



Master's 2020-2021

# International and Transnational Criminal Law

Do you think that the parties responsible for the attack on Flight MH17 will ever be tried in a court of law? What is the best legal response to the atrocities committed against the Rohingya in Myanmar? Is it reasonable to expect that clothing manufacturers who exploit child labour can be tracked down by following the money? Learn the answers to these questions and more in the LLM programme in International and Transnational Criminal Law.

## Background

This Master's track offers students a unique and high-quality education in the fields of transnational and international criminal law. The programme is based in the Netherlands, the centre of international criminal justice which hosts the International Criminal Court, various tribunals and many NGOs active in this field. Our courses address the interaction between law enforcement at the supra-national and inter-state levels in response to war crimes, terrorism, trafficking in human beings, etc. Our Professors bring theoretical, comparative, and practical perspectives to this field of law, both procedural and substantive. After a focus on international criminal law during the first semester, the emphasis shifts to transnational criminal law, which examines the specific features of transnational crimes like illicit drugs trafficking, environmental crimes and corruption and the challenges they pose to criminal law enforcement. All the courses are taught by Professors with extensive practical experience who combine theory with practice through innovative teaching methods (experiential learning, law clinics, moot courts). The programme is enriched with guest lectures by the most eminent experts in the field. We value the acquisition of knowledge and insight and

help prepare students to fulfil their future professional roles fully equipped with these attributes.

## 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 1

- 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)

#### Semester 2

- Comparative Criminal Law (6 EC)
- Transnational Criminal Law (6 EC)
- Global Justice Sessions (integrated into previous courses)

#### One elective (6 EC) chosen from a selection of courses

##### Some examples:

- International Criminal Justice Practicum (6 EC)
- Amsterdam Law Clinics (6 EC)
- ICC moot court (6 EC)
- International Human Rights Law (6 EC)
- International Humanitarian 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](http://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-and-transnational-criminal-law](http://uva.nl/llm-international-and-transnational-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 and personal motivation. The following selection criteria will be taken into account:

- Motivation to enrol in this programme

**Francesca Zarb**, student in International and Transnational Criminal Law



“The Master's course in International and Transnational Criminal Law has been to me a very interesting and enjoyable LLM. It offered a broad insight into criminal law and how this applies amongst states both transnationally and internationally. The University of Amsterdam (UVA) is also very

close to the Hague which makes it strategically well-located to the hub of international criminal law – the International Criminal Court. The LLM also offers practice-oriented credits, such as *International Criminal Justice Practicum* and the *Amsterdam International Law Clinic*. The UVA boasts impressive credentials worldwide due to the reputation of its sterling professors. I strongly suggest this LLM to those who have a penchant for criminal law, a yearning to broaden their horizons by seeing how this is applied in different fora and a desire to discipline themselves in the art of lawyering.”

## 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)

- 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 and transnational criminal law. Graduates are singularly qualified to assume leadership roles at prosecution services, judicial bodies and law firms specialised in transnational crimes and/or mutual legal assistance, academic institutions, NGOs, and government ministries including foreign affairs, justice, and defence. Other prospects include careers at international criminal courts and tribunals including the International Criminal Court (ICC).

## 'Civiel effect'

Pursuant to the Covenant inzake het civiel effect, graduates who have completed the Master's in International Criminal Law in addition to a full Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law can qualify for admission to the Dutch bar and judiciary (the so-called 'civiel effect' of the Master). For more information and how to qualify, see [student.uva.nl/civieleffect](http://student.uva.nl/civieleffect) (in Dutch).

## Contact

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

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