

# MASTER OF LAWS IN EUROPEAN UNION LAW

60 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

The LLM in European Union Law presents the best of Ghent Law School's renowned expertise in EU law for students aspiring to specialise in the law and institutions of the European Union. By a careful combination of compulsory core courses and elective specialised courses, students receive an all-round high-level EU law education, while maintaining a freedom of focus on personal career or research needs.

The Ghent Law School is an EU 'Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence', recognised for its expertise and its available resources for European Union Law. With the EU institutions in its vicinity, Ghent Law School offers all the necessary facilities for an in-depth study of the law and practice of the European Union. Students can also benefit from the excellent library, which doubles as a European Documentation Centre.

With an ever expanding and further integrating European Union, and in an ever more global legal environment, the LLM offers an additional law degree that is instrumental on the international job market. The specialised nature of the programme allows students to develop specific skills and competences in the rapidly developing areas of EU law. In short, the Ghent University Law School LLM-programme forms a significant stepping stone for lawyers and professionals who require knowledge of EU law and/or EU institutions for their career development.

## STRUCTURE

Students need to obtain 60 credits, over a period of two semesters. There is great flexibility in shaping one's own curriculum. 25 credits cover specialising courses in EU Law and compulsory, supporting courses dealing mainly with various skills for lawyers. Students are also required to write a 15 credits LLM-paper in connection with one of the courses on the LLM-programme. The remaining credits are filled with elective courses on a variety of topics from the following fields: European Law, Economic and Social Law, Environmental Law, Public International Law, Criminal Law and Criminology.

Students can choose from approximately twenty-five different courses, all of which are exclusively taught in English. Teaching is generally done interactively, requiring advanced reading and class participation. The programme typically hosts several internationally reputed guest professors. Students can also choose to participate in one of the various moot courts or legal clinic as an official part of their curricula.

Organised social activities are an important part of the LLM-experience, and not all are extracurricular. Curricular activities include guided visits to important EU and international institutions, and participation in several

colloquia.

## > Master's dissertation

The master's dissertation is a requirement for every candidate to obtain a master's degree. The master's dissertation is an original piece of research work. It aims to develop and strengthen the research capacity skills of the students. The student selects a topic and is given guidance by a promoter or supervisor.

## LABOUR MARKET

The programme enables the students to greatly enhance their chances when applying for an international legal job.

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## 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 rechten
- b opleidingen oude structuur:
- Een diploma van een academische opleiding van de tweede cyclus

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS

To have a law degree, i.e. the degree that - in its country of origin - is required for the exercise of the legal professions. Students who are graduating may apply and can be conditionally admitted, subject to the successful completion of their degree.

After an examination of their curriculum and in view of their acquired competences, candidates may be admitted who have a university degree other than law. In such case, the admission may be made subject to limitations with respect to the courses to be followed.

To present proof of sufficient English proficiency, as indicated in the application form.

To have sufficient financial support, as indicated in the application form, either through personal financial means or via financial aid.

To apply for admission to the LLM-programme before the deadline, with the completed application form and all required documents.

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 C1

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme

[studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-laws-in-european-union-law-en/programma](http://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-laws-in-european-union-law-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

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

### Enrolling institution

Information on enrolment at Ghent University.

### Application Deadline (for International degree students)

#### For both Belgian and international students:

The application for this advanced master programme is to be started up via the specific LLM website.

The application form and the accompanying documents, in electronic version and in hard copy, should reach the International Admissions Desk in the spring of the year preceding the academic year for which you are applying. Early applications are recommended (certainly for students in need of visa - before 1 April) and will be decided upon between February and June/early July. Applications received after June will be considered if the number of students admitted previously permits.

### Tuition fee

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

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