

Introduction to LLM Programmes Offered by Faculty of Law, Maastricht University

- 1. Globalisation and Law** - The Globalisation and Law masters programme provides an in-depth study of the effects of globalisation on criminal, public and civil law. As a student of the programme, you will obtain a firm grasp of international law and have the opportunity to refine your interests by means of specially designed electives. A final thesis concludes the programme.
- 2. European Law School** - The European Law School Master's programme provides an in-depth study of European and comparative law. With regard to the latter, traditional legal subjects are offered from a comparative perspective. Within the programme it is possible to spend a period of study abroad in order to acquire more specialised knowledge of the legal system of another country. A final thesis concludes the programme. If you choose the European Law School (ELS) masters programme you probably exhibit a high degree of motivation and of commitment to this field of study. Admission is granted only to those students who can demonstrate a good level of competence in English and have a strong academic background. Are you willing to excel? Do you thrive for a career in the international business world, at international and European institutions or a national legal position? Then this programme will suit you very well.
- 3. International and European Tax Law** – International and European Tax Law focuses on corporate taxation and international tax planning. Its multidisciplinary approach, combining tax law, European law, business and politics will prove to be of great value for prospective students. This Master is suited for bachelor students with a background in law, (financial) economics or business administration who wants to get an insight in the interdependence of corporate structures, investment, cross-border employment and tax law.
Bachelor degree required: Bachelor in Law or general bachelor diploma and courses in tax law plus an entrance exam.
- 4. Intellectual Property Law and Knowledge Management** - The programmes are designed to train graduates at an advanced level to work in legal practice, management in knowledge-intensive industries (e.g. high-tech, biotech, life sciences) and research institutes. Although both degrees will each have their own specialisation and focus, they will also have a large number of courses in common, so as to train lawyers and non-lawyers to work together across their respective disciplines. The MSc programme will furthermore prepare eligible graduates for further training and work as patent attorneys. In this context there will be a strong emphasis on practical technical language training and skills training in respect of patent drafting, interpretation and litigation. The LLM degree trains its graduates for legal practice or consultancy in the field of intellectual property and knowledge management. Both programmes will also prepare graduates for further academic studies and research-oriented career prospects as PhD candidates.

Bachelor degree required: Bachelor degree in law or related fields such as economics, political science or international relations, all with demonstrable knowledge of intellectual property law or knowledge management;

- have a 2.1 (upper second) degree or an equivalent good to very good degree;

or

- have a recognized master degree in law or related fields such as economics, political science or international relations. Demonstrable knowledge of intellectual property law or knowledge management will be considered favorably.

Candidates for admission to the MSc degree must:

- have a recognized bachelor degree in science or technology (or equivalent), all with demonstrable knowledge of intellectual property law or knowledge management;

- have a 2.1 (upper second) degree or an equivalent good to very good degree; or

- have a recognized master degree in science or technology (or equivalent).

Demonstrable knowledge of intellectual property law or knowledge management will be considered favorably.