

LL.M. Programmes First Year



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A joint first year for all six programmes

The first year (M1) offers a solid basis in European law and prepares students for the different specialisations offered in the second year of LL.M. studies (M2).

- Explores all six specialisations offered in the second year,
- Includes advanced classes on institutional and substantive EU law,
- Offers specialised seminars on specific aspects of EU law,
- Highlights the international and transnational context of European law,
- Takes a global approach to today's challenges for European law.

The curriculum consists of general and specialised mandatory classes and is complemented by elective seminars. The classes are grouped in the following modules:

- Fundamentals of EU Law
- Competition and internal market law
- Specialisations in European law
- International and transnational context
- International and European human rights protection
- Current issues of European and international law

The programme is taught bilingually in French and English, reflecting the international and multilingual nature of Luxembourg and its University. Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance teaching staff are supported by professors from universities abroad, legal practitioners from the financial centre and experts from the Luxembourg-based European institutions, especially the Court of Justice of the European Union.

During their studies, students are strongly encouraged to participate in international moot court competitions as an alternative to one course per module. Upon completion of the first year of the Master (M1), students will have the necessary prerequisites to enrol in one of the six specialisations offered in the second year. Students choose their specialisation at the end of the first semester.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Year 1: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester)
- Taught in English and French
- Admission: 50 students
- Cost: €200/semester

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Master en Droit Bancaire et Financier Européen (LL.M.)



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Description

The Master en Droit Bancaire et Financier Européen (LL.M.) is one of the premier programmes in this field offered in continental Europe. The investment funds law option in the second semester of the second year is a legal qualification unique in Europe.

The Master focuses on the study of three essential pillars – banking law, securities and capital markets law, and investment funds law – or Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) law – in the framework of European Union law, Luxembourg law and comparative law.

The teaching team includes academics and renowned practitioners, specialised in banking and financial law. Making use of modern and interactive teaching methods, blending individual study and team work, the programme combines the acquisition of basic concepts in the first semester and their practical application in the second semester through case-based learning developed by practitioners.

The first semester of the M2 is joint for all students in this specialisation, allowing students to obtain and master the basics of the three pillars of European

banking and financial law. In the second semester, the M2 is split into two tracks. The general track aims to deepen and put into practice acquired knowledge, in particular in Luxembourg law and in comparative banking and financial law. The investment fund option track offers students further specialisation in this field through the in-depth study of Luxembourg investment funds law, the different types of investment funds (private equity funds, hedge funds, real estate funds, long term funds, ethical funds, SRI funds etc.), but also a number of specific aspects (taxation, criminal law, rules of conduct etc.), and insights into comparative investment fund law and portfolio management.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Year 1: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester)
- Year 2: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester), incl. Master thesis and internship
- Taught in English and French
- Admission: 40 students in year two (20 for investment funds law track, 20 for general track)
- Cost: €200/semester

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reasons to specialise in Droit Bancaire et Financier Européen at the University of Luxembourg

- Acquire high-level expertise in banking and financial law as well as in European law, Luxembourg law and comparative law.
- Specialise in the growing field of investment funds law.
- At the end of the programme, you will be prepared to make the link between theory and practice and enter the professional world.
- The bilingual programme (taught in French and English) offers a competitive advantage on the job market.
- Find an interesting internship or a job in the field of banking and financial law or investment fund law after graduating.

Career opportunities

Graduates from the Master en Droit Bancaire et Financier Européen can pursue employment in legal careers in the banking and financial sector (banks, financial service providers, regulatory bodies, etc.), the insurance sector or the fund industry. They can also find employment in law firms, European banking and financial institutions or national administrations.

The Master en Droit Bancaire et Financier Européen also allows students fulfilling the required conditions to continue their studies at PhD level.

Testimonial

"Come to Luxembourg and find an outstanding, bi-lingual LLM programme in one of the most fascinating seats of the European Union and the second-largest fund centre worldwide.

I experienced academia at a highly sophisticated level, received case-based trainings from renowned practitioners, and improved my working languages English and French. The programme was intense and demanding, and I appreciated the small study groups, the international atmosphere, and the highly motivated faculty.

It's easy to fall in love with the small but modern country, its magnificent landscape of castles, fields and forests, and its picturesque capital. No wonder that many of us decided to stay after graduation.

The LLM programme has accelerated my international career in an investment bank, and I highly recommend it to ambitious candidates."

Martin Edouard Dusman , class of 2008-2009

Master en Droit et Contentieux de l'UE (LL.M.)



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Description

The Master en Droit et Contentieux de l'Union Européenne is a Master in law programme in European law and litigation designed to equip students with in-depth knowledge and experience of substantive, institutional and procedural law of the European Union.

The programme is based on a method of active learning through critical analysis of case-law combined with study of EU procedural law. It covers:

- the analysis of a wide spectrum of EU law, European constitutional, administrative and regulatory law, especially European economic law and the law related to the internal market, as well as specific matters of EU law, such as employment, immigration or external relations law;
- in-depth study of specific procedural rules and remedies;
- the analysis of the role of the national judge and the relationship between the Court of Justice of the European Union and the international judge.

The Master en Droit et contentieux de l'Union européenne benefits from the University's proximity to the European institutions, in particularly the Court of Justice of the European Union. Additionally, thanks to the proximity of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Court, the programme also covers European Economic Area (EEA) law.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Year 1: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester)
- Year 2: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester), incl. Master thesis and internship
- Taught in English and French
- Admission: 25 students in the second year
- Cost: €200/semester

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reasons to specialise in Droit et Contentieux de l'UE at the University of Luxembourg

- Innovative programme with highly-specialised approach.
- Emphasis on an analytical and critical assessment of the European institutional, substantive and procedural law.
- Teaching team supported by judges, advocate generals and legal secretaries of the Court of Justice of the European Union, members of the EFTA (European Free Trade Association Court) and specialised academics from foreign universities.
- Mandatory internship of at least two months. Students have the opportunity to obtain an internship at the Court of Justice of the European Union or the EFTA Court..
- Bilingual programme giving students a competitive advantage for their future career.

Career opportunities

Students will be prepared for employment opportunities at the European institutions, national administrations, law firms and the private sector. The Master en Droit et Contentieux de l'Union Européenne also provides a springboard for further academic studies at PhD level.

Testimonial

"The Master en Droit et Contentieux de l'UE equips students with in-depth knowledge and experience of substantive, institutional and procedural law of the EU. The programme is based on an approach of active learning through critical analysis of case-law, combined with the study of EU procedural law. Modern teaching methods and small group sizes create a great exchange between students and professors. Studying abroad for a semester helped me understand different points of view and legal traditions and I would recommend prospective students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Finally, the international environment of the Master and its multilingual courses were helpful in my career, where I work with colleagues from different backgrounds."

Auguste Mutombo, class of 2013-2014

Master in European and International Tax Law (LL.M.)



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Description

This highly-specialised LL.M. prepares graduates to become leaders in their respective areas of tax expertise – be that in a private law practice or accounting firm, in government administration, in the judiciary or in academia.

Students will be prepared to master the general principles of tax law in order to be able to work with new or unfamiliar legal rules, and to successfully recognise issues arising in new taxing jurisdictions, in this ever-changing field.

Additionally, students will learn to make use of the extensive Luxembourg tax treaty network and gain first-hand exposure to real tax issues and the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union. This programme puts a particular emphasis on the interaction of tax treaty law with domestic tax law, as well as the effects of primary and secondary EU law on domestic tax rules.

During the course, students work on several case studies under the supervision of leading tax law firms and participate in research projects organised by the ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Year 1: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester)
- Year 2: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester), incl. Master thesis and a practical case study with coaching by practitioners
- Taught in English and French
- Admission: 25 students in the second year
- Cost: €200/semester

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reasons to specialise in European and International Tax Law at the University of Luxembourg

- The programme benefits from Luxembourg's key position in international finance and the support of international tax law firms located in the country who are keen to meet our students for internship and possible future employment opportunities.
- Courses are taught by a mix of leading academics and practitioners from Luxembourg and Europe.
- Students acquire practical skills in a tax-practice workshop with coaching from professional experts.
- The programme benefits from close interaction with research activities by the ATOZ Chair for European and International Taxation. For the best applicant(s), the ATOZ Foundation offers a prestigious scholarship of up to 10,000 EUR to cover the costs of living and studying in Luxembourg.
- Students graduate with a degree that is tailored to the requirements of the Luxembourg tax practice, ensuring excellent employability prospects. Due to the international perspective, the skills obtained are equally relevant for students who want to work abroad.

Career opportunities

Students will be prepared for employment opportunities in the legal tax and advisory sector, financial or law firms, national administrations, and European and international institutions. The LL.M. in European and International Tax Law also provides a springboard for further academic studies at PhD level.

Testimonial

"The Master in European and International Tax Law offers an excellent environment to learn about the Luxembourg tax system and the influence of European and international tax law. Taught mainly by Luxembourg tax professionals, classes provided the right conceptual framework, tools and materials for my professional development. One of the reasons why I chose the programme was the fact that it was bilingual. Consequently, my French skills greatly improved during the Master, which was crucial for developing my career in Luxembourg. The practical approach of the programme makes a real difference in the job market and this degree definitely offers graduates a significant advantage at the starting point of their careers in Luxembourg."

Alejandro Dominguez, class of 2013-2014

Master in European Economic and Financial Criminal Law (LL.M.)



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Description

The programme offers students a unique opportunity to explore the fast-growing field of European criminal law with a special emphasis on economic and financial criminal law.

The programme consists of six successive modules, providing students an in-depth view into several key aspects of European criminal law, comprising the following areas:

- regulation and enforcement within the EU,
- European criminal law and criminal procedure,
- corporate criminal law and compliance,
- judicial cooperation and the European law enforcement agencies.

In the second semester, each student prepares a Master thesis and participates in an internship, through which he or she will have the opportunity to further expand his or her skills by applying the acquired knowledge to real-life situations.

Courses are taught by leading scholars and practitioners, including judges from the Court of Justice of the EU, EU officials, and partners of leading law firms.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- Year 1: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester)
- Year 2: 60 ECTS (30 ECTS per semester), incl. Master thesis and internship
- Taught in English and French
- Admission: 25 students in the second year
- Cost: €200/semester

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reasons to specialise in European Economic and Financial Criminal Law at the University of Luxembourg

- Graduate from a highly-specialised and unique programme in a rapidly developing field of law. The bilingual programme gives students a distinct advantage when working in the field of European criminal law.
- Programme includes a mandatory internship at one of Luxembourg's leading law firms, a national, European or international institution, a bank or other financial institution, or another stakeholder in the field.
- Benefit from the proximity of several European institutions, notably the Court of Justice of the European Union, and close contact and collaboration with the field's leading practitioners.
- The programme combines various teaching methods and tools to give students an opportunity to develop the practical skills necessary for a successful transition to a position in the field, such as interactive teaching in small groups, oral presentations, advocacy training, and special attention to effective legal drafting.
- Study trips to European and international institutions, such as the Council of the European Union, Eurojust, Europol, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the International Criminal Court.

Career opportunities

This LL.M. provides students with a competitive edge to successfully enter the rapidly expanding field of European economic and financial criminal law in Luxembourg or abroad, for example as a compliance expert, white-collar crime lawyer or EU official. Moreover, the programme can also be a springboard for further academic studies at PhD-level.

Testimonial

"The Master in European Economic and Financial Criminal Law is a great choice for students aiming to work in the banking and financial sector. I acquired specific legal knowledge and the programme helped me to improve my personal skills, such as organisation and research. Working in a team with students from different legal backgrounds and cultures allowed me to expand my horizon, and the exchange with top professors and practitioners was inspiring and important for my professional career."

Kafteranis Dimitrios, class of 2015-2016

Master in European Private Law (LL.M.)



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Description

The Master in European Private Law is among the most innovative Master programmes in EU law. It focuses on the Europeanisation of private law sectors, covering key issues and allowing students to understand how national legislation on private law will evolve in the future.

The first semester is devoted to deepening the understanding of European integration and the interaction between EU law and national legal systems, followed by classes on the areas of private law that have been deeply Europeanised (company, labour, intellectual property, and banking and financial law). The second semester is dedicated to legal areas where the influence of European law is indirect but vivid (contract and tort law, law of family and persons, and procedural law).

Students are trained to evaluate legal issues in a unique way, encouraging analysis that goes beyond national jurisdictions in order to draw upon European legal sources, and to propose more innovative solutions. Private law is explored through case methods combined with a presentation of

the relevant legal provisions. The programme mixes theoretical and practical approaches with students taught how to write memoranda and critical reviews of legislative documents and scholarly doctrines, as well as how to organise various legal events.

Students can further deepen their practical experience through monthly workshops with practitioners, a mandatory internship and by benefitting from the Consumer Law Clinic, a pioneer clinical teaching programme in Europe, where they meet real clients with real problems.

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- Cost: €200/semester

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reasons to specialise in European Private Law and Litigation at the University of Luxembourg

- Gain practical experience through clinical teaching and the Consumer Law Clinic (held in French), recognised by the Luxembourg Bar Association. Students are also encouraged to take part in an international moot court competition.
- Be at the cutting edge of a developing field of European law still lacking in professional specialists.
- A mandatory internship gives students the opportunity to gain further practical experience using their academic expertise.
- Monthly workshops with practitioners, academics and policy-makers on the latest news in the field of European private law.
- Taught by leading academics in the field, supported by judges and advocate generals of the Court of the Justice of the European Union.

Career opportunities

Students will be prepared for employment opportunities in national administrations, the European institutions, law firms, the judiciary, banks and financial institutions, or as notaries. The LL.M. in European Private Law also provides a springboard for further academic studies at PhD level.

Testimonial

"The LL.M. in European Private Law was a formative academic experience. As a Canadian, with an academic background in a different legal tradition, the programme provided me with an opportunity to increase my knowledge of the EU legal framework, while ensuring that I did so through a distinctly Luxembourgish lens. The Master offered multilingual courses, a diverse student body, small class sizes and a group of internationally renowned professors. On top of that, leading practitioners from the field taught on the programme and an internship opportunity allowed me to gain a glimpse of the professional world and put the legal theory I had learned in the classroom into practice."

Robin Taillefer, class of 2012-2013

Master in Space, Communication and Media Law (LL.M.)



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Description

The Master in Space, Communication and Media Law combines a range of courses on space law, international and European satellite communication law, media law, electronic communications and e-commerce law, intellectual property law as well as data protection law. It covers these areas on international, European and national level.

Over the course of the programme, students acquire complete expertise in the regulatory aspects of space, communication, ICT and media law within an exciting and developing field. The course topics are updated continuously to reflect recent developments on policy level as well as new jurisprudence, but also including technology innovations that challenge the existing law.

The programme equips students with essential theoretical, practical and analytical skills to excel in the fast-paced legal world of a continuously evolving sector. It provides ample opportunities for development in the public and private sector as well as in academia.

International academic partnerships, cooperation with partners in the private and public sector, and teaching by academics and renowned practitioners, from within and outside of Luxembourg, ensure a vibrant exchange as well as relevant experience for students.

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reasons to specialise in Space, Communication and Media Law at the University of Luxembourg

- Benefit from the research activities of the SES Chair in Space, Communication and Media Law at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance.
- Luxembourg is home to many international ICT companies, such as global satellite operator SES, broadcaster RTL, as well as the European headquarters of Amazon, iTunes, PayPal, Skype and others.
- Optional internship allows students to gain practical experience during their studies. Top students are eligible for a placement of up to six months with SES. Similar arrangements are in place with other partners.
- Opportunity to follow Court of Justice of the European Union jurisprudence on telecommunication, media and ICT issues from a first-hand perspective and intensify research and presentation skills in classroom work and writing papers and a Master thesis.
- Gain technical insights through visits to telecommunications installations and regulatory agencies as part of the course.

Career opportunities

Students will be prepared for employment opportunities in national regulatory agencies, ministries for telecommunication and media, private companies active in the media and telecommunication sector, law firms, international organisations dealing with space communication, and other areas covered by the Master programme as well as development and aid institutions. The LL.M. in Space, Communication and Media Law also provides a springboard for further academic studies at PhD level.

Testimonial

"I can only recommend the programme to anyone who is looking for a well-rounded and future-oriented curriculum, successfully combining theoretical and practical approaches taught by renowned academics and professionals—all this in a unique and enriching international environment in proximity to the industry and EU institutions.

Additionally, I really appreciated the small class sizes and attractive opportunities to go the extra mile (e.g. internships, seminars, moot court competitions).

If you are interested in gaining specialised knowledge, useful skills and references instrumental in successfully pursuing a career in the ICT, media, space or even defence sector, you will not be disappointed."

Gilles Grün, class of 2015-2016