

MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW



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ORGANISATION

The Master's degree in International and European Law consists of a common first year and 5 second-year specialisation options:

- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- EU Law
- Humanitarian Action and Law
- Public international Law

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Since 2020, applicants to the first year of the Master's degree must have a bachelor's degree in law (*licence*) or an equivalent degree delivered by a French or foreign higher education institution. Acceptance onto the course is also subject to the review of the candidate's application by the teaching committee.

Applications are made online. All requirements can be found on the website of the Aix-Marseille Faculty of Law and Political Science:

<https://facdedroit.univ-amu.fr/scolarite-formation/espace-futur-etudiant>

Applications for our international programmes are subject to specific deadlines and requirements (See International mobility).

Objectives

The course provides in-depth knowledge of international, European and EU law, as well as domestic and comparative law, across key fields of intervention of public and private persons: economic activities (competition, trade), protection of the environment, energy, public institutions (States, international organisations), humanitarian action, human rights.

The course gives students the opportunity to become acquainted with legal issues and regimes and to acquire methodological skills, so they can meet the expectations of the various professional sectors that relate to international and European law.

Through various innovative teaching techniques, students will learn to:

- comply with and enforce regulations, interpret legal provisions, provide legal advice to avoid or resolve disputes, keep up to date on legal developments, draft documents, agreements, and contracts;
- respond to requests for legal advice and expertise from public or private organisations, participate in the development of tools to assist with regulatory compliance, participate in the preparation of project development plans;
- Understand the cross-cutting nature of problems, view European and international issues in their legal, economic, social, national and local contexts; develop interdisciplinary expertise: legal, economic and financial; research, analyse and summarise information.

Careers

Students can continue their studies with a thesis, which in turn can open doors to a career, in France or abroad, as a teacher-researcher or researcher in a national research institution, or as a researcher in a transnational institute (think tanks). Others may choose to take selective entrance exams or professional exams (*Avocats*).

Possible career paths also include positions at lobbying firms, in the European and/or International affairs departments of local authorities, or in the legal departments of large private or public companies, international and European organisations or NGOs.

Course Structure

The programme of each second-year specialisation course (Master 2) is set out in specific presentations.

The first-year (Master 1) curriculum is built around 6 teaching modules per semester:

- Understanding fundamental mechanisms
- Specialising in international or EU law
- Deepening your knowledge
- Strengthening your knowledge
- Broadening your knowledge
- Interacting in a foreign language (language classes and some modules taught in English)
- Developing pre-professional skills (C2I, internship, dissertation, moot, European competitive exams, international negotiations)

The course features the following modules:

Law of international organisations
 International business law
 EU policies and actions
 Advanced EU legal order
 International development law
 History of international relations
 International criminal law
 International and European tax law
 Environmental law (1 and 2)
 General theory of conflict of laws
 Nationality law and the status of foreigners
 Consumer law
 Competition law
 Legal argumentation and reasoning
 Law of collective security
 International humanitarian law
 EU litigation
 International human rights law
 European area of justice
 International and European labour law
 International trade law
 Energy law
 Private international litigation
 Law of administrative contracts
 Public business law
 Fundamental rights and personal data protection
 Civil justice and alternative modes of dispute resolution

Teaching

The Master's degree in International and European Law trains students in research and reasoning methods that are specific to international and European law. The goal here is twofold: to strengthen the students' theoretical knowledge across the whole range of issues within the scope of international and European law, and to provide a strong technical background to those who wish to build their expertise in European or international law.

The objective is to equip students with a "scientific capital" and with a general knowledge so that they can operate as safely as possible in an environment that is becoming increasingly regulated and complex. The curriculum taught throughout the Master's degree in International and European Law prepares students so that they can enter the job market in good conditions.

The first-year modules (common foundation year) are designed so that students can be free to choose one of the six specialisation courses offered the following year. Regarding cross-disciplinary subjects, it was felt to be essential to introduce students to subjects relating to international and European law as taught in other disciplines. Furthermore, with respect to the specialisation courses, a special effort is made to harmonise modules in order to ensure consistency across the programme.

International Mobility

Thanks to the Erasmus+ programme, Master 1 students have the opportunity to spend a semester at one of the many European universities that are part of the programme.

Depending on the chosen second-year specialisation, students can attend the Peking University School of Transnational Law (Shenzhen, China), obtain a double-degree from Ottawa University (Canada) or join a specific programme (Noha Erasmus Mundus).

For more information on the specific deadlines and requirements: see also the website of the Faculty of Law and Political Science: <https://facdedroit.univ-amu.fr/international> and of the CERIC : <https://dice.univ-amu.fr/dice/ceric>

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