

# MASTER OF LAWS IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW (INTERNATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW)

60 ECTS CREDITS - LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

## WHAT

The International and Human Rights Law specialist programme offers students an advanced degree with significant added value for those aspiring a career in legal practice, in civil service at the national, regional or international level, or in the NGO sector, as well as for those interested in pursuing further academic research.

Our course offer encompasses traditional subdomains of public international law as well as courses on European and American human rights law. In addition, it includes multiple course units focused on environmental protection and sustainable development, alongside courses adopting a distinct multidisciplinary orientation.

As the birthplace of the prestigious Institut de Droit International (°1873), Ghent is the perfect place for a deep dive into the world of international law (in the broadest sense), a domain of ever-growing reach and importance. This specialist LLM in particular builds on the broad expertise within the Ghent Rolin-Jacquemyns International Law Institute (GRILI) as well as the renowned Human Rights Centre (HRC).

## STRUCTURE

Students need to obtain 60 credits, over a period of two semesters. There is great flexibility in shaping one's own curriculum. Eighteen credits cover courses specializing in Human Rights Law. Ten more credits are dedicated to the compulsory supporting courses 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 courses on the curriculum.

The remaining credits are filled with elective courses on a variety of topics from the following fields: European Law, Human Rights Law, Economic Law, Environmental Law and Public International Law etc. Students can choose from approximately thirty 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 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 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

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-international-and-human-rights-law-en/programma](https://studiekiezer.ugent.be/master-of-laws-in-international-and-european-law-international-and-human-rights-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)

### Contact

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