

Leiden Law School

With its international focus and roots going far back in the Dutch legal order, the faculty has helped to train many generations of legal professionals for key positions within a society governed by the rule of law. The research of the faculty is not restricted to just one core issue, but aims at excellent cutting-edge research across the full breadth of law. Each year more than 1,000 students choose to study Law, Notarial Law, Tax Law or Criminology here. Besides these students, around 500 to 600 international students come to our law school: ranging from exchange students who are here to study for one semester in Leiden, to students who have completed their undergraduate studies and have been selected for one of our advanced master's programmes. These figures say a lot about the scale of our law school. But they also demonstrate the attraction our law school has for talented legal professionals and criminologists – both at home and abroad.

Leiden Law School

1	year master's programmes
2,228	master's students
24%	international master's students (95% in Advanced LL.M. programmes)
73	nationalities
€2,209	EU/EEA student tuition fee*
€19,300	Non-EU/EEA student tuition fee

The Advanced LL.M. programmes are not subsidised by the Dutch government. For these programmes an institutional tuition fee applies. The tuition fee for the Advanced LL.M. programmes for all students is €19,300 (€9,650 Advanced LL.M. programmes - part-time)

* This tuition fee is per year and only applies if this is your first master's programme in The Netherlands

** English language proficiency requirements are subject to change. Please check our website for the updated English language proficiency requirements. You can find the exact language requirements and more detailed language requirements per programme under each programme description. Also check our website for detailed information on the types of English tests accepted and the equivalent scores for IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge English tests.

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Master's programmes

Air and Space Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

The LL.M. programme in Air and Space Law combines public air law, private air law and space law. It has a clearly defined European and international dimension, making it unique in the world. In this intensive one-year master's programme, you will gain a solid legal foundation in this exciting field, learning from some of the foremost experts in academia and legal practice.

Career

Many of our graduates find positions in law firms or consulting firms with an aviation and space law practice, legal departments of airports, airlines and aerospace companies, civil aviation authorities, ministries of transportation, space organisations like the European Space Agency and academia. With the liberalisation of the European aviation laws and the growing number of actors operating in outer space, the already high demand for experts in this field is only expected to increase.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full law degree (offering access to legal practice) with sufficient knowledge of international law. Some prior knowledge of Air and Space Law is certainly an asset, but is not compulsory. In addition, candidates for the blended learning version of the Advanced Master's programme must have at least five years of professional experience in the field of air and/or space activities, as the programme is specifically designed for experienced professionals.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Child Law

DUTCH  START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

This programme is unique in the Netherlands. It offers an insight into the social and ethical context in which juvenile law is developed and expressed. You will gain knowledge about the foundations and principles of children's rights from a human rights perspective, and about the national and international origin of these foundations and principles. Particular attention is paid to the influence of international human rights. The teaching is closely linked with practice and there is a strong focus on current events.

Career

The programme offers a broad basis for lawyers who wish to specialise in the legal profession, the judiciary, the Public Prosecution Service or other ministries. Options also



include positions at the Child Protection Service, the Council for Child Protection, the government, interest groups, or research positions at universities or private institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in law or notarial law from a Dutch university.

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Crime and Criminal Justice (MSc)

 DUTCH ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN THE HAGUE



Detecting and combatting crime is becoming increasingly complex. Security is high on the national and international agenda. This master's programme provides the skills to face these challenges. You can choose the specialisation Comparative Criminal Justice that explores contemporary criminal justice developments and challenges from legal and criminological perspectives. It is unique in its cross-national and multidisciplinary scope. Or choose the specialisation Criminology and Security Policy that explores contemporary criminal justice developments and challenges from a criminological, sociological and public policy perspective. It focuses on security and crime issues in the Netherlands and the development of effective and legitimate policy in order to tackle these issues.

Specialisations

- Comparative Criminal Justice (in English, in Leiden)
- Criminology and Security Policy (in Dutch, mainly in The Hague)

Career

Graduates of Comparative Criminal Justice end up in law(-related) professions, (international) criminal justice organisations, research, teaching, and roles related to policy-making and policy-advice. Graduates of Criminology and Security Policy end up as crime and security advisors, researchers or policy officers (public order and safety) at ministries and municipalities; the police; organisations that are involved in research into and tackling crime and safety.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Criminology or other social sciences discipline, or a bachelor's degree in law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100 (only applicable to Comparative Criminal Justice)

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European and International Business Law (Advanced LL.M.)

 ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

As the EU passes a growing number of economic regulations, these mandates increasingly interact with global trade regulations and with those of its Member States. Businesses that operate internationally are faced with various layers of jurisdiction that sometimes have an unclear hierarchy. In the European and International Business Law programme, you will learn how to decipher the complex hierarchy of European and international business law.

Career

Most of our graduates go on to careers in international departments of law firms, international businesses, international bureaus of government service or other international organisations. More specifically, our alumni have found jobs working with judges' cabinets at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, directorates of the European Commission, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, the World Trade Organization. They have also been selected for PhD and research positions at the most prestigious academic institutions, including the European University Institute in Florence.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained) from a recognised University/Law School.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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European and International Human Rights Law (Advanced LL.M.)

 ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

Human rights are at risk in all societies. Though various national, regional and international human rights instruments have been developed to protect the human rights of all people, some of these are more effective than others in particular situations. In the European and International Human Rights Law programme, you will compare the functionality of different protection mechanisms that are currently in place.

Career

Our graduates have gone on to careers with judges' cabinets at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, the International Court of Justice in the Hague, cabinets of Commissioners of the European Commission in Brussels, diverse sections of the Office of the High Commissioner

for Human Rights in Geneva, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, national and international NGOs, the civil service in their home countries, law firms. Many of our graduates have also become human rights researchers and scholars.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained) from a recognised University/Law School.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Forensic Criminology

 DUTCH  SEPTEMBER
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This programme focuses on the use of specialist expertise in criminal justice, taking a practical approach. Courses include Forensic Identification Methods, Crime Analysis, Forensic Accountancy and Forensic Psychiatry. The programme includes a compulsory internship, linked to the MA thesis.

Career

Positions as advisers, researchers or policy officers at such organisations as the police, the Public Prosecution Service, legal institutions and services, penitentiary institutions, rehabilitation agencies, victim support organisations and universities.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in criminology or law or social sciences with criminology as specialisation.

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International Children's Rights (Advanced LL.M.)

 ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER
FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

The programme offers a multi-layered study (covering international, regional and national legal systems), as well as an interdisciplinary scope, to examine the most relevant issues impacting children worldwide. What are the rights of the child when it comes to forced marriages or protection against violence or exploitation? What rights do refugee children have in their host communities? How do we balance between the rights of children, parents and the state? And how can children's rights be legally enforced in various countries across the globe?

Career

Our graduates can go on to positions in governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration (both national and international); national, regional and international (non-governmental) organisations dealing with children's rights

issues; the judiciary; national human rights institutions (e.g. ombudspersons); civil society organisations dealing with children's rights issue; monitoring and advisory national and international bodies or law firms or companies involved with children and/or family matters.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained or an equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School; or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline with a sufficient background in or understanding of law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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International Civil and Commercial Law (Advanced LL.M.)

 ENGLISH  SEPTEMBER
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Globalisation and increasing international trade have led to the rapid internationalisation of civil and commercial law, thus forming a complex and multi-layered discipline. Leiden University's International Civil and Commercial Law programme deals with different levels of international, EU and national laws as they coexist and interact with one another.

Career

Our graduates go on to work at organisations such as private law firms, multinational companies, international courts, governmental organisations and research institutes. Many of our graduates also contribute to legal scholarship in international civil and commercial law by pursuing postgraduate or PhD research.

Best preparatory bachelor's

In order to qualify for admission to the Master of Laws Advanced Studies in International Civil and Commercial Law programme, you should have a full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School, evidence of excellent academic performance, illustrated by way of an academic transcript and sufficient academic background in the area of international civil and commercial law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/iccl



International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR THE HAGUE



Leiden University's Master of Laws in Advanced Studies in International Dispute Settlement and Arbitration (LL.M.) is a high-level postgraduate programme on the theory and practice of international dispute settlement and arbitration in international law.

Career

This programme is designed to provide you with the analytical, research and presentation skills necessary to pursue a career in the field of international dispute settlement. As a graduate, you will be qualified for positions such as law firms, in-house counsel, international courts and tribunals, arbitration institutions, international organisations, state and governmental agencies, non-governmental organisations and academic and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A law degree that gives access to the legal professions in the country where the degree was obtained. Graduates from fields other than law may also be admitted, provided their previous studies and/or professional career included a substantial legal component. Students should also demonstrate a sufficiently high performance in their previous studies, validated by marks on their University Degree/Transcript and the accompanying mark criteria, and letters of recommendation from current or previous professors and/or employers.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Law

DUTCH/ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

In the master's programme in Law the different main areas of law are explained in relation to each other. You also follow in-depth courses in the particular field of law you have chosen. You won't be sitting passively in class, though: in the practicum and the *privatissimum* you prepare actively for professional practice.

Specialisations

In English

- European Law
- Public International Law

In Dutch

- Civil Law (full-time in Leiden or part-time in The Hague)
- Company Law
- Constitutional and Administrative Law

- Criminal Law and Criminology
- Financial Law
- Jurisprudence and Philosophy of Law
- Labour Law

Career

In this master's programme you are prepared as best as possible for professional practice. Many of our lecturers come from professional practice. Much attention is paid in the master's programme to the training of academic skills which are also of great value in practice. You take part in debates, carry out legal research, write papers and hold presentations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A Bachelor's in Law (LL.B.) or a Postgraduate Diploma in Law from a recognised university; in exceptional cases a bachelor's degree in a related discipline (e.g. in Political Science or equivalent) will be acceptable, provided that a substantial number of law courses are included in the bachelor's programme.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Law & Finance (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

In today's interconnected world, national and international financial markets have far-reaching effects on organisations and individuals around the globe. That is why the financial sector is becoming increasingly regulated, leading to a growing need for specialists who work at the intersection of law and finance. In the Law & Finance programme, you will be specially trained to excel in this global and multidisciplinary field.

Career

The Law & Finance Advanced Studies programme is optimally designed to suit requirements for both national and international professional positions. When you graduate, you will be qualified to work in a wide range of organisations such as financial institutions, such as banks and investment firms, European and national financial supervisory authorities, other governmental and inter-governmental bodies and public administration, law firms, judiciary and arbitration courts, companies and academic and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent law degree from a recognised University/Law School or a degree at an equivalent level in another discipline such as economics or business administration, with a sufficient background in law evidenced by, for instance, certificates of courses in law successfully concluded or substantial professional legal

experience. Evidence of excellent academic performance by way of an academic transcript.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Law and Digital Technologies (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN

Technology has become an important issue in almost every area of national and international law practice. Today, people are constantly confronted with concerns of privacy, personal data protection, cybercrime and cybersecurity. New uses for technology are often developing more rapidly than the law itself, creating interesting challenges for legal professionals and scholars. This programme will equip you with both theoretical knowledge and professional skills necessary to thrive in an interdisciplinary, global environment.

Career

The Law and Digital Technology programme prepares you for a variety of successful careers in an ever-advancing global field. Our alumni have gone on to careers at international law firms, tech companies, the judiciary, governmental institutions, NGOs, academic and research institutions.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained, or an equivalent or relevant degree from a recognised University/Law School; evidence of excellent academic performance, illustrated by way of an academic transcript; sufficient academic background in the area of law and digital technologies.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Law and Society

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN THE HAGUE



Law and legal institutions play an important role in the organisation of society. They can be used to address and regulate social problems, such as pollution and climate change, migration and terrorism, corruption, and gender equality. But laws and institutions, and the way in which they operate in action, can also preserve and deepen societal problems and lead to injustice. Our Master's programme Law & Society offers a unique opportunity to study the dynamic relationship between legal norms and social reality.

Career

Experts from the professional field have expressed a need for students trained in an interdisciplinary, socio-legal approach to law, with an in-depth understanding of the formation and functioning of law. Career prospects that students should think of when choosing this master are intergovernmental organisations, national and European Union civil services, academia, lobby and consultancy firms and large corporations.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Law or Social Sciences or a bachelor's degree from a University College or another discipline related to law and justice.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/law-and-society

Notarial Law

DUTCH START SEPTEMBER FEBRUARY 1 YEAR LEIDEN

This programme is intended for students who wish to pursue a career as a notary. It focuses on the foundations of property law and the social role of the notary in applying and implementing civil and tax law.

Career

The majority of our graduates enter notarial practice. Other options include government posts, the business sector, the real estate sector and the bank and insurance sector.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in notarial law, preferably from Leiden University.

masters.universiteitleiden.nl/notarial-law

Public International Law (Advanced LL.M.)

ENGLISH START SEPTEMBER 1 YEAR LEIDEN THE HAGUE



In this advanced master's programme, you will gain a thorough understanding of the legislation that governs international relations in an increasingly complex global society. You will learn in-depth about a wide range of aspects that affect our world, in addition to getting the opportunity to specialise your area of study.

Specialisations

- Peace, Justice and Development
- International Criminal Law



Career

As a graduate, you will be qualified for a range of positions within organisations such as international courts, international organisations, national judicial institutions, non-governmental organisations, the foreign service, prestigious law firms, academic and research institutes.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A full degree in Law (offering access to legal practice in the country where it was obtained), or equivalent degree from a recognised University/Law School, with evidence of excellent academic performance illustrated by marks on university transcript, and relevant experience related to public international law.

English proficiency**

IELTS: 7.0 / TOEFL internet-based: 100

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Tax Law

 DUTCH  START  SEPTEMBER
FEBRUARY  1 YEAR  LEIDEN

Tax systems are changing constantly. And we are all affected - personally, or from a business point of view, and often at crucial, defining moments in time. Do you want to get to grips with legal texts and tax issues? Do you enjoy working with people and can you explain abstract matters clearly? Are you interested in politics and society? Then this master's programme is for you.

Career

Many Leiden graduates of the master's programme in Fiscaal Recht (Tax Law) find suitable employment within six months. We can help with our online mentor network and personal careers guidance.

Best preparatory bachelor's

A bachelor's degree in Tax Law from a Dutch University

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