



Master's 2021-2022

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 lecturers 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 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 experiential legal education that is 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, deepen their knowledge and work on their lawyering skills. Students learn by doing and make a connection with society by working with fellow students on crafting solutions for societal problems. They participate in EU law negotiation exercises and can take part in the EU Law Clinic, 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 Law Clinics (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 2021-2022 may differ from the current programme. We refer prospective students to [coursecatalogue.uva.nl](https://www.uva.nl/coursecatalogue) (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 more information about civiel effect, see student.uva.nl/civieleffect (in Dutch).

Elise Vos, student European Competition Law and Regulation



“In the mastertrack European Competition Law and Regulation, it is interesting to see how different fields, law, economics and politics, all come together. Within this Master's programme I especially enjoyed the mandatory course European Competition

Law, since the set-up for the course is done very well. Not only will your knowledge in the subject increase immensely since it is a twelve-week subject, but you also get economic lessons and learn to use these insights in your arguments.

I enjoy the diversity of people who participate in the Master and the international vibe that comes with them. The programme attracts a lot of international students and teachers with different backgrounds and ambitions. Especially people who have the ambition to work abroad.”

Facts & figures

Degree	LLM in International and European Law
Mode	full-time, part-time
Credits	60 ECTS
Statutory tuition fees (2020-2021)	full-time: € 2,143,- part-time: € 1,826,- For non-EEA students or for second degree programmes check our website
Language	English
Start	September
Application deadline	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

Career prospects

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

Study Association

Eureka, the Study Association for European Law, was founded recently in 2019. The association works to organise academic, social and career-orientated events that complement and add to the programme. Visit [the Eureka website](#) for more information.

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