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# Leiden University- European Law (LL.M.)

European Law is a one-year Master's specialisation at the internationally renowned Leiden Law School at Leiden University.

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/master/law/european-law>

## Facts & Figures

Degree

MASTER OF LAWS

Language

ENGLISH

City

LEIDEN

CROHO

60084

Faculty

LAW

Duration

1 YEAR

Mode of study

PART-TIME/FULL-TIME

Start

SEPTEMBER/FEBRUARY

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## Step-by step guide

European Law is a specialisation of the Law LL.M. study programme. If you would like to apply to this programme please first select Law (CROHO code: 66084) in Studielink and then select the specialisation European Law.

This guide clearly explains the steps you need to take to apply, and the subsequent admission process.

- Step 1: [Check the admission requirements](#)
- Step 2: [Check the application deadlines](#)
- Step 3: [Collect the required documents](#)
- Step 4: [Start your application](#)
- Step 5: [Pay your tuition fees](#)
- Step 6: [Prepare for your studies at Leiden University](#)

## **Language requirements**

Applies to application for academic year 2023-2024:

Proven English language proficiency, demonstrated by way of an English test IELTS academic (overall score of 6.5) or an equivalent result for a TOEFL or Cambridge ESOL test (check the equivalent scores). English test results may not be more than two years old!

For detailed information, including exemption criteria and methods of submission, refer to [English language proficiency](#).

You can apply to a programme before you obtain the results of your language exam (if you already have your results you can upload them directly in our online portal). If you are admitted, it will be on the condition that these results will meet the required levels specified.

## **Description of programme**

You will study the institutional structure of the Union (looking at the present Treaty structure as well as at proposed reforms in the Treaty of Lisbon) and the manner in which compliance with the fundamental rights within the legal order of the Union is ensured. In addition, you will learn about the position of the European Union in the world, the relation between EU law and national law, and the way in which trade and commerce is regulated by the EU.

[Video](#)

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## **Programme overview**

### **Semester 1**

#### **Dutch students**

- Interaction between Legal Systems – Globalizing law: legal reasoning in International, EU and national law.
- European Protection of Human Rights *or* The Union in the World *or* Europe's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

#### **International students**

Choose 2 of the 3 courses below:

- European Protection of Human Rights
- The Union in the World
- Europe's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice

#### **All students**

- EU Institutional Law & General Principles of EU Law
- [Capita Selecta of European Law - Privatissimum](#)

### **Semester 2**

#### **All students**

- [EU Internal Market and Competition Law](#)
- [European Law in Practice – Practicum](#)
- Thesis Master of Law

## **[Prepare your stay](#)**

### **[Arranging student housing](#)**

Like many universities in the Netherlands, Leiden University does not have a central campus or student dormitories. Instead, our faculties are spread throughout the cities of Leiden and The Hague and students live in accommodation rented via housing organisations and landlords.

In general, students are expected to arrange their own housing. However, for international students, Leiden University reserves a limited number of rooms each year for early applicants. The number of housing applications always greatly exceeds the number of reserved rooms. We therefore strongly recommend that prospective students also explore alternative ways of finding accommodation well before arriving in the Netherlands.

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## Steps to take

We strongly recommend that you take **both** the following steps as early as possible:

### **1. Take action to find housing yourself**

For example, register with local housing organisations. Registration fees are generally inexpensive and the earlier you register, the greater your chance of getting a room by the start of the semester.

- [Learn more about how to find housing yourself](#)

### **2. Request housing via Leiden University**

The university can only house a small percentage of students who request housing. Rooms are offered on a first-come first-served basis, so submit your housing request and pay the housing fee as soon as you can! If you are unsuccessful, you can always fall back on the plans you set in motion to find your own housing.

- [Read how to request housing via Leiden University](#)

## After graduation

The European Law Master's programme offered by the Europa Institute at Leiden University will provide you with the skills necessary for a successful legal career in the private or public sector.

## Career perspectives

Our alumni have found employment in:

- European institutions, such as the Council of Europe;
- international organisations, such as the United Nations, the OECD and the OCSE;
- national and local government;
- governmental and non-governmental organisations, such as UNHCR, IOM, Amnesty International and Greenpeace
- corporate companies;
- major law firms in Amsterdam, London, Brussels and Luxembourg;
- academia.