



Master's 2020-2021

International Criminal Law - Joint Program

What do you think – should Dominic Ongwen, a former child soldier and right hand to Joseph Kony who inter alia recruited child soldiers, be considered a perpetrator or a victim by the International Criminal Court (ICC)? Should an international criminal tribunal be established to bring to justice perpetrators of atrocities in Syria? Can the closing by EU-countries of harbours to boat refugees qualify as a crime against humanity? The Joint Programme on International Criminal Law of the University of Amsterdam and Columbia Law School challenges you to consider these and similar questions.

Background

The Amsterdam Law School and Columbia Law School (New York) offer a unique, top-level joint LLM programme in International Criminal Law. The International Criminal Law programme combines the study of theoretical aspects and foundations of international criminal law with its practical application by offering moot courts, organising meetings with top-practitioners (including ICC judges) and providing opportunities to engage in internships. Amsterdam Law School students and Columbia Law School students complete the programme as a group, spending the first semester in Amsterdam and the second semester in New York. Amsterdam and New York are eminently qualified to present this programme, as the capital of the state hosting the ICC and headquarters of the Security Council respectively. Columbia ranks among the top 5 universities in the United States, while the University of Amsterdam is excellent in international law and

international criminal law. Completion of the Joint Programme yields an LLM degree from the Amsterdam Law School and a certificate of Columbia Law School.

Amsterdam Law Practice

This track offers unique experiential education under the auspices of the Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP). In the courses *International Criminal Law Practice* and *Global Justice Sessions*, students apply their knowledge of international criminal law to current issues while engaging with professionals active in that area. At the Amsterdam Law Practice, students learn by doing and work together in search of ways to resolve current issues in an educational setting that prepares them to be lawyers who make a difference.

Study programme*

Semester I

Sept. 2019-Dec. 2019

- International Criminal Tribunals: Procedural aspects (6 EC)
- International Criminal Tribunals: Substantive Law (6 EC)
- International Criminal Law (6 EC)
- Global Justice Sessions (integrated into previous courses)
- International Criminal Law Practice (6 EC)
- Comparative Introduction to Common and Civil Law (3 EC)
- Thesis preparation (3 EC)

Semester II

March-Aug 2020

- Please see the following link to Columbia Law School for up to date information regarding its courses: law.columbia.edu/courses
- Colloquium on International Criminal Law
 - Selected elective courses
 - Master's thesis (7.5 AC)

*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

The Master's programme in International Criminal Law is a selective, specialised programme open to a limited number of highly motivated, ambitious students. 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-international-criminal-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.

Selection criteria: A selection committee will assess the applications on the basis of the applicants' study results

Elijah English, student in master's track in International Criminal Law – Joint Program (2018-2019)



“The International Criminal Law programme was the most exciting, engaging, and interesting learning experience I have ever had! I feel immense gratitude to all our professors at the University of Amsterdam for caring so deeply about our education. The small class sizes fostered the perfect environment for constant debate

and discussion. Additionally, the content was both challenging and interesting as our professors brought unparalleled expertise. Our professors taught with dedication and enthusiasm; their doors were always open to us, creating a nurturing environment. They familiarised themselves with our academic and career ambitions and always sought to support us to meet our goals. The positive academic environment translated into the perfect space to build lasting friendships. The opportunity to study at Columbia Law School and live in New York City was rewarding both personally and academically. I can only sing praise for this programme.”

Facts & figures

Degree	LLM in International Criminal Law
Mode	full-time
Credits	60 ECTS
Statutory tuition fees (2019-2020)	full-time: € 2,083,- For non-EEA students or for second Dutch degree programmes check our website
Language	English
Start	September
Application deadline	1 April 2020 (all students)

and personal motivation. The following selection criteria will be taken into account:

- Motivation to enrol in this programme
- Demonstrable experience in the subject matter of the programme
- Level of analytic and writing skills
- Curiosity, creativity, and an independent mind-set

Career prospects

This LLM programme prepares students for a career in international criminal law. Graduates are singularly qualified to assume leadership roles in the world of international criminal courts and tribunals including the ICC, in national legal institutions and at law firms, in international criminal law academia and at ministries of foreign affairs, justice and defence. Due to their prominent position in the area of international (criminal) law, New York and Amsterdam offer enhanced job opportunities for graduates of the programme.

Contact

If you would like to know more about the content of the Master's track in International Criminal Law – Joint Program, please contact the programme coordinator, Dr Jill Coster van Voorhout.

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More information: uva.nl/llm-international-criminal-law