Specialized Master in European Law

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Programme objectives

The LLM in EU law is targeted at students who want to develop recognized expertise in European Union law and benefit from the exceptional location that the ULB offers in this respect. The course trains students in the practice of European law whilst allowing them to acquire the necessary theoretical knowledge to anticipate the evolution, during their professional careers, of a field of law that is in constant change. To satisfy this requirement, the academic staff is made up of high level researchers attached to the ULB but also to other international universities (European University Institute of Florence, HEC Paris, etc. …) as well as reputed lawyers and members of EU institutions (Court of Justice of the European Union, European Commission etc.). In addition it relies on the ULB’s Institut d’Études Européennes which, in parallel to its interdisciplinary research on European integration, gathers teams of researchers specialised in European criminal law, in fundamental rights, in European asylum and immigration law as well as in economic law. This research feeds the content of the courses and fuel the debate around the process of European integration.

Programme's added value

The program is one of the most renown in EU legal education, counting amongst its alumni Judges of the CJEU and of the Tribunal as well as EU Commissioners.

Teaching methods

In order to train fully fledged legal professionals in EU law, the Advanced Master in European law draws on its privileged location to bring together high profile practitioners and teachers into its teaching staff. Through an international group, the students will therefore be able to analyse the most recent developments in EU law whilst appreciating the evolution of the latter in relation to their national systems. To do so, the Master is based on an interactive approach to teaching, such as simulated plea bargaining or simulated trials to allow students to put the knowledge that they have acquired directly into practice.

International/Openness

Every year, the promotion is fully representative of the Union’s rich legal tradition. With more than 20 nationalities, all legal systems of the EU are represented.

Job opportunities

Once they finish their Advanced Master in European law, students are ready to access a wide range of jobs related to law and to European integration. Thus, among its graduates, the Master has led to people taking on roles as diverse as: judge in the Court of the European Union, adviser to the Court of Justice, civil-servants in European, international or national institutions, lawyers acting in different...
branches of EU law, managers in NGOs or interest groups, and teachers/researchers in European law.

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Specialized Master in European Law

The Master’s course includes a core part (European constitutional law, judicial protection in the EU, the law of external relations of the EU as well as two courses on the basics of European competition law and internal market).

In addition, students have the option to orient their course to a particular area of European law, be that ‘European economic law’ or the ‘Area of Freedom, Security and Justice’.

Finally, students have to produce a master thesis (TFE) at the end of their studies in one of the three following forms:

- TFE ‘research’ on an issue relating to European law;
- Career-oriented TFE combined with an internship;
- TFE in the form of participation in a moot court competition (European Law Moot Court Competition or another).

Unique year | MS-DREU

Cours obligatoire

**DROI-C687**  
**EU competition law**  
Denis WAELBROECK (Coordinator), Jean-François BELLIS and Chloé Brière  
5 credits [lecture: 36h, practical work: 12h]  
first term  
English

**DROI-O500**  
**Protection juridictionnelle dans l’Union européenne**  
Louise Fromont (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  
second term  
French

**DROI-O603**  
**Droit constitutionnel européen**  
Arnaud Van Waeyenberge (Coordinator) and Julio BAQUERO CRUZ  
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]  
first term  
French

**DROI-O608**  
**Droit des relations extérieures de l’Union Européenne**  
Chloé Brière (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
French

**DROI-O610**  
**Union Européenne et droits fondamentaux**  
Emmanuelle BRIBOSIA (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 12h, seminars: 12h]  
second term  
French

**DROI-O627**  
**Internal market with a focus on Free Movement of Goods**  
Peter John OLIVER (Coordinator) and Martin MARTINEZ NAVARRO  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
first term  
English

Modules thématiques

A total of 15 credits chosen from the following

**DROI-C5168**  
**Droit fiscal européen, y compris les douanes et accises**  
Wim ROELS (Coordinator) and Jean-Michel GRAVE  
5 credits [lecture: 36h]  
second term  
French

**DROI-O604**  
**European Competition Law – Special issues**  
Martin MARTINEZ NAVARRO (Coordinator)  
5 credits [seminars: 24h]  
first and second terms  
English

**DROI-O609**  
**Aides d’état**  
Marianne DONY (Coordinator)  
5 credits [lecture: 12h, seminars: 12h]  
second term  
French

**DROI-O611**  
**Law and Economics of EU Trade Policy**  
Laura PUCCHIO (Coordinator), Petros MAVROIDIS and André SAPIR  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
second term  
English

**DROI-O623**  
**Libre prestation des services, des capitaux et rapprochement des législations**  
Carine DOUTRELEPONT (Coordinator) and Arnaud Van Waeyenberge  
5 credits [lecture: 24h]  
second term  
French
European Economic Governance | David RINALDI (Coordinator) and Laszlo ANDOR
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
second term
English

Espace de liberté, de sécurité et de justice et politiques européennes

Droit de l’environnement | Chiara ARMENI (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
first term
French

Droit social européen | Daniel DUMONT (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
first term
French

Approches juridiques des discriminations | Isabelle RORIVE (Coordinator) and Emmanuelle BRIBOSIA
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
first term
French

International and European Environmental Law
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
second term
English


Droit européen des Médias et des technologies de l’information | Carine DOUTRELEPONT (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 12h, tutorial classes: 12h]
first term
French

EU Criminal Law | Gilles DE KERCHOVE DOUSSELGHEM (Coordinator), Julia Burchett and Anne WYEMERBERGH
5 credits [lecture: 24h, tutorial classes: 12h]
first term
French

EU Migration and Asylum Law | Philippe DE BRUYCKER (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
second term
English

Libre circulation des citoyens | Philippe DE BRUYCKER (Coordinator)
5 credits [lecture: 24h]
second term
French

Travail de fin d’études
Travail de d’études : Recherche, professionnalisation ou participation à un concours de plaidoirie

An alternative chosen from the three following

Module recherche

MEMO-C602 Travaux de fin d’études - recherche
15 credits academic year
French

or

Module Professionnalisation

DROI-O621 Travail de fin d’études - professionalisation | Chloé Brière (Coordinator)
15 credits [work placement: 96h, personal assignments: 240h]
academic year
French

or

Module Participation à un concours de plaidoirie

DROI-O625 Participation à un concours de plaidoirie
15 credits [personal assignments: 360h]
academic year
French