

# Master of Laws

Advanced Studies in European Law



Ghent University - Ghent - Flanders - Belgium

European Law in the Heart of Europe

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learn about  
Europe?



The Ghent Law School is a European 'Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence'  
recognized for its expertise and resources in EU Law.

## Ghent

Ghent is a splendid historic and student city of about 350,000 inhabitants. It has a unique medieval centre but also prides itself on a vibrant economic and cultural life. It is located in the centre of the Flemish region, a largely autonomous region of Belgium. It is only half an hour away by train from the European decision making centres in Brussels.

## Ghent University

Ghent University is one of the leading institutions of higher education and research in Belgium. It is an open pluralistic university operating within a broad international perspective. It offers high-quality, research-based education in all academic disciplines.

The official language for undergraduate teaching is Dutch; a number of graduate programmes are in English. Today the University has a staff of ± 960 professors who teach and supervise over 31,000 students and are engaged in research, together with about 2800 researchers. Ghent University is an active participant in international cooperation with respect to teaching and research within the context of bilateral and multilateral exchange programmes with universities from all continents. It has a large foreign student population, both from inside and outside the EU.

## Ghent University Law School

The Law School is located in the historic centre of the city of Ghent. While occupying a number of historic buildings from the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries, it has modern teaching facilities including excellent libraries on domestic, foreign, European and international law, and well-equipped computer facilities. It presently offers professional degrees in law, criminology and notarial practice as well as postgraduate programmes in European law, the Economic analysis of law, business law, environmental law, port and maritime sciences and criminology. The official teaching language is Dutch, except for three English language postgraduate programmes, i.e. the Master programmes on the Economic Analysis of Law, European Criminology and Criminal Justice Systems and the programme on Advanced Studies in European Law.

The faculty consists of 83 professors and 90 researchers who in addition to teaching, are also extensively engaged in research and writing. Many of its members have an international reputation in their field of specialisation, participate in national and international research projects, are leading practitioners or are involved in government and policy making. In the LLM programme, several leading foreign professors with an international reputation reinforce the faculty for specific courses. With a student population which exceeds 3660 students, it is presently the largest law school in Flanders and in Belgium. Many of its alumni play a prominent role within the legal system as government officials, judges, members of domestic and international law firms or as law professors at other Belgian and foreign universities. Ghent Law School counts amongst its alumni a former Belgian Prime Minister and other prominent ministers of the Belgian federal and Flemish governments, members of the Court of Cassation, the Constitutional Court and the Council of State.



## The programme

The LLM Programme in European Law is an advanced academic programme dedicated to the study of the legal environment of economic activity within the European Union. It is devoted to both European Union law and domestic law of the Member States of particular interest to them. It addresses itself to students who have obtained a law degree qualifying them for legal practice (or for the further training required to access it) and who thus master skills of legal research and argumentation. It is an international programme which welcomes graduate students from both EU and non EU-countries, with different native languages, different prior exposure to European law and different scientific interests and professional goals. It aims at combining academic excellence with practical relevance of its teaching.

## The curriculum

The participants have the possibility of choosing their curriculum according to their personal interests. Three courses are compulsory, one of which is the Foreign Chair, alternating annually. The latter consists of an introduction to an important non-European legal system or other relevant legal topic. The remaining courses can be chosen from a large list of courses that cater both to students with or without a background in European law.

Teaching is generally done interactively, requiring advance reading in preparation of the classes. Students are also required and guided to write an extensive LLM paper.

## The academic year

The programme is divided into two semesters. The first semester starts mid September, and ends early February; the second semester begins mid February and ends early July. Most courses comprise 30 or 45 hours, or 3 hours per week per semester. Exams follow at the end of each semester.

## Admission

Applicants who want to follow the programme with a view of obtaining an LLM degree should have graduated in law or in a related discipline. As all classes are taught in English, non-native English speakers should give proof of a sufficient command of English. Non-native English speakers must have passed the TOEFL test (at least 590 points for the paper TOEFL, 95 for internet TOEFL) or the IELTS test offered by the British Council (at least 7.0). Only a limited number of participants are admitted. The Application Board will select the applicants based on academic and/or professional merit. A number of exchange students from law schools with which Ghent University Law School has exchange agreements may also be admitted to one or more courses from the programme.

## Tuition fee

The tuition fee is 4,000 EUR. If admitted, a further non-reimbursable application fee of 250 EUR will be requested. These fees do not cover the personal expenses related to course materials or to specific events organised for the LLM students (e.g. visit to European institutions). Personal expenses (150 EUR) will be requested from the student following entry into the programme. A limited number of partial or full waivers of tuition may be granted, depending on the financial needs of the applicants. Ghent University Law School itself does not award financial aid for studying or living expenses but will provide further information on scholarship possibilities outside the University upon request or following application.

**We welcome your complete application from December 1 onwards.**

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about studying at Ghent University Law School and the LLM programme in European Law, see <http://www.law.UGent.be/llm>

- For further information about studying in Ghent and admission to Ghent University in general, see <http://www.ugent.be/en/prospectstud/regular/application.htm>
- Further information on the LLM Programme can be obtained by sending the enclosed card to, International Relations Office, Universiteitstraat 4, 9000 Gent, Belgium
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# List of courses

## A. Core Elective Courses

- EU Enlargement and Proximity Relations
- EU Trade Policy
- European Union Competition Law
- European Union Internal Market Law
- European Union Judicial Protection Law
- European Union Institutional Law
- European Union External Relations
- EU External Relations: Selected Topics
- European Constitutional Law: Case Studies
- EU Social Law and International Employment
- European Labour and Employment Law
- European Banking and Capital Markets Law
- International Commercial Transactions
- EU Justice and Home Affairs
- The Law of European Mergers and Acquisitions
- European Company Law and Corporate Governance
- Human Rights in Europe
- European Contract Law
- European and International Environmental Law
- Contemporary Issues in European and Comparative Law

## B. Other Elective Courses

- International Commercial Arbitration
- European Media Law
- Transport Law
- Maritime Transport Law
- Transport Insurance Law
- Law of the Sea
- European and International Biodiversity Law
- Contemporary Issues of Public International Law
- European Criminal Policy
- Selected Issues: Organized Crime

## C. Compulsory Courses

- Foreign Chair
- Skills For Lawyers
- European Law: The Basics
- Master Dissertation



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