

Public International Law

Public International Law is a one-year Master's specialisation at the internationally acclaimed Leiden Law School at Leiden University. The programme focuses on legislation that governs international relations in an increasingly complex global society. In this programme you will gain a thorough understanding of the fundamental doctrines of public international law, studying different perspectives from theory and practice. We will also challenge you to develop your own views on the role and functioning of law in international society. As a result of globalisation and international interdependence, international law is changing. Whereas in the past, this law was limited to relations between states, in recent years, organisations, peoples, business and individuals have also become part of the realm of international law. Who is entitled to intervene in situations of mass violations of human rights? Which means are allowed to combat international terrorism? Can the international community develop governance mechanisms, including law, to deal with problems such as global climate change? This Master's is taught in Leiden and at Campus The Hague. A unique feature of the programme is that it makes use of the expertise available in the various international institutions located in The Hague, such as the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, the International Criminal Court and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Program

As a student of the Public International Law Master's, you will benefit from:

- ▶ the attention given to developing practical skills in `privatissimum' and 'practicum' courses, where you will give presentations in class, exchange ideas and develop your research;
- weekly lecture series organised in co-operation with the T.M.C. Asser Institute and the NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court, as well as conferences organised with other members of the The Hague Academic Coalition;
- ▶ the annual Professor B.M. Telders International Law Moot Court competition which is organized by the Faculty of Law and its students. Leiden students also participate in the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and various European Law moot court competitions;

- the extensive network of our staff, which can facilitate internships or other contacts;
- the Law School's excellent library, as well as the library of the nearby Peace Palace (The Hague), which houses one of the world's largest legal collections.

Career

The Public International Law Master's programme offered at Leiden University will provide you with a broad academic training. You will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue a career within:

- your national legal system;
- ▶ international law departments of national institutions;
- ▶ international governmental or non-governmental organisations;
- ▶ internationally operating business enterprises;
- academia.

Master details

Specialization of: Law

Degree: Master of Laws in Law Mode of study: full-time, part-time

Duration: 1 year

Start date: September, February

Language: English
Location: Leiden
Croho/isatcode: 60084

Entry requirements

For detailed entry requirements view www.mastersinleiden.nl.







"Society needs lawyers who know how Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg work. It is our aim to train lawyers who can find their way in the European legal order."

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