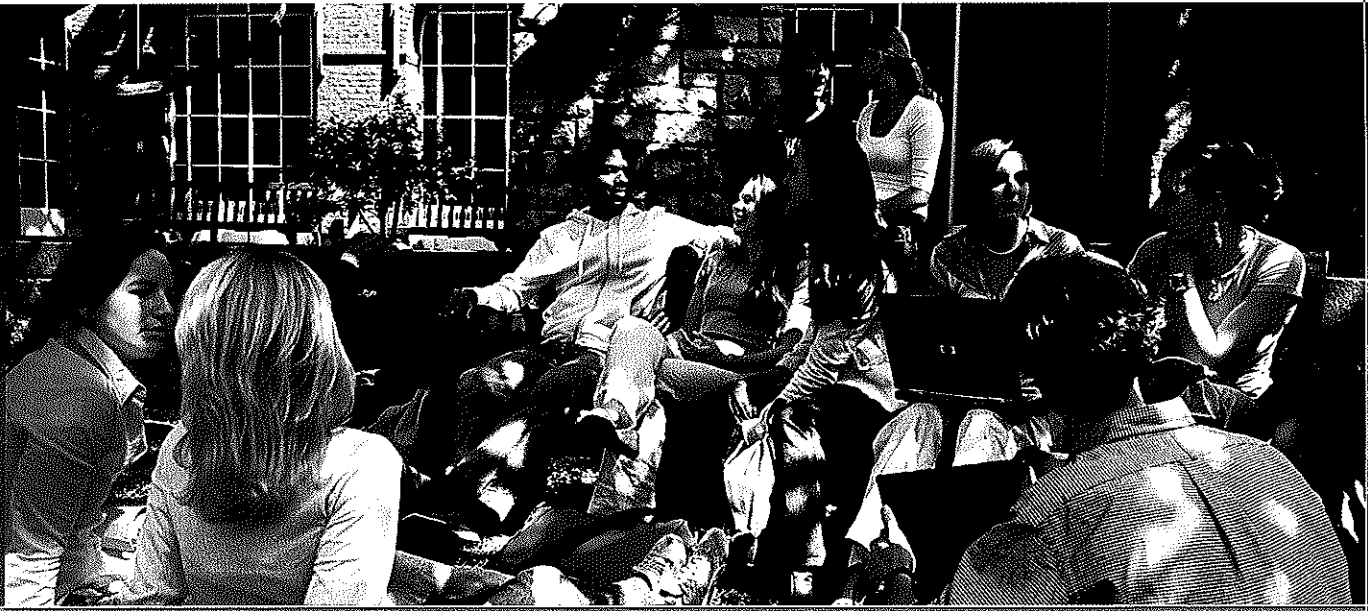




Maastricht University *Leading in Learning!*



Magister Iuris Communis

Master in Comparative, European and International Law (LL.M.)



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Elective 'tracks' (not mandatory):

- Comparative Law and Ius Commune
- Globalization and Human Rights
- European Law and International Tax Regulation
- European Economic and Social Regulation

Top level Master of Laws in Comparative, European and International Law (LL.M)

The Faculty of Law of Maastricht University (the Netherlands) offers an English-language postgraduate programme, which is officially accredited as top level Master by the NVAO (Netherlands Flanders Accreditation Authority): the Magister Iuris Communis (MIC) programme, leading to the full Master of Laws degree in European and International Law (LL.M) in which over the past decade students from more than 50 different legal orders all over the world participated.

Maastricht University provides for unique and innovative and interdisciplinary English-language law programmes (for example the Master International Laws which is unique in legal Europe) with a distinct European and International focus. On the annual international university top ranking which was established by the Times Higher Education Supplement Maastricht University has climbed no less than 60 places, inter alia by its relatively high percentage of foreign staff and students (amounting up to 50%). Maastricht University ranks at a similar level as many of its partner universities in their own national rankings invariably ending in top positions (World Rankings 2007).

In the city center, at a 5 minutes walk from the Law Faculty the reputed European Institute of Public Administration where part of the MIC programme is offered (EIPA) is established. The top level Master Magister Iuris Communis Programme is perfectly tailored, in other words, to the needs of future lawyers.



This Master program has build up a unique reputation.

"In the year of signature of the Maastricht Treaty (1992) the advanced Master Program in International and European Law Magister Iuris Communis was established. Being officially accredited as top-level Master by the Dutch-Flanders Accreditation Authority this Master program has build up a unique reputation. The curriculum is open to selected students, who, upon successful completion of their legal education at Master's level anywhere in the world, wish to gain specialized knowledge and skills needed to pursue a European or international legal career."

Dr. S.F.G. Rammeloo
Programme Director

Target Group

The one-year programme is open to students who, upon successful completion of a Master programme anywhere in the world, wish to acquire specialized knowledge and skills necessary for a European or international legal career. The programme is also open to graduates in Master of e.g. political science.

While combining an advanced academic level with field trips to European and International institutions all over Europe, the programme provides an in-depth treatment of the law and policies of the European Union. Students are allowed to opt for one out of the four 'tracks' offered by the programme (conditions: specific optional courses; subject of thesis corresponding with the track chosen):

- Comparative Law and *Ius Commune*
- Globalization and Human Rights
- European Law and International Tax Regulation
- European Economic and Social Regulation

Problem-Based Learning in an international context

The programme is based on an innovative approach to education adopted by Maastricht University: problem-based learning. Problem-based learning, as applied in the *Magister Iuris Communis* programme as well, is characterized by the systematic use of case studies as a tool and stimulus for learning. Under this system, students learn by analyzing and solving problems in small groups and, in the process, perfect their research, legal reasoning, oral presentation and writing skills.

In order to achieve an optimal studying climate students representing the whole range of Common and Civil Law oriented legal orders are selected from all over the world (cf. 15 – 20 nationalities each year). This approach results in lively and interesting debates in seminars as well as other curricular activities (cf. below, additional curriculum activities). Class size is limited to facilitate intensive interaction between students and the teaching staff.





Faculty of Law - Ius Commune Europeanum; junior research (PhD) positions for MIC graduates

Research at the Faculty of Law concentrates on the interaction between national, European law (including both institutional EC law and private, commercial, socio-economic criminal and tax law) and international law as well as on human rights. The Faculty of Law is embedded in international cooperation partnerships and programmes. Further, the Law Faculty cooperates with the law faculties of the Catholic University of Leuven, the University of Utrecht and the University of Amsterdam, in the Ius Commune Research School. The Faculty of Law also participates in the Human Rights Research School.

Staff

The teaching staff of the Magister Iuris Communis programme is composed of professors and senior lecturers of the Faculty of Law of the Maastricht University. Several staff members are either former officials of a European institution or an international organization or have worked at a research institute associated with the European Commission, or former MIC graduates, conducting PhD research or lecturing. The diversity of European and other nationalities, among the staff, adds to the programme's distinct international flavour.

Programme of Study

The MIC curriculum starts in September 2009 and finishes in June 2010. The academic year is divided into four periods of eight weeks from September to December 2009 and from February to May 2010 and two periods of four weeks in January and June 2010. It combines mandatory (1-6) and optional (7) curriculum parts.

1 | Courses

The first two periods (i.e. from September to December) students take part in six intensive courses:

Period 1 (September-October):

- Law and European Integration in Past and Present
- EU Law I - Foundations
- Optional course (cf. in detail under 7, below)

Period 2 (November-December):

- EU Law II – Substantive Law
- Competition Law (Exception: for the track 'Globalization and Human Rights this course is replaced. Two out of three of the following courses are mandatory: Family Law in Europe, International Criminal and Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law)
- Optional course (cf. for in particular human rights the foregoing)

Periods 4 and 5 (i.e. from February to March and from April to the beginning of June):

Students are free to elect two optional courses per period out of a list (cf. below). This list may result in a track (not mandatory, however), provided that the subject of the thesis corresponds with the track chosen.

Periods 3 (January) and 6 (June) are dedicated to other curriculum activities (cf. below).

Written or oral examinations conclude each course.



2 | LL.M. thesis

From September onwards students are expected to conduct research under supervision of a specialist in the research field involved with a view to writing their LL.M. thesis (cf. the foregoing in respect of relation between thesis and track chosen).

3 | EIPA Library - Research Introduction (Part 1)

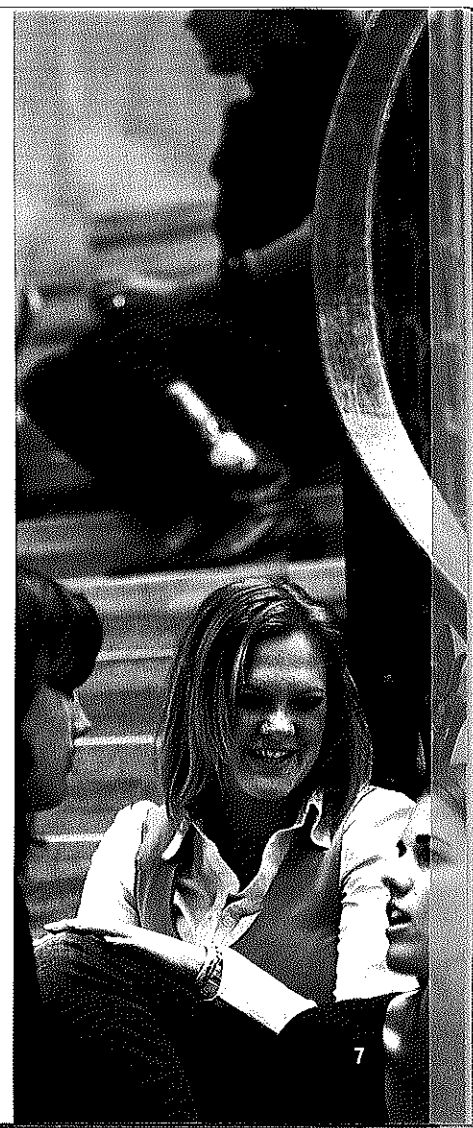
Research shall be facilitated and stimulated by additional curricular activities under the auspice of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA). EIPA is an official decentralized Institute of the European Union situated in the center of Maastricht (5 minutes walk from the Law faculty). EIPA is inter alia reputed for offering high standard on line EU law research training programmes for both (EU) Law civil servants and practitioners from all over Europe. During the first course period the EIPA institute and its library is presented to the students.

4 | Field trips to International and European Organizations

Centrally located in Europe, Maastricht forms an ideal starting point for study trips. In January and June study trips to European and International Organizations in Luxembourg (European Court of Justice), Strasbourg (Council of Europe, Court of Human Rights), Frankfurt (Central European bank), The Hague (International Court of Justice and International Criminal Court) and Brussels (European Commission) are organized. Students take part in intensive debates and have the opportunity to gather information on internships, possibilities for a legal career, etc. In the second part of the year a field trip to Geneva (WTO) is organized (optional, depending on course elected).

5 | EIPA – Research training (Part II) and European Parliament Simulation Programme

The second part of the EIPA research training in European Law involves the use of advanced on line research techniques. Furthermore, the importance of international professional practice is underscored by the EIPA European Parliament Decision Making Simulation Programme (political and institutional decision making processes and cooperation).



6 | Guest Lectures

During the academic year, a series of guest lectures by (alternating) Law Professors of the Law Faculty on current topics and officials of European or international institutions and national governments, and lawyers with a European or international legal practice is organized. The purpose of these informal and interactive guest lectures is threefold. The first objective is to train students in debating current issues in an international and European Law context. The second objective is to provide first-hand information on e.g. internships and career tracks with a view to a European or international career after completing the Magister Iuris Communis programme. Finally, the aim is to give students an opportunity to discuss the issues dealt with in the various courses of the programme with practitioners.

7 | Moot Court Competition (Optional)

Students may opt for participation in an international or European moot court competition. The Faculty of Law of the Maastricht University has a strong reputation in moot court competitions, having won the prestigious European Law Moot Court Competition in Luxembourg three times.



One Programme, offering the possibility to choose special tracks

Apart from the general courses on European law and integration referred to (cf. under 1, above), all students take part in the additional activities listed under (2) to (6). Students are free to shape their programme to their (specialist's and professional) needs. It is allowed, however not mandatory, to center their elective courses round the following tracks:

Comparative Law and *Ius Commune*:

Comparative Administrative Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
European Competition Law
European Migration Law and Citizenship
European Property Law
European Tort Law
Family Law in Europe
International and European and Comparative Environmental Law

Globalisation and Human Rights:

Advanced International Law
Comparative Constitutional Law
European Human Rights
European Migration Law and Citizenship
Family Law in Europe
International Criminal and Humanitarian Law
International Development Law
International Dispute Settlement
International Human Rights
International Trade Law

European Law and International Tax Regulation

Comparative Corporate Taxation
European VAT
European Competition Law
International and European Tax Law
International Taxation of Business Income
International Tax Planning and Transfer Pricing
Law and Economics
Tax policy in the European Union

European Economic and Social Regulation:

European Company Law
European Competition Law
European Labour and Social Security Law
International, European and Comparative Environmental Law
Intellectual Property Law
Law and Economics

Inasmuch facilitated (cf. course schedules) students are further allowed to elect courses from the Masters Globalisation and ELS (cf. website Law Faculty).

Maastricht

Maastricht, with some 120,000 inhabitants, is not only the spot where the EC Treaty of Maastricht was signed. It is also a wonderful city for students. It is located right in the middle of 'Europe'. Not only are Belgium, Luxemburg, France and Germany just around the corner. European Law institutions (Brussels, Luxemburg, Strasburg and Frankfurt), as well as Public International Law institutions (The Hague), but also the capitals London, Paris, and Amsterdam are within easy travel distance (to a maximum of approximately 5 hours).

Over the years, Maastricht has developed a strong international orientation. Established by the Romans over 2000 years ago, Maastricht is the Netherlands' oldest city. With its rich cultural heritage (with over 1,400 listed historical monuments), Maastricht continues to be a city with plenty to offer. Due to an abundance of museums, galleries, film houses, exhibitions, concerts and theatre performances, cultural life flourishes.

The 'southern' character of Maastricht manifests itself in the many brass bands and street festivals, the culinary delights, the sidewalk cafés, and most of all, the 'Carnival' season, when during three days of celebration the city fills with revellers in colorful costumes, floats and street bands. The Law Faculty is housed in a monumental building in the city centre, within easy reach of public transport, countless bars, restaurants and student accommodation.





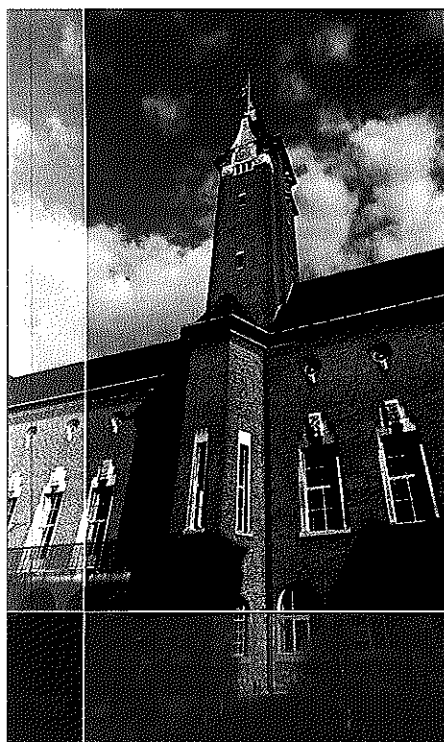
General Information

Tuition fee: € 10.000. Scholarships, student assistant positions and partial tuition fee waivers are available.

The deadline for application is **1 June 2009 for EU nationals** and **1 May 2009 for nationals of all other states**. Late applications (only EU-students) will be taken into account until **15 July 2009**.

Please note that these deadlines are not applicable if you intend to apply for a scholarship. These deadlines depend on the scholarship and can already expire on 1 February, 1 March or 1 April 2009. Your application to our programme should be finalized at that time.

Application forms can be completed online or downloaded from the website: www.mic-law.info



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