

# MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW (EUROPEAN UNION LAW)

60 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

The Ghent University Law School (Faculty of Law and Criminology) 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, the Ghent University 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, this LLM offers an additional law degree that is instrumental in 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, this Ghent University Law School LLM specialisation 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 sixty credits, over a period of two terms. There is great flexibility in shaping one's own curriculum. Eighteen credits cover course units specialising in European Union law. Ten more credits are dedicated to the mandatory supporting course units dealing mainly with various legal and political developments in order to broaden the horizons of legal professionals. Students are also required to write a fifteen-credits' worth LLM Paper in connection with one of the course units on the curriculum.

The remaining credits are filled with electives on a variety of topics from the following fields: European Law, Economic and Social Law, Environmental Law, Public International Law, Criminal Law. Students can choose from approximately twenty-five different course units, all of which are exclusively English-taught. Teaching is generally done interactively, requiring advanced reading and class participation. The programme typically hosts several internationally reputed guest professors with a rotation on a yearly basis. Students can also choose to participate in one of the various moot courts or legal clinic as an official part of their curriculum. Organised social activities are an important part of the LLM-experience, and not all of them are

extracurricular. Curricular activities include guided visits to important EU and international institutions and participation in several colloquia.

## > 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 throughout the academic year.

## LABOUR MARKET

The programme enables the students to enhance their career chances greatly 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 at C1-level.

To have sufficient financial support, 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-international-and-european-law-european-union-law-en/programma](https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-laws-in-international-and-european-law-european-union-law-en/programma)

### Information sessions

#### Graduation Fair

[afstudeerbeurs.gent/en/students/further-studies](https://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 Oasis.

The application form and the accompanying documents, in electronic version, should reach the International Admissions Desk in the spring of the year preceding the academic year for which you are applying. Please refer to the different application deadlines mentioned below for EU/EEA citizen students, non EU/EEA citizen students and students holding a Belgian diploma. Early applications are recommended (certainly for students in need of visa) and will be decided upon between February and June/early July.

#### Application Deadlines

- Before 1st of April for non EU/EEA citizen students
- Before 1st of June for non EU/EEA citizen students living in Belgium with a valid residence permit
- Before 1st of June for EU/EEA citizen students

After 1 June, late applications might exceptionally still be analysed on an individual basis, if the number of available places on the programme would still allow for this.

### Tuition fee

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

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