



Master's 2021-2022

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. All of these opportunities allow students to interact with leading professionals in the field, thereby providing an invaluable insight into their potential future careers. 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). The programme combines the study of theoretical aspects and foundations of international criminal law with their practical application via workshops in international criminal courts and tribunals. Amsterdam Law School students and Columbia Law School students complete the programme together, spending the first semester at Amsterdam Law School and the second semester at Columbia Law School. 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. 2020-Dec. 2020

- Comparative Criminal Law (6 EC)
- International Criminal Law (6 EC)
- International Criminal Law Practice (6 EC)
- International Criminal Tribunals - Procedural Aspects (6 EC)
- International Criminal Tribunals - Substantive Law (6 EC)
- Global Justice Sessions (0EC)
- Master Thesis Workshops (0EC)

Semester II

March-Aug 2021

- 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 2021-2022 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. 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 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

Laura Burens, student International Criminal Law



“I really liked this LLM since it offers you the unique chance to study the subject of International Criminal Law in two cities: New York and Amsterdam. This advantage influences the whole spirit of the programme by means of the academics and practitioners that are involved in teaching, the internship opportunities and study visits and

finally, hopefully, also the future career prospects. The atmosphere is supported by the very small and diverse group of students and professors. This is ideal for students who know that they want to be engaged in the field of International Criminal Law and have a general background in this area. Although the schedule during the two semesters mainly focuses on specific aspects of this field of law, for me it also offered the possibility to understand the broader context in which International Criminal Law is placed and helped me to identify obstacles and challenges for the future.”

Facts & figures

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

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.

'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 see student.uva.nl/civieleffect (in Dutch).

Contact

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

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