

# EUROPEAN MASTER OF LAWS IN LAW AND ECONOMICS

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## WHAT

This programme offers a unique opportunity for interdisciplinary studies of law and economics. It provides students with an advanced understanding of the economic effects of divergent laws. For **Law students** knowledge of the specific regulations of their home country is too narrow a base for counseling firms active in interstate trade. Additionally, knowledge of the economic effects of legal rules has become indispensable for understanding their clients' commercial needs.

Similarly, **Economics students** will profit from an accurate understanding of the institutional legal framework of market economies. Hence, for both lawyers and economists, knowledge of the other discipline and international contacts are crucial for a successful future career.

Borders in Europe are becoming less and less meaningful. For law studies, internationalisation creates a specific problem. The legal systems in the different European countries became increasingly divergent due to the increasing importance of specific regulations regarding areas such as social security, industrial policy, protection of the environment, equal treatment of minority groups etc. The economic analysis of law, often briefly called 'law and econo-mics', is certainly a good candidate as a standard for relevant comparison of law. Economics should be able to develop thoroughgoing and systematic insights into law, on the explanatory as well as on the normative level. The Law and Economics programme allows students to compare the legal institutions of their country and to evaluate them on the basis of a solid analytical framework in the hope for a new European 'ius commune' in which insights of Law and Economics are to play an important role.

## STRUCTURE

The study programme comprises three kinds of course units. In order to make law students more familiar with basic economic reasoning, some courses are more economic in orientation. Other course units deal with comparative law in order to internationalise the legal background of the students. From the second term onwards, students can opt for one of three specialist: corporate law, innovation law, or public law. The references to law in the course units will be of a comparative kind, due

to the all-European character of the programme and the international composition of the audience.

## Student mobility

The programme covers one academic year, for which successful students will receive sixty credits. The academic year is divided into three terms. The unique international and interdisciplinary character of the EMLE programme is secured through an intensive co-operation between lawyers and economists at no less than eight European Universities and three non-European partners:

- students may study at up to three different universities but cannot spend all terms at the same location;
- in the first term course units will be offered at Universität Hamburg, Erasmus University Rotterdam, and the University of Haifa;
- in the second term students will study at Ghent University, Universität Hamburg or Erasmus University Rotterdam;
- in the third term course units are offered in Aix-en-Provence, Barcelona, Prague, Rome, Rotterdam, University of Arizona, Warsaw, Mumbai and Haifa.

## > Master's Dissertation

Completing the Master's dissertation is a requirement for any student who wants to obtain their Master's degree. The Master's dissertation is an original piece of research. Its aim is to develop and strengthen the students' research skills. Students select a topic and receive guidance from a supervisor. The Master's dissertation consists of a literature review, practical research, and an original analysis of the chosen topic.

## LABOUR MARKET

Law and economy interact in many ways. Private law assists individuals and groups willing to enter into agreements in a free market. Public law seeks to correct the outcomes of a free market system by means of economic and social regulation. Economists should be informed about the legal environment in which economic activities must be conducted. Lawyers should be aware of the economic effects of current legal rules and the expected outcome under a different legal regime. The Master's programme prepares students for a professional career, for example, in public organisations, in multinational law firms or

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consultancy firms. Graduates are also well prepared for doctorate research in a PhD programme.

## TOELATINGSVOORWAARDEN VOOR HOUDERS VAN EEN VLAAMS DIPLOMA

### 1 Na onderzoek van de bekwaamheid van de student om de opleiding te volgen:

#### a opleidingen nieuwe structuur:

- Een diploma van een masteropleiding aansluitend op een bacheloropleiding
- Een diploma van een masteropleiding die volgt op een andere masteropleiding
- Master in de communicatiewetenschappen
- Master in de economische wetenschappen
- Master in de EU-studies
- Master in de handelswetenschappen
- Master in de politieke wetenschappen
- Master in de rechten
- Master in de sociologie
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handelsingenieur
- Master in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen: handelsingenieur in de beleidsinformatica
- Master of Business Economics
- Master of Business Engineering

#### b opleidingen oude structuur:

- Een diploma van een academische opleiding van de tweede cyclus
- Handelsingenieur
- Handelsingenieur in de beleidsinformatica
- Licentiaat in de communicatiewetenschappen
- Licentiaat in de economische wetenschappen
- Licentiaat in de handelswetenschappen
- Licentiaat in de politieke en sociale wetenschappen
- Licentiaat in de politieke wetenschappen
- Licentiaat in de rechten
- Licentiaat in de sociologie
- Licentiaat in de toegepaste economische wetenschappen

national regulations. Applicants with a bachelor's degree only need to provide proof that this degree is an appropriate level of qualification for the labour market in their home country.

Besides graduates in Law or Economics, applicants with a first degree in business administration or in social sciences may also apply under the condition that the completed study programme includes a substantial number of courses in law and/or economics. The above requirement with respect to employability in the labour market equally applies. There is a separate application procedure for European students and for Third Country students.

Information on admission requirements and the administrative procedure for admission on the basis of a diploma obtained abroad, can be found on the following page: <https://www.ugent.be/prospect/en/administration/enrolment-or-registration>.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Language requirements Dutch: no language requirements  
English: CEFR level B2

Language requirements for this study programme differ from the required standard level for English taught study programmes as specified in the Ghent University Education and Examination Code:

### English:

\* TOEFL iBT Test: minimum score of 95 (minimum reading: 13, listening: 12, speaking: 18, writing: 21)

\* IELTS (academic module): minimum score of 7.0 (minimum per section: 6.0)

\* Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: grades A, B

\* Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English: grades A, B

Test results older than two years are not accepted

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

Preference will be given to applicants who already have a first master's degree. The minimum requirement for admission is a bachelor's degree, provided that this degree leads to employability in the relevant labour market. In particular with respect to the legal profession, stricter job qualifying criteria (first master's degree) may be required by

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/european-master-of-laws-in-law-and-economics-BNEULE-en/programma](https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/european-master-of-laws-in-law-and-economics-BNEULE-en/programma)

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## Information sessions

### EVOLV

[evolv.gent/en/students/further-studies](http://evolv.gent/en/students/further-studies)

## Enrolling institution

Ghent University, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Aix-Marseille University, Libera Università Maria Ss. Assunta Roma, University of Economics, Prague, University of Hamburg, University of Vienna, Warsaw School of Economics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Pompeu Fabra University, University of Haifa

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

## Application Deadline (for International degree students)

European students and Third Country students have a different application procedure and deadlines. More information can be found on the website or can be obtained by sending an e-mail:

- for European students please send an e-mail to [applicationeurope@emle.org](mailto:applicationeurope@emle.org)

- for Third Country students, please send an e-mail to [applicationthirdcountry@emle.org](mailto:applicationthirdcountry@emle.org)

## Tuition fee

More information is to be found on: [www.ugent.be/tuitionfee](http://www.ugent.be/tuitionfee)

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