



Master's 2021-2022

# European Union Law

Many of the challenges we face today demand an EU law response. As the world's most sophisticated international organisation, it deals with issues like (mass) migration, climate change and cybercrime. Yet, the prominent role of EU law is not unquestioned, as illustrated by Brexit. How democratically accountable is the EU? How, in the long term, can the identity of the Member States be safeguarded? The EU Law Master's programme gives students the tools to unlock the many fields covered by EU law and to critically reflect on them.

## Background

The LLM in European Union Law gives students the knowledge and skills needed to tackle any legal problem in any field of European law. We aim to provide you with a solid foundation in substantive and institutional EU law. We integrate the most recent academic insights and legal developments into our curriculum and provide a path that allows you to gain proficiency in a specific area of law. To this end, the EU Law Master's programme draws on the expertise of an international academic staff with a range of specialisations including EU institutional law, law of the internal market, environmental law and human rights.

We encourage you to look beyond black letter law and approach EU law in its economic and political context. Would you like to gain hands-on experience in tackling legal problems and be part of a vibrant international student community? If you have a good command of written and spoken English, an international perspective, and intellectual curiosity, this is the right LLM programme for you.

## Amsterdam Law Practice

This Master's track offers you the opportunity to practice

strengthen your problem-solving, research, analytical, communication and teamwork skills through our experiential education in courses that are part of the Amsterdam Law Practice. Here you learn by doing. After studying key aspects of EU law, you take part in two separate negotiation exercises devoted to, for example, the UK's terms of withdrawal from the EU. Here you assume the role of Member State diplomats, EU civil servants or members of civil society and negotiate a final legal text for a new treaty or a new piece of EU legislation. The programme also includes a moot court module you will take part in. You may also apply to represent the UvA at the *European Law Moot Court Competition* or opt to work on real cases at the *Amsterdam European Law Clinic*, where some of our students have litigated in Court and advised a number of clients in high profile cases, working right along an experienced litigator.

### Study programme\*

The core curriculum is composed of three compulsory courses and a selection of, in most cases, three courses from a list of electives that allow different degrees of specialisation. Students conclude the degree programme by writing a master's Thesis.

#### Compulsory courses (30 EC):

- Principles and Foundations of EU Law (12 EC)
- European Constitutional Law and Fundamental Rights (12 EC)
- EU Legal Remedies (6 EC)

#### Three electives of 6 EC each (18 EC in total):

- These are chosen from an extensive course list, e.g. EU Migration Law, Globalization of Cartel Law.

#### Master's thesis (12 EC):

- Students conduct an in-depth analysis of a topic of their choice under the supervision of an experienced academic.

\* The study programme in 2021-2022 may differ from the current programme. We refer prospective students to [coursecatalogue.uva.nl](http://coursecatalogue.uva.nl) (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-union-law](https://uva.nl/llm-european-union-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.

### '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](https://student.uva.nl/civieleffect) (in Dutch).

### Career Perspectives

Because the EU Law Master's track is so wide in scope, our graduates find work with a wide range of employers.

**Laura Jacobs**, student European Union Law



“This was the best choice I could possibly have made; I learned a great deal and now have a quite comprehensive understanding of EU Law. I participated in two “experiential”

modules, a moot court and a law clinic, which helped prepare me for the practical side of EU Law. Besides being informative, it was also fun; the programme fully met my expectations. The programme is organised in such a way that, once you have completed the basics, you can customize your Master's to suit your own interests. EU Law is everywhere; if you are looking for a Master's with a comprehensive orientation, you won't go wrong here.”

### 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 Dutch 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

These include law firms, (larger) businesses, the public sector and NGOs. Our graduates learn to think like EU lawyers and are able to quickly master any area of EU law that comes their way. This gives them the ability and flexibility to adapt to diverse working environments and functions. It makes them attractive candidates for employers like international law firms, government ministries, consultancy firms, national and multinational corporations, competition and market regulatory authorities, regional authorities in the Netherlands and abroad and European Union institutions. In addition, a number of our graduates go on to do a PhD.

### 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 in European Union Law, please contact the programme coordinator, Dr Thomas Vandamme.

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