Thanks to our ‘in context’ teaching method, our graduates are problem-driven, curious lawyers who can easily adapt to various kinds of legal practice and fulfil a range of functions. Our graduates work in international law firms throughout the EU and beyond, but also act as compliance officers and in-house lawyers for banks and other larger companies; others have taken on national and European government functions, joined adjudication bodies or embarked on academic careers.

‘Civiel effect’
Pursuant to the Convenant inzake het civiel effect, graduates who have completed the Master’s in European Private 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 more information about civiel effect, see student.uva.nl/civieleffect (in Dutch).

Contact
If you would like to know more about the content of the Master’s in European Private Law, please contact the programme coordinator, Ms Candida Leone.

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