

# MASTER IN EUROPEAN UNION LAW (ADVANCED MASTER)

60 ECTS CREDITS – LANGUAGE: ENGLISH – DEGREE: MASTER OF LAWS

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## COURSE CONTENT

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 a 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.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Students need to obtain 60 credits, over a period of two semesters. There is great flexibility in shaping one's own curriculum.

Thirty-three 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 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.

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.

## CAREER PERSPECTIVES

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

### Na geschiktheidsonderzoek:

- Ma rechten
- ander masterdiploma  
*opleiding(en) oude structuur:*
  - licentiaat rechten
  - ander academisch tweedecyclusdiploma

### TAAL

Er gelden afwijkende taalvoorwaarden.  
Zie: [www.law.ugent.be/llm](http://www.law.ugent.be/llm)

## 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 on the website.
- 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 with the completed application form and all required documents.

### LANGUAGE

More information regarding the required knowledge of English:  
[www.ugent.be/specificlanguage](http://www.ugent.be/specificlanguage)  
See also [www.law.ugent.be/llm](http://www.law.ugent.be/llm)

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Study programme:

[www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue](http://www.ugent.be/coursecatalogue)  
> by Faculty > Programme types > select your programme

### Application deadline

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 March) 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.  
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### Enrolling institution

Ghent University  
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### Tuition fee

Separate amounts apply.  
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