



Master's 2021-2022

# European Private Law

Are you up to the challenge and ready to become the very best private lawyer you can possibly be? Do you want to look beyond the letter of law and discuss the justice and politics implicit in the rules of private law? Learn how to resolve cross-border private law issues in multiple European jurisdictions? Then come and study European Private Law at the University of Amsterdam.

## The Master's programme

In the European Private Law Master's at the Amsterdam Law School, students with a passion for private law experience a small-scale programme of the highest quality in a truly international environment. In this Master's programme, students examine the core issues of private law from a comparative and transnational perspective. Our students are trained to analyse and anticipate legal developments and understand them in the light of the socio-economic and political context in which they occur. This unique mix of positive law and theoretical/critical analysis helps students to develop a creative approach to private law issues and provides them with the knowledge and skills needed to develop their careers at the highest level of national and international practice.

## Amsterdam Law Practice

The European Private Law Master's offers a tailor-made experiential education programme under the wing of the Amsterdam Law Practice (ALP). The *European Private Law in Practice* module provides students with an opportunity to learn about the EU's private law-making

process in an interactive manner. Students are asked to formulate amendments to a legislative proposal in the field of European Private Law, debate their proposed amendments in a parliamentary setting, and lobby for their adoption. This enables students to enhance their knowledge of private law issues and strengthen their problem-solving, research, analytical, communication and teamwork skills.

## Study programme\*

### Compulsory courses (18 EC):

- Private Law in a European and International Context (6 EC)
- European Contract Law (9 EC)
- European Private Law in Practice (3 EC)

### Mandatory electives (30 EC) chosen from:

- Comparative Law (6 EC)
- Consumer Rights in the Digital Single Market (6 EC)
- Finance, Security and Insolvency (6 EC)
- Human Rights in Private Law (6 EC)
- European Company Law (6 EC)
- EU Private International Law (6 EC)
- European Tort Law (6 EC)
- Making markets beyond the state: between private law and international economic law (6 EC)
- Foundations of EU Competition Law (6 EC)

### Master's thesis (12 EC)

\* The study programme in 2021-2022 may differ from the current programme. We refer prospective students to [coursecatalogue.uva.nl](https://www.uva.nl/coursecatalogue) (available from Mid-May 2021).



### Entry requirements

Students with a Dutch university level Bachelor's degree in Law and students with an academic degree comparable to a Dutch Bachelor of Law (LLB) are eligible for this Master's programme.

In case of having obtained another diploma, please check the entry requirements on our website:

[uva.nl/llm-european-private-law](http://uva.nl/llm-european-private-law) under 'Application and admission'.

Applications will be assessed by the Board of Admissions.

**English language proficiency:** International students need to provide proof of their proficiency in the English language (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS or Cambridge certificate). Students who received their prior education in the Netherlands are exempted from this test. Please visit the website for more detailed information about English language proficiency requirements.

### Career perspectives

Thanks to our 'in context' teaching method, our graduates are problem-driven, curious lawyers who can easily adapt to various kinds of legal practice and fulfil a range of functions. Our graduates work in international law firms throughout the EU and beyond, but also act as compliance officers and in-house lawyers for banks and other larger companies; others have taken on national and European government functions, joined adjudication bodies or embarked on academic careers.

**Yannic Duller**, student European Private Law



“The LLM in European Private Law exposed me to interesting discussions on various aspects of EU and national legislation and also provided unique insights into legal theory, politics, and

policy-making. The programme helped me become a more complete lawyer. Each course encouraged us to engage in critical analysis of the legal issues at hand and the solutions offered at law rather than just monotonously study legal provisions. This working method was possible thanks to the fact that we were taught in small groups by engaged lecturers who really cared about each student's development and learning process.”

### Facts & figures

Degree	LLM in European Private Law
Mode	full-time, part-time
Credits	60 ECTS
Statutory tuition fees (2020-2021)	full-time: € 2,143,- part-time: € 1,826,- For non-EEA students or for second Dutch degree programmes check our website
Language	English
Start	September or February
Application deadline for the September semester	1 April: International students who need a visa or who plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 May: International students who do not need a visa or/and who do not plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 June: Dutch students
Application deadline for the February semester	1 October: International students who need a visa or who plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 November: International students who do not need a visa or/and who do not plan to apply for UvA student housing 1 December: Dutch students

### 'Civiel effect'

Pursuant to the *Convenant inzake het civiel effect*, graduates who have completed the Master's in European Private Law in addition to a full Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law qualify for admission to the Dutch bar and judiciary (the so-called '*civiel effect*' of the Master). For more information about civiel effect, see [student.uva.nl/civieleffect](http://student.uva.nl/civieleffect) (in Dutch).

### Contact

If you would like to know more about the content of the Master's in European Private Law, please contact the programme coordinator, Dr Klaas Hendrik Eller.

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