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## PREFACE

Thank you for considering Erasmus School of Law as your study destination. When visiting our campus for the first time the architecture might strike you as rather functional in nature. That is precisely how we like to see ourselves. Moreover, Rotterdam is one of the largest centres of transport and business, and this businesslike approach is reflected in our university and law school.

Our legal research and legal education meets the highest academic standards, and at the same time reflects a practical orientation towards developments in modern society. Two keywords may serve to characterise our programmes. The first is the international orientation of our research and curricula, with a strong tradition in International and European dimensions of law. The second is the interdisciplinary approach, bringing sociological and economic expertise to the solution of social and legal problems. One of the Master's programmes which we are very proud of, namely, the European Master in Law & Economics, which was awarded the Erasmus Mundus predicate by the European Commission.

 Our postgraduate programme Business, Corporate and Maritime Law has been recently accredited by the NVAO (Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders). The international orientation and interdisciplinary approach of our programmes attract students from all over the world. We hope to welcome you as one of them in Rotterdam soon!

*Marc Loth*  
Dean of the Erasmus School of Law







## THE NETHERLANDS

Some foreigners still have a very traditional view of Holland, or rather, the Netherlands: clogs, tulips and windmills. However, the Netherlands is much more than that. It is also every bit a modern industrial nation.

### STUDYING IN THE NETHERLANDS

Long ago, the Netherlands took advantage of its strategic position and became a leader in distribution. The pillars of the Dutch economy, however, include not only trade and distribution, but also high-tech industry and a sizeable service sector. In fact, due to its situation below sea level, the people of the Netherlands were compelled to learn to live with water. This gave the country recognition for its water management skills and its dredging activities. The Netherlands also has an open, export-oriented economy, home to many multinationals, such as Philips, Shell and Unilever. More than half of everything produced in the Netherlands is destined for foreign markets. Moreover, the Netherlands is home to one of the largest commercial ports of the world, Rotterdam.



This international attitude of the Netherlands is, however, not restricted to the business world alone. Just half an hour by train from Rotterdam lies The Hague. The presence of the various international courts including the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the Iran-US-Claims Tribunal and the Peace Palace has made The Hague the legal capital of the world.

For students interested in International Law, the Netherlands should be their first choice.

Nor should one forget the international reputation of the Netherlands for its 17th-century Dutch Masters, such as Rembrandt and Van Gogh. In the Rijksmuseum and the Van Goghmuseum in Amsterdam, visitors from all over the world admire 'de Nachtwacht' (The Night Watch).

Now something about the Dutch as people. The Dutch are an open-minded nation. Foreign languages are widely spoken, English being the most popular. In large cities like Rotterdam, the international atmosphere of The Netherlands is clearly present. People come from all over the world to live together in this dynamic country. The people in the Netherlands form a colourful society, with cultural and ethnic variety. Football and speed skating are the national sports. Although the Dutch flag is red, white and blue, all sports fans dress in orange when they want to support their national team or sports stars. Why orange? Orange is the colour of the Dutch royal family and therefore the colour that represents the Dutch nation.

## ROTTERDAM, AN ACTIVE METROPOLIS

Given its unique, central location, Rotterdam has developed into one of the largest commercial ports in the world. It is a centre for trade, industry and services. Many international companies like Shell and Unilever have their headquarters and their branches in Rotterdam. Rotterdam also houses several of the most prestigious law firms in the world.

Rotterdam is an international city par excellence. The city has several theatres, cinemas and annual festivals. Film fans can enjoy the International Film Festival and, during the summer carnival, Rotterdam becomes a tropical city! Events like the Dunya festival and the World Harbour Days further intensify the city's liveliness. Rotterdam as an active city: The Dutch love to ride bicycles. There are cycling paths throughout the city. These paths are also used for inline skating. A completely new way of getting to know the city! During the ride through the city you will discover the nightlife Rotterdam offers. A wide selection of cafés and restaurants with a variety of international cuisine is just run of the mill here. There are dance clubs galore where one can dance deep into the night. And as a university city, there are a number of cafés catering especially to students. Students

from all continents come to these cafes for a drink and a chat. This city knows no dearth of entertainment. Art lovers know Rotterdam for its museums like Boymans van Beuningen and de Kunsthal. Their impressive collections of both traditional and modern art are world famous. For those who love modern architecture, Rotterdam has everything to offer, including the striking cube houses, the Weena area – with the modern headquarters of an international insurance company – and the Rotterdam library. After enjoying the museums, you can stroll through the Museumpark. Moreover, with ample public transport, Amsterdam, The Hague and Antwerp are less than an hour away. Brussels is just some 180 km to the south of Rotterdam. The European Commission and the council of Ministers, both, have their seat in Brussels. Indeed, it is in Brussels where all initiatives for new European policies are developed and where the decision-making of the European Union takes place.

Luxembourg is situated just 400 km from Rotterdam. This city is home to the Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the Secretariat of the European Parliament, and the European Investment Bank. Studying Law in the Netherlands will put you in the centre of the International Law arena.

If you want to see more of Europe; London, Berlin and Paris are within a few hours reach. Europe is yours!







## ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

In 1913, a group of Rotterdam businessmen set up a School of Commerce in Rotterdam. Twenty-five years later it was succeeded by the School of Economics, which acquired international status on the home ground of the Nobel Prize winning economist Tinbergen. In 1973, the School of Economics became Erasmus University Rotterdam, together with the Rotterdam School of Medicine, the School of Law – which dates from 1963 – and several other Schools.

### 'The world is my home'

This is a famous quote attributed to the name giver of our university, Desiderius Erasmus (1469-1536), an intellectual who was a philosopher, theologian and humanist and a true cosmopolitan at heart.

Nowadays, Erasmus University Rotterdam has a worldwide reputation of being an innovative, businesslike, practical and internationally oriented University.

Erasmus University Rotterdam serves as a hub for academic expertise and experience. The research and teaching extend to areas such as law, management, economics, medicine,

philosophy, social sciences, history and arts, and business administration. Students can take both undergraduate and graduate courses. The international reputation of Erasmus University Rotterdam as a practical and businesslike university also attracts students from all over the world. These students take either undergraduate or graduate courses, for instance, at the Rotterdam School of Management and the Erasmus School of Law. All these courses for international students are conducted in English. The culture of the University is open and personal. It is especially easy for international students to make contact with others!

Erasmus University Rotterdam is consistently ranked amongst the top 100 leading universities worldwide by publications such as the Times Higher Education Supplement (THES). The THES 2006 ranking shows that Dutch universities are very international and popular with employers. Unique is the fact that Erasmus University Rotterdam is the leading non-Anglophone university in the world of citations, gaining this position by well-cited medical publishing. Finally, our business school, RSM Erasmus University, is widely recognised as a top business school by publications such as Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, Business Week and The Economist and as the no. 1 business school in the Netherlands.

### Facilities

Erasmus University Rotterdam offers extensive student facilities related to their studies, including a large library, an information centre for foreign students and computer facilities. In the library students can find more than 800,000 volumes and some 8,000 periodicals. There, they have access to various external databases, online and on CD-Rom. Millions

#### ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM STATISTICS

- Number of students: 25,000
- Number of annual graduations (degrees): 1,800
- Number of international students: 2,700
- Number of PhD students: 440

of publications are available on microfiche, microfilm, videotape and compact disc, covering subjects on law, general economics, business economics, management, social sciences, history and arts and philosophy. Furthermore, students have access to the Peace Palace Library in The Hague. The library of the Peace Palace has one of the world's largest collections in the field of international law, public and private law, and foreign national law, as well as the Grotius collection. Computer facilities for Law students are much above average. The Erasmus School of Law has its own PC Lab. All students receive an e-mail address and have access to the Internet. If help is needed, an assistant is at hand. All these computer facilities are of course free of charge.

### ESSC

The Erasmus Student Service Center (ESSC) is the central checkpoint and information service for all foreign students who are studying at Erasmus University Rotterdam. If students have questions or need help on accommodation or health care relating to their stays in Holland, they are welcome to visit the ESSC. The ESSC can be found on the Internet at [www.eur.nl/esscinternational](http://www.eur.nl/esscinternational).

Erasmus University also offers non-study-related facilities. On the Woudestein campus, where the School of Law is situated,

students can find a bank, a bookstore, a language laboratory and a hairdresser. Within the campus, there are a number of self-service restaurants and cafeterias serving lunch and dinner on weekdays.

Students who do not speak the Dutch language but wish to do so, can take a Dutch language course. Students of all nationalities come together to learn spoken Dutch (cost: 250 euro, price for 2007-2008). It is not necessary to speak Dutch when living in the Netherlands, since most Dutch people speak English! As an active and practical University, Erasmus University Rotterdam has an impressive Sports Centre. The range of sports offered is extensive - more than 30 sports can be practiced, including tennis, squash, golf, basketball, boxing, karate, aerobics, juditsu, fitness, athletics, swimming and football. The sports complex also conforms to the highest standards. Students can simply arrange to play together, or to train in the sport of their choice under expert supervision. Of course, students are also welcome to participate in competition teams and to join the student sports clubs! For the cost of a sports card (72 euro a year, price for 2007-2008), students are free to make use of these facilities every day of the week.

Studying at Erasmus University Rotterdam is more than just studying!





## ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM: ERASMUS SCHOOL OF LAW

The Erasmus School of Law dates from 1963. It became an integral part of the university in 1973. One of the striking characteristics is its interdisciplinary emphasis and its business and international orientation. The aim is to make students aware of the way in which the law functions within a socio-economic context.

To achieve this, the Erasmus School of Law has developed an integrated approach bringing students into contact with the social sciences, economics and management as a part of their law studies. In this way, law graduates who study at Erasmus University Rotterdam do not only have legal knowledge, but also the social and economic insight and the skills necessary to function successfully as professionals in contemporary society. The Erasmus School of Law is organised into four main departments: Jurisprudence and Social Sciences, Private Law, Public Law and Tax Law. Each of these departments contains a number of sections.

### TEACHING METHODOLOGIES

The Erasmus School of Law uses many different teaching methodologies such as lectures, seminars, essay/paper, coursework and (interim) examinations. By creating an interactive learning environment, especially during the seminars, students are required to actively participate in class discussions and use creative thinking. This education system is favourable for international students since it is interactive and focuses on teamwork, which makes it easy to meet other students and staff.

### International Orientation

The teaching staff consists of professors with a strong international orientation. Due to their professional and educational experiences around the world, the teaching staff at the Erasmus School of Law has first hand knowledge on their area of expertise. Students come to the Erasmus School of Law from Africa, North and South America, Asia and Europe. Because more than 30 nationalities participate in the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes every year, you will attend class with students from many different legal cultures. We offer a high quality educational experience and welcome the contribution made by the diverse backgrounds and perspectives. The international orientation of the Erasmus School of Law is also expressed in the participation in more than 70 cooperation agreements with many well-known and reputable universities, such as:

- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- York University, Canada
- Northeastern University, U.S.A.
- ITAM, Mexico
- National University of Singapore, Singapore
- Beijing University, China

Furthermore, we participate in 2 international networks: The Rotterdam Law Network, founded in 1996 by our School of Law. This network consists of 27 European Law Schools. The other network is the EACLE network, consisting of 4 American Universities and 4 European Universities.

### Erasmus international Programmes

At undergraduate level, students are welcome to enter the Erasmus School of Law as an exchange student through one of the exchange agreements we have. On page 20 you will find more information, or download the brochure on [www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl](http://www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl).

For graduates the School of Law offers eleven Master programmes of which five are taught in English.

#### Master's level:

- Commercial and Company Law/Bedrijfsrecht, specialisation Commercial Law
- Master of Laws/Rechtsgeleerdheid, specialisation International and European Public Law
- Research Master in Justice and Safety & Security (2 years)

At postgraduate level we offer two programmes in English:

#### Postgraduate level:

- Business, Corporate and Maritime Law
- European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE).

EMLE is a cooperative programme of ten partner universities in Europe. The programme is described in short on page 18. Full information can be found in the separate brochure or on [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org).

## COMMERCIAL LAW

The specialisation Commercial Law aims at providing further academic legal education in the fields of commercial and company law. Graduates will find employment in the legal profession, the judiciary and the business world (industry, commerce, transport, finance, insurance), wherever legal issues surrounding international commercial transactions and the company, play an important role.

### Programme

The study programme is focused on the various constituent parts of commercial and company law including its institutional (corporate structures) and instrumental (international commercial transactions) aspects. The former concentrates on the various stakeholders in the company including shareholders, corporate officers, management and employees. The latter addresses topics such as international sale of goods, insurance, finance, transport, storage and logistics, intellectual property, personal and collateral security as well as third party rights. Also, the European and comparative dimensions of business life are treated as well as relevant aspects of the regulation of business forms and transactions such as competition law or taxation.

### Admission Criteria

Applicants must have completed a three-year legal academic education (such as a Bachelor of Laws) and need to show sufficient knowledge of commercial law. It is not necessary that the applicant's law degree is a prerequisite to enter the legal profession in the applicant's home country.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Degree:                  | Master in Laws (LL.M.)   |
| Programme Duration:      | academic year  |
| Start date:              | September  |
| Credits:                 | 60 ECTS  |
| Curriculum:              | 48 ECTS compulsory courses, 12 ECTS dissertation               |
| Application deadline:    | 1 May  |
| Tuition fee:             | € 1,565 (EU/EEA students), for students outside EU/EEA € 9,950 |
| Language of Instruction: | English  |

*When I had to decide on which university to choose for my legal education, I found out that Erasmus University is very well known for its interdisciplinary approach. Also, theory and practice are well combined. I met people from many different nationalities who also shared their legal knowledge. I thoroughly enjoyed the creative and dynamic teaching methods and receiving classes from highly qualified professors. Being Chinese, the different language and culture were most difficult for me. However, as all classes are taught in English, my English language skills improved enormously. The professors and staff were very helpful so it did not take me long to get used to my new surroundings either. I definitely learned a lot this year and never regret having chosen Erasmus University Rotterdam.*

**Qiting Wu, China**

### The Programme Director

**Prof Dr. Frank Smeele** (1966) was appointed full-time professor in Commercial and Maritime Law in 2007. He studied law and liberal arts (European Studies) at the University of Amsterdam during which he went to study English Law at the University of Kent for a year. He graduated



in both studies in 1991. He became a Ph.D. candidate at the Erasmus School of Law at Rotterdam, where he obtained his Doctorate in law cum laude in 1998 on the thesis 'Passieve legitimatie onder cognoscentie' (Identity of the Carrier under Bills of Lading). In 1998, Frank Smeele became attorney-at-law with the Rotterdam bar and joined the leading Dutch transport and maritime law firm Van Traa Advocaten, where he

made partner in 2004. In 2005, he was appointed part-time Professor in International Maritime Law at Erasmus School of Law School.





## INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW

The specialisation International and European Public Law focuses on the public law aspects of international and European law and on how these bodies of law impact national legal orders. More in particular, it focuses on the role of international and European law in fostering the protection of human rights, the rule of law and the accountability of international and European institutions. The Programme enables participants to work with international and European law in a globalising world in which legal systems are undergoing constant substantive and systemic change. Students are trained in the critical analysis of current legal developments and deepen their insights into the theory and practice of international and European law in an interdisciplinary context. Students from all over the world participate in this programme, which makes the classroom a small scale model of the world in which contemporary lawyers work and thus the perfect practicing ground for a successful career in international, European and national government institutions, public advocacy, the legal professions, the business sector and academia.

### Programme

During the programme students may choose to focus on public international and European law by selecting courses in either of these areas, while they can also take courses in comparative law. Students who have had an introductory course in European Union Law must take the course European Union Law Advanced. Students who have no background in European Union Law must take the course Introduction to European Law plus write a substantive paper (4000 words). All students must either take Human Rights Law or European Institutional and Constitutional Law and

must write a dissertation. The specialisation International and European Public Law will be recorded on the transcript. Information about courses and lecturers can be found on the website, [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org).

Within this programme, students can either place extra emphasis on:

- Public International Law
- European Union Law
- General programme



Peace Palace, The Hague

Part-time programme: The part-time programme is ideal for those people who wish to combine studying for an LL.M. degree with work/family commitments. Compulsory subjects are taught in the evenings (as well as during the day).

### Focus: Public International Law

Focuses on legal development from a public international law perspective. Particular consideration is given to the changes that the international legal system is undergoing as a result of the process of globalisation. This means, for example, that in addition to inter-state relations, consideration will also be given to the role of actors other than states, such as individuals, international organisations and companies. Career opportunities for persons with a specialisation in Public International Law present themselves, in particular, in national administrations, international organisations, public affairs departments of private companies, the legal professions, NGOs and academia.

### Focus: European Union Law

Focuses on the unique legal order of the European Union and, in particular, the inter-relationships between the European Institutions, Member States and citizens in this supranational system of multi-level governance. Moreover, it focuses on the relationship between the European Union and other international actors. Particular consideration is given to the consequences of further enlarging and deepening of the European Union. Career opportunities for persons with a specialisation in European Union Law present themselves, in particular, in national administrations of present and future Member States, the institutions of the European Union, private companies, the legal professions, NGOs and academia.

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| Language of Instruction: | English  |

*I will never regret choosing Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam for my Master's Degree, because EUR has an excellent credibility internationally and Rotterdam is a splendid city to study in. Furthermore, I have an opportunity to broaden my relations with my foreign friends.*

*Aska Martalia, Indonesia*

### Student research

Independent, albeit supervised, student research is also part of the Programme, with each participant being required to write a dissertation. Research for the dissertation is conducted throughout the academic year. Students choose their dissertation topics in consultation with the Programme Director or their assigned supervisor.

### Admission criteria

To enter this programme, applicants must have completed a Bachelor's Degree in Law.

### The Programme Director

**Professor Dr. Ellen Hey** is Head of the Department of Public International Law. She has lectured at academic institutions in the Netherlands and abroad, including Canada, Argentina,



China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the United States and countries in Europe. She has worked for Dutch Ministries, NGO's and international organizations, including the EU, IMO, FAO, UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank. Ellen grew up in the Netherlands, Egypt and Venezuela and holds law degrees from Utrecht University and a Master of Science from the University of Wales.

Ellen Hey's research interests include international institutional law, the role of non-state actors and international natural resources law. Together with Professor Daniel Bodansky (University of Georgia) and Professor Brunnée (University of Toronto), she edited the Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law (Oxford University Press, 2007). She is the Editor in Chief of Erasmus Law Review and an Editor of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law.



## RESEARCH MASTER IN JUSTICE AND SAFETY & SECURITY

### Introduction

In September 2008 the Erasmus School of Law will launch its two-year Research Master Programme on Justice and Safety & Security. The Research Master focuses on one of the core themes that today face society: how to maintain standards of justice under circumstances in which increasingly demands are made to curtail human rights in order to maintain safety and security. Annually, a maximum of 25 students, with either a background in law or criminology\*, will be selected for participation in the programme. They are offered the opportunity to develop their knowledge and research skills in close cooperation with experienced researchers. Graduates will be well placed to take on positions in national, European and international governmental institutions (including courts), non-governmental organizations and as practicing lawyers or consultants in the private sector. Moreover, the Research Master offers the perfect starting point for an academic career and thus for pursuing further academic education at the doctoral level.

### Curriculum

The two-year programme consists of a series of courses devoted to substantive aspects of law and the social sciences and courses focused on methodological aspects of law and the social sciences. The programme has a heavy research component, requiring participants to complete research papers for most courses and four inter-related research projects. During the fourth semester students will conduct an internship or study at a foreign academic institution. An individual study-path will be designed for each participant based on the program and taking into account his/her interests.

### Teaching methods and supervision

The educational methods employed in the Research Master are based on 'learning by doing', with the lecturers functioning as coaches, and foster close cooperation between students and researchers and among students. Small size classes (tailor designed for a maximum of 25 students), courses taught in the format of seminars or research seminars and individually supervised research projects provide an ideal learning environment for those students interested in enhancing their knowledge and research skills on topics concerning law in its social context. Essential to the chosen approach is also the individual supervisor that is appointed for each student at the beginning of the program. The individual supervisor is engaged in research related to the student's individual study-path and guides the student in the selection of topics for study and research and will function as a tutor vis-à-vis the

student. All research components are supervised by senior members of staff, which may but need not be the student's individual tutor. Each student will be linked to an ongoing research project within the School of Law and conduct research for the four research projects, including the research master thesis, in close cooperation with a senior researcher involved in one of these research projects.

### Theme of the Research Master

The theme of the Research Master focuses on one of the, if not the, recurrent theme(s) in legal practice and research: how to maintain a balance between justice and societal safety & security.

The programme focuses on the challenges that face the concept of the state which through law provides both justice and societal safety & security. This concept, originating in the Enlightenment, conceives justice primarily in terms of individual freedoms protected by normative concepts such as the rule of law, constitutionalism and human rights. It conceives safety & security primarily as a collective good to be attained through state intervention limited by these same normative concepts. Societal safety & security in this perspective thus provides the 'space' in which individual freedoms, and thus justice, can be realised, with the above mentioned normative concepts providing the means of balancing justice and safety & security.

Changes in the distribution of power at the international level of governance, changes in the composition of populations and shifts in the roles and powers of the public

and private sector have given rise to questions regarding the implications of concepts such as the rule of law, constitutionalism and human rights. As a result, the balance between justice and safety & security, as outlined above, is being challenged. Safety & security increasingly are understood as means of protecting individual interests from violation by others (think e.g. of the role of private companies in providing security), while justice, or the administration of justice, is regarded as a means of administering punishment. Contemporary demands for safety & security, in what is often referred to as 'risk society' and in which the emphasis is on risk prevention, thus instrumentalise the meaning of both justice and safety & security. The above suggests that society is engaged in search of a renewed balance between the rights and freedoms of individuals and groups in society and control over those same individuals and groups. Discussions regarding anti-terrorism measures, corruption, mismanagement in the public and private sector as well as abortion, euthanasia and Dutch 'coffee shops' reflect this search. A renewed balance, however, can only be attained through reflection on appropriate ethical and legal standards and on the appropriate roles for the public and private sector. The Research Master on Justice and Safety & Security invites students to develop their knowledge and research skills so as to enable them to engage in this reflective process and to consider different ways in which a balance between justice and safety & security can be attained.

### Admission requirements

Applicants will be selected on the basis of:

- their CV;
- grades obtained during previous studies;
- a letter of motivation;
- a proposal for their individual study path;
- a short essay (maximum 1000 words) on a topic related to their proposed individual study-path and the theme 'justice and safety & security';
- two letters of recommendation; and
- an interview.

Applicants must have obtained excellent grades in their previous studies (minimum average: 7.5 in the Dutch grading system or an A in the US grading system).

The deadline for applications is 1 February 2008.

### Programme director

**Professor Dr. Ellen Hey** is Head of the Department of Public International Law. She has lectured at academic institutions in the Netherlands and abroad, including Canada, Argentina, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, the United States and countries in Europe. She has worked for Dutch Ministries, NGO's and international organizations, including the EU, IMO, FAO, UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank. Ellen grew up in the Netherlands, Egypt and Venezuela and holds law degrees from Utrecht University and a Master of Science from the University of Wales.

'My aim is to bring my combined experience in practice and research to the classroom and challenge students to engage in critical legal thinking in an interdisciplinary and multicultural context in order to simulate a world in which the process of globalization demands innovative legal approaches.'

Ellen Hey's research interests include international institutional law, the role of non-state actors and international natural resources law. Together with Professor Daniel Bodansky (University of Georgia) and Professor Brunnée (University of Toronto), she edited the *Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Oxford University Press, 2007). She is the Editor in Chief of *Erasmus Law Review* and an Editor of the *Netherlands Yearbook of International Law*.

### For further information see:

[www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/research\\_master.pdf](http://www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/research_master.pdf)

\* Note that those with a background in criminology must have a considerable amount of courses in law (in the order of 20%) during their undergraduate program.



## MEET OUR PROFESSORS

**Fabian Amtenbrink** holds the chair of European Union law at the Erasmus School of Law and is head of its department of European law. Previously he worked as an assistant professor



and associate professor at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen (Netherlands).

He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) and obtained a doctorate in law with distinction from the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen in 1998. He is a fully qualified lawyer in Germany (Assessor). He focuses on institutional and constitutional aspects of the

European Union and the legal aspect of European economic and monetary integration. He has published several books and put out numerous articles and book contributions in (inter) national legal and economic journals and edited volumes on institutional and substantive issues of European Union law and central banking. He presented papers and held guest lectures at the University of Oxford (United Kingdom), the Waseda University Tokyo (Japan), the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (Germany), the Università Bocconi (Italy), the International Monetary Fund (USA), the Bank of England, and the Bank of Botswana amongst others.

He teaches a general course on European Union law, as well as specialized courses such as on the institutional and constitutional law of the European Union, European internal market law, judicial protection in the European Union and European Economic and Monetary Union.



**Alessandra Arcuri** is Assistant Professor of Law & Economics and International Economic Law at Erasmus University, Rotterdam. She holds a law degree cum laude from Rome's La Sapienza University (1997), an LL.M. in Law and Economics with honors from Utrecht University (1998) and a Ph.D. from Erasmus University

Rotterdam (2005). In 2003-2004

Alessandra was a Global Fellow at NYU Law School and in Spring 2001 she was Marie Curie Fellow at Hamburg University. She has taught Law & Economics courses at the International Institute for Industrial Environmental

Economics, Lund University, Sweden, at the Maastricht University in cooperation with African Universities in Lomé, Togo, at the LUISS Management University of Rome, Italy and at the University of Siena, Italy. Alessandra has published several articles in the field of environmental law and economics and, in 2007, has been awarded an EUR-Fellowship to conduct research on the relationship between risk law and international trade law.

**Abiola Makinwa Falase (Abiola)**, LL.B (Ife), LL.M (Lagos), LL.M (Rotterdam), worked as a lecturer with the Faculty of Law of the Lagos State University Lagos Nigeria from 1988 – 1999,



where she gave lectures on the Nigerian Legal System, an Introduction to Maritime Law and The Carriage of Goods by Sea. She was also an associate with one of the leading commercial law firms in Lagos. In 1999, she moved to Holland and obtained the Erasmus specialised masters in Business and Trade Law (cum Laude).

Since then she has been a guest lecturer with the postgraduate

LL.M in International Business Law programme giving lectures on Contract Drafting and the Convention on the International Sale of Goods.

Her interests are focused on improving the efficacy of international trade particularly as regards its regulation and socio-economic impact. In December 2006 she became a PhD fellow with the Department of Private International and Comparative Law to research the issue of civil remedies for transnational bribery. Her research hopes to establish the scope and effect of civil liability for transnational bribery as an alternative to criminal sanctions under civil and common-law systems.

**Flora Goudappel** joined Erasmus University Rotterdam as a lecturer in 2002, where she teaches European Union law at bachelor and master level. She obtained degrees in English language and literature and in Dutch law (specializing in European Union law and public international law) at the University of Leiden. In 1997, she defended her PhD thesis on



Powers and Control Mechanisms in European Federal Systems at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

She was a deputy director of a research school at the University of Utrecht and worked as a drafter of legislation at the Dutch Ministry of Justice. She also held the position of deputy secretary-general of the International Association of Constitutional Law and is an active member of the European Group of Public Law. Research and teaching have brought her in many countries, including the United States, the Dutch Antilles, Senegal, Chile, Brazil and Iran.

**Krijn Haak** has been a professor of Private and Commercial Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam since 1991.



Following his studies at the University of Utrecht, Krijn Haak received his doctorate in 1984. He went on to become a lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of Leiden and later became an Assistant Professor at the University of Utrecht. In addition to his academic work he is also Judge in the District Court of Rotterdam and in the Court of Appeal of Arnhem. Krijn Haak is a

member of the editorial boards of several legal journals, including the Netherlands Magazine for Private Law, Ship and Damage and the Netherlands Lawyers Journal. He heads the Scientific Working Party on Lex Mercatoria of the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His list of publications reflects his expertise in the area of carrier's liability, freight, Transport and Maritime Law and Commercial Law in general.



**Rolanda Oostland** is an assistant professor at the department of public international law. In the Master's Program she teaches Human Rights in International Law and, together with other colleagues, Advanced Public International Law. In 2006 she received her doctoral degree from the University of Utrecht

for her PhD-thesis titled 'Non-Discrimination and Equality of Women: A Comparative Analysis of the Interpretation by the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women'. Before joining the Erasmus University in 2004 she taught international human rights

courses at different universities, such as the University of New South Wales in Australia, the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights and University College Utrecht. Previous work experience includes working as a researcher at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, practicing immigration law, doing research in a Kenyan refugee camp and internships with the UN and UNHCR.



**Fabián Raimondo** joined Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2006, where he teaches public international law, international criminal law, international dispute settlement, and the law of international organizations. Fabián obtained his Law Degree at the National University of La Plata,

Argentina, where he also got a

Master's Degree in International Relations. He defended his PhD thesis General Principles of Law in the Decisions of International Criminal Courts and Tribunals at the University of Amsterdam.

Fabián practised as a lawyer in Argentina since 1990, before he joined the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in 2000. Now he is a member of the List of Counsel of the International Criminal Court.

Professor **Paul Storm** started his professional career as a lawyer in 1963 and worked for NautaDutilh, a leading European Law firm, for more than 35 years, currently as a counsel. He was primarily engaged in work for international corporate clients. In 1984 he was appointed part-time professor of Law at Nyenrode Business University, where he taught International Business Law to students in the MBA programme as well as Company Law to Dutch students. He is very internationally orientated, did an internship at Linklaters, a global law firm in London, taught in China, and has been an active member of several international professional associations, including the International Bar Association. He is one of the general editors of The European Company, which was published in December 2005, and published many books and articles.







## POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S IN BUSINESS, CORPORATE AND MARITIME LAW

Globalisation and the increasing integration of world markets places new demands and challenges on law practitioners. Lawyers have to interact between national and international regulatory environments and negotiate and structure business transactions across countries. If you are a lawyer who is interested in this dynamic international world, you can pursue your ambitions with an LL.M. in Business, Corporate and Maritime Law. Within this Programme, a general option and three specialisations are offered:

- General Programme • Business Transactions • Corporate Law • Maritime Law

The Erasmus Postgraduate LL.M. in Business Corporate and Maritime Law is designed to provide candidates with the theoretical and practical knowledge to understand the global environment of international commercial practice. By focussing on current developments in the three core areas of business, corporate and maritime law, the programme gives lawyers the practical skills necessary to deal with business problems and disputes, whether in an international or national context. With an LL.M. in Business, Corporate and Maritime Law you are well placed to pursue career opportunities in business, international government, the legal profession and academia.

### Programme

The Postgraduate LL.M. in Business, Corporate and Maritime Law is a comprehensive full-time programme that combines course work and a written dissertation. In two semesters from September to June, students take courses on several subjects. All students follow a number of compulsory courses on Business and Trade Law.

Furthermore, you must choose a number of optional courses, the subjects of which are related to the specialisation chosen. Students who are aiming for a general LL.M. in Business, Corporate and Maritime Law may choose courses out of all optional courses offered within the Programme.

The combination of compulsory and optional courses give students a firm background on essentials of business and trade law and enable them also to choose a tailor-made programme. Throughout the year you will do research and write your dissertation on a topic in Business, Corporate or Maritime Law, which you must defend in June.

The mix of nationalities in the classroom offers students from different cultures different views on case studies and laws. Debating and analyzing are therefore essential parts of the study, skills that are crucial in your future career. It also includes a study visit to the European Union in Brussels and Luxembourg, and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

### Part-time Programme

You can also take the programme part-time. The part-time programme is identical in content and form to the full-time programme, except that the requirements must be met within a period of two consecutive years, instead of 10

months. This programme is primarily designed for practitioners and professionals seeking further education in the field of business and trade law. The courses in the part-time and the full-time programme will be conducted during the day.

### Specialisation Business Transactions

The specialisation Business Transactions offers optional courses, which concentrate on the transactional side of business life. These courses enable students to specialize in international contracts, comparative contract law and international dispute resolution. In all these courses both theoretical and practical aspects are considered, including the development of skills such as drafting international contracts. Furthermore, transaction lawyers also need to understand the business environment in which they operate. Courses such as Finance and Accounting and Management offer students the opportunity to develop their management and financial skills.

Career opportunities for students with a specialisation in Business Transactions can be found in business consultancy, as company lawyers, as legal advisors and as attorneys in commercial practice.

### Specialisation Corporate Law

This specialisation on Corporate Law covers corporate law issues and special topics of financial markets. The core of this specialisation concentrates on issues of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and corporate restructuring, such as tender offers, spin-offs, sell-offs equity carve-outs (ECOs), initial public offerings (IPOs), management buyouts (MBOs), but also on topics of financial derivatives and corporate governance. This specialisation contains intensive courses and

workshops in order to stimulate students to work on their personal skills and development, and their own knowledge. The financial topics will be discussed from different viewpoints (business economics, company law and tax law) and from an international perspective in order to prepare students for a career in the international financial world. Students of this specialisation will find their career as a lawyer in financial markets and international institutions as well as company lawyers and consultants in these fields. The job perspectives are very good.

### Specialisation Maritime Law

The specialisation on Maritime Law focuses on traditional aspects of maritime law including, Admiralty law, Carriage of Goods by Sea, Marine Insurance and Marine Cargo Claims. Aspects to be covered include an overview of international Conventions and other relevant regulations such as the Hague and Hague/Visby Rules, CMR and Montreal Convention. The course also examines well known transport-law problems: multimodal transport, the position of the freight-forwarder, the problem whom-to-sue in carriage over sea, lien on the cargo and the right to defend against third parties. Further subjects are: the liability of the sea- and road-carrier, arrest of vessels, flag and registration of vessels, priority of claims, salvage, limitation of maritime claims and the new rules of international private law. The Maritime Law specialisation is structured to equip graduates who wish to pursue careers in international transportation with the ability to serve in advisory positions to governments, in legal departments of shipping companies, ports authorities, as well as in the specialised field of maritime law litigation and arbitration.

### Admission criteria

To enter the postgraduate LL.M. Programme Business, Corporate and Maritime Law students must have completed academic education entitling them to enter the legal profession in their home country.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Degree:                  | Master in Laws (LL.M.)  |
| Programme Duration:      | academic year   |
| Start date:              | September   |
| Credits:                 | 60 ECTS   |
| Curriculum:              | 48 ECTS compulsory and optional courses, 12 ECTS dissertation |
| Application deadline:    | 1 May   |
| Tuition fee:             | € 10,950 (all students), € 6,450 (parttime)                   |
| Language of Instruction: | English   |

*Talent and ambition unite at Erasmus University Rotterdam. The LL.M. Business and Trade Law is a meeting-point for like-minded professionals from around the world. My peers are established lawyers, functioning as legislatures, holding diplomatic posts and managing law firms. We are encouraged to exchange ideas and contribute, which results in profound and fruitful discussions that sometimes persist even after the lectures. Needless to say, the academic strength and encouragement of the University's world-renowned lecturers is unmatched. Rotterdam scholars stand out due to their hands-on experience. Lecturers hold prestigious posts in the private sector, and occupy honorary positions on Boards and Committees in their respective fields of interest. One professor, for example, invited the class to his law firm to discuss how they had structured the KLM-Air France merger. Such first-class instruction ensures that Rotterdam LL.M.'s are second to none.*

**Raine Pulkkinen, Finland**

### Programme Coordinator

**Professor Filip De Ly** (born 1959) teaches private international law, comparative law and international business law. Professor De Ly has written 5 books (including International business law and lex mercatoria, Amsterdam, North Holland 1992) and co-authored/edited 5 books. He published some 80 articles, 14 case notes and 48 reports and book reviews. He is Chairman of the International Contracts Working Group (see Marcel Fontaine and Filip De Ly, Drafting International Contracts, An Analysis of Contract Clauses, Transnational, New York, 2006, 658 pp.). In 2002, he was appointed Chairman of the International Commercial Arbitration Committee of the International Law Association. He also is a member of the Arbitration Commission of the ICC, a member of the London Court of International Arbitration, a board member of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute and a Council Member of the ICC Institute of World Business Law. Filip De Ly studied at Ghent Law School (Belgium) and obtained a LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School in 1983. He has worked for the US-law firm Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in Brussels (1983-1986) and as Associate Professor at Utrecht Law School (The Netherlands).





## EUROPEAN MASTER OF LAW AND ECONOMICS

The European Master in Law and Economics (EMLE) is a joint programme organised by the Erasmus Mundus Law and Economics Consortium, of which seven European universities and one non-European university are full-members. For this programme a separate brochure and application form is available.

### General information

The programme covers one academic year. The courses start in the beginning of October and end in July. The academic year is subdivided into three terms. In the first term, courses are offered in Bologna, Hamburg and Rotterdam. In the second term students will study in Bologna, Gent or Hamburg. In the third term there is a wide gamut of courses and thesis topics to choose from. In addition to the universities already mentioned, courses and thesis supervision are offered in Aix-en-Provence, Manchester, Vienna and Haifa.

In order to make law students familiar with basic economic reasoning, some courses are more economic in orientation. Other courses deal with comparative law in order to internationalize the legal background of the students. Most courses are devoted to the economic analysis of the most important branches of private, public and European law. The references to law in the courses will be of a comparative kind,

due to the all-European character of the programme and the international composition of the audience. Students will be confronted with examples of their own and other legal systems. For a full course overview, please visit the EMLE website ([www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org))

### Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the EMLE Programme is € 4,500 for 'European' students and € 8,500 for Third Country students. According to the definitions of Erasmus Mundus, nationals coming from third countries are: 'Nationals coming from all countries other than the 27 EU Member States, the EEA-EFTA states (Island, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the candidate countries for accession to the EU (presently Croatia, Macedonia and Turkey), who are not residents of any of the above countries, and who have not carried out their main activities (studies, work, etc.) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in any of the above countries.'

### Admission criteria

The EMLE Programme is a postgraduate course. Preference will be given to applicants who already have a first masters degree. However, the minimum requirement for admission is a bachelor degree, provided that this degree leads up to employability in the relevant labour market. In particular with respect to the legal profession, stricter job qualifying criteria (first master degree) may be required by

national regulations. Applicants with a bachelor's degree only need to provide proof that this degree is an appropriate level of qualification for the labour market in their home country. Besides graduates in Law or Economics, also applicants with a first degree in business administration or in social sciences may apply under the condition that the completed study programme includes a substantial number of courses in law and/or economics.

The deadline for application is end of December for Third Country students and 31 March for European applicants. Details regarding the necessary documents are provided on the EMLE website ([www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org)). The application form in this brochure is not valid for the EMLE programme.

### Student scholarships

The Erasmus Mundus programme enables recognized Master's Courses to select highly qualified students for a scholarship. This scholarship amounts to € 21,000 per selected student. Annually, about 25 scholarships for students are available. A number of these scholarships is reserved for Asian students. Students coming from so-called Third Countries can apply for an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship. Furthermore, a maximum of 10 European students will be selected for an Erasmus Mundus Scholarship of € 3,100 to study in Haifa during the third term. For more information, please visit [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org).

### The EMLE as an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course

The EMLE Programme was recognized by the European Commission as an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in September 2004. The Programme was very positively evaluated by a panel of independent academic experts and chosen by the Selection Committee as one of only 19 out of 128 programmes. The EMLE Programme is the only Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in economics and one of the two in the legal discipline that were selected in the first round in 2004.

In 2002, the EMLE Programme was already selected as a Top Master in the Joint Masters Project of the European University Association (EUA), together with only 10 other networks.

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For the EMLE programme a separate brochure is available, downloadable from [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org).

*I have had a wonderful experience at Erasmus University Rotterdam. I highly value the time I have spent studying the LL.M programme on Business and Trade Law. There is a lot I have learnt within a very short time. The Professors are very competent in various areas of business law. The staff at the University are always willing to help. The University is also well equipped with technology, materials and facilities to enhance studies.*

*I always wanted to study in a reputable University and thanks to the Netherlands Fellowship Programme and Erasmus University Rotterdam I have achieved my goal.*

*This programme is up-to-date with contemporary International standards on legal education. Lawyers who pursue this programme are equipped with legal skills to critically analyze global legal business issues from a practical perspective.*

*I highly encourage lawyers considering pursuing an LL.M in Business and Trade Law to enroll at Erasmus School of law. It is a worthwhile decision and a rational choice.*

**Anmarie Mavinjina Nkelame, Uganda**



### GENERAL INFORMATION

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|--------------------------|--|
| Degree:                  | Master in Laws (LL.M.)   |
| Programme Duration:      | academic year  |
| Start date:              | October  |
| Credits:                 | 60 ECTS  |
| Curriculum:              | 50 ECTS compulsory and optional courses, 10 ECTS dissertation  |
| Application deadline:    | 31 March (EU/EEA), end of December (Third Country students)    |
| Tuition fee:             | € 4,500 (EU/EEA students),<br>€ 8,500 (Third Country Students) |
| Language of Instruction: | English  |



## EXCHANGE STUDENTS

**For daring international exchange students, Erasmus University Rotterdam offers specialised non-degree courses combined with a dynamic student life in the city of Rotterdam. Foreign students who want to spend a study period in Rotterdam can take up any one of the non-degree courses offered by our School of Law. The most important requirement is that students should at least be in their third year of university education.**

Students can come to Erasmus University Rotterdam within the framework of an exchange programme such as the Erasmus programme of the European Commission, or a bilateral agreement. Exchange students are usually entitled to special grants (such as funding offered in the Erasmus programme).

Detailed course information (e.g. course description, course workload, course assessment, course credits, course requirements and application procedures) is available on the website [www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/exchange](http://www.frg.eur.nl/english/education/exchange). All foreign students are expected to participate in the introduction week (incl. the lecture 'Introduction to Dutch law'), which will be offered at the beginning of each semester in order for you to get acquainted with the Dutch Law System and with your study companions.

Special student services and facilities offered by Erasmus University Rotterdam include:

- Erasmus Student Service Centre: the central service centre for students
- Accelerated visa procedure: this procedure is much faster than the usual visa procedures. Please note that early visa applications are essential
- Housing: student houses near the campus and in the city centre, see: [www.housing.eur.nl](http://www.housing.eur.nl)
- Introduction meetings: general meetings for first-year students or specific events per programme
- Social activities: Erasmus International Club
- Convenient campus facilities: library, sports centre, restaurants

Exchange students in the LLP-Erasmus programme and bilateral agreements are exempt from paying tuition fees.

If you want more information, download the brochure at [www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl](http://www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl) or e-mail the international office of the School of Law at [internationaloffice@frg.eur.nl](mailto:internationaloffice@frg.eur.nl)

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## SUPPORT SERVICE & CAMPUS LIFE

### International Office

The Erasmus International Office of the School of Law acts as a link between the academic staff, the university's administrative services and the LL.M. students. You can expect to receive help on anything from information about courses and grades, to getting advice about medical care, visa and housing.

Once you receive your letter of admission to the School of Law, you will be given access to our Admitted Students' site, which contains practical information to help you prepare for your stay in the Netherlands and your participation on the Programme. On arrival in the Netherlands, we will do all we can to help you settle into life in Rotterdam and the Erasmus University Rotterdam. You could say that the Erasmus International Office is your home base in the Netherlands.

The Erasmus Programmes begin with a one-week orientation introducing you to the campus, faculty, staff and each other. So it will not take you long to feel right at home at the start of your Rotterdam experience! During your participation in the Programme, you can meet fellow students and lecturers at the social events organised by the Erasmus International Office.

During the Programme, the Erasmus International Office organises a study trip, which will take you to the major European institutions. As well as consisting of highly interesting and educational visits, this trip is also an amazing experience to share with your fellow students. When you graduate from the Erasmus School of Law, you will automatically become a member of the Erasmus LL.M. Alumni Association. To help you keep informed of developments at the Erasmus School of Law, as well as news about alumni events and former students, we offer a digital alumni network, which can be accessed by all our alumni.

### General information

The Erasmus International Club introduces you to a number of Dutch and international student associations and organises a wide range of activities, such as dinners, drinks and cultural activities. You can also take part in events organised by the European Law Students' Association and the Law Faculty Association.

### Alumni

Choosing Erasmus University Rotterdam means become part of a life-long network of numerous successful EUR alumni across the world. EUR alumni are popular among employers world wide for their no-nonsense, hard working, analytical, pragmatic, social and communicative skills. Erasmus University Rotterdam has an extensive international network of alumni in over 40 different countries. Our alumni maintain ties with their Alma Mater through membership in local chapters. Famous EUR alumni include among others dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Former Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Ms. Neelie Kroes, European Commissioner for Competition.





## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Tuition Fees

The tuition fee for the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes at Master's level is set at € 1,565 for students from countries belonging to the European Union and European Economic Area (EU/EEA). Students from third countries (non-EU/EEA) pay a tuition fee of € 9,950. The tuition fee for the postgraduate LL.M. Business, Corporate and Maritime Law is set at € 10,950 for full time, and at € 6,450 for part-time students.

The tuition fee is payable upon admission. The tuition fee covers the costs of the programme, but does not include the course materials or accommodation and living expenses. Payment in instalments is possible on request and under certain conditions. Contact the Erasmus International Office for more information.

### Scholarships

Students seeking financial assistance for funding their LL.M. Programmes are invited to contact the Dutch Embassy in their home countries to see whether scholarships are available under bilateral conventions or other arrangements between their home country and the Netherlands. NUFFIC, the Central Dutch Information Office for International Relations gives you all the information you need on studying in the Netherlands and scholarships, please check [www.studyin.nl](http://www.studyin.nl). One important website for international students is [www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl).

The Erasmus School of Law established a scholarship programme funded by internal and external sources. Students with outstanding academic credentials, who can show that they cannot afford to pay the tuition fees, are invited to apply for a partial or full scholarship. A maximum of three scholarships is available.

Students who think they qualify for a tuition waiver are invited to send a formal letter applying for a tuition waiver, together with their application form, stating the reasons for their request. This application should include a complete financial statement.

### Cost of Living

To have a reasonable living standard in the Netherlands, you should have a minimal income of € 800 per month. Although this is certainly not much, you will be able to manage fairly comfortably.

### Accommodation

EUR is reconstructing Woudestein and Hoboken campus in an 'cit  universitaire', with a combination of academic activity, other knowledge-related activities, commerce, art and culture, recreation, sports and residential living for international students and staff.

Until that time students will be accommodated either in residences run by the university or in private rooms. Room prices range from € 350 to € 600 per month, for private rooms € 300 to € 550 per month, and for private apartments € 600 to € 1,500 per month. All houses and apartments are located in Rotterdam or in the immediate vicinity. The University will act as an intermediary for you in finding accommodation. For more information, see: [www.housing.eur.nl](http://www.housing.eur.nl)

### Health Care & Insurance

Students from outside the Netherlands are obliged to take out health and civil liability insurance for the duration of their stays in Rotterdam. The University does not accept any liability for medical or other unforeseen costs incurred by students. AON offers health insurance coverage to international students for about € 50 a month (for more information, go to the Internet: [www.myaon.nl/students/index.jsp](http://www.myaon.nl/students/index.jsp)). Students from countries within the EU should check their national insurance policies to make sure that they are covered for the duration of their stays in the Netherlands. All students are requested to supply the Erasmus International Office documentation evidencing sufficient health coverage.

### Visas

Whether a visa is required in order to be able to study in the Netherlands will depend upon the nationality of the student. You do not need a visa if you are a citizen of one of the countries belonging to the European Union or one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, USA, South Korea or Switzerland.

The Erasmus International Office makes use of the MVV procedure, a fast visa procedure. This procedure is remarkably faster than the usual visa procedures.

For more information please see page 22: conditions. Please note that early visa applications are necessary. For further information, we recommend that you check the NUFFIC website at [www.nuffic.net/immigration/](http://www.nuffic.net/immigration/).

On arrival, international students from non-EU/EER and other visa-required countries must register for a residence permit.

### How to apply?

To apply for an Erasmus LL.M. Programme, first read the chapter on Admission Criteria (please see page 24). Please fill out the complete the application form and submit it with the necessary documents. If you have any questions, check the guidance notes first. If the guidance does not answer your question, send an e-mail to [InformationDesk.LLM@law.eur.nl](mailto:InformationDesk.LLM@law.eur.nl). An application form can also be downloaded from our website at [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). The information on the European Master in Law and Economics can be found at [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org)





## ADMISSION CRITERIA

| Programme                                       | Degree | Entry requirements   | Start & Duration (full-time) | Annual tuition fee                       | Application deadline                          |
|---|--------|--|------------------------------|--|---|
| Commercial Law                                  | LL.M.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Degree, keen interest in commercial law</li> <li>• TOEFL 575 / 232 / 90 or IELTS 6.5*</li> <li>• Letter of motivation</li> <li>• Two letters of recommendation</li> </ul>   | September 1 year             | € 1,565 (EU/EEA)<br>€ 9,950 (Non EU/EEA) | 1 May (1 February scholarship applicants)     |
| International and European Public Law           | LL.M.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Degree</li> <li>• TOEFL 575 / 232 / 90 or IELTS 6.5*</li> <li>• Letter of motivation</li> <li>• Two letters of recommendation</li> </ul>  | September 1 year             | € 1,565 (EU/EEA)<br>€ 9,950 (Non EU/EEA) | 1 May (1 February scholarship applicants)     |
| Business, Corporate and Maritime Law            | LL.M.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Degree that gives access to the judicial profession</li> <li>• TOEFL 575 / 232/ 90 or IELTS 6.5*</li> <li>• Letter of motivation</li> <li>• Two letters of recommendation</li> </ul>  | September 1 year             | € 10,950                                 | 1 May (1 February scholarship applicants)     |
| Research Master Justice and Safety and Security | LL.M.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law/Criminology Degree</li> <li>• TOEFL 575 / 232/ 90 or IELTS 6.5*</li> <li>• Letter of motivation</li> <li>• Two letters of recommendation</li> <li>• Proposal individual study path</li> <li>• Short essay (1000 words) on topic related to individual study path</li> <li>• Interview</li> <li>• Average grade 7.5 (Dutch) / A (U.S. system)</li> </ul> | September 2 years            | € 1,565 (EU/EEA)<br>€ 9,950 (Non EU/EEA) | 1 May (1 February scholarship applicants)     |
| Erasmus Mundus Law and Economics                | LL.M.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For specific requirements, please see: <a href="http://www.emle.org">www.emle.org</a></li> </ul>  | October 1 year               | € 4,500 (EU/EEA)<br>€ 8,500 (non EU/EEA) | 31 March (EU/EEA)<br>20 December (non EU/EEA) |
|   |        | Other required documents, where applicable, are mentioned in the Guidance Notes (page 26)  |                              |  |   |

\* IELTS required for Chinese students

## GENERAL NOTES ON APPLYING TO OUR PROGRAMMES

This part contains important information on how to apply for admission as an Erasmus LL.M. student. Please read it carefully and save it for future reference. Further details on admission to the Erasmus LL.M. Programme can be found on the Internet at [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). To apply for the European Master in Law and Economics go to [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org). If you would like to enter the university as an exchange student, go to [www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl](http://www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl).

### Completing the Application Form

Some sections of the application form may not be relevant to all applicants. However, it is requested that candidates complete the form as fully as possible and attach any additional information they feel may be appropriate. Please note that all relevant documents should be attached. You can find a checklist at the end of the application form. We would like all documents to be A4 size (21 x 29,7 cm). Applications that are not properly completed might have to be returned to the candidates. Please use typescript or block capitals when completing the form.

### Application submission

Application deadlines are mentioned in the table above. Applications submitted after the indicated deadline will only be reviewed after approval of the relevant programme director. After admission, you will have to go through a number of administrative formalities. The Erasmus International Office has to collect all required documents to apply for your visa and arrange suitable accommodation. Therefore, applicants are advised to apply as early as possible. Application forms must be returned to the Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Erasmus School of Law  
International Office/LL.M. Programmes  
Room L5-006  
PO Box 1738  
3000 DR Rotterdam  
The Netherlands

In principle, the International Office only accepts original forms and documents (or original certified copies), unless clearly stated otherwise.





## GUIDANCE NOTES FOR LL.M. APPLICANTS

### APPLICATION FORM

The paragraphs in this guide correspond to the paragraphs on your application form. Before filling out this form, applicants are advised to read the information in this guide carefully. Each paragraph clearly mentions the specific documents you are requested to submit.

### A PROGRAMME

Applicants may only register for one Erasmus LL.M. Programme. Each Erasmus LL.M. Programme has set a minimum admission standard. The content and the academic admission criteria for each programme are mentioned in the brochure. You can also find this information on the Internet: [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). Only students that comply with the given criteria are invited to apply for admission. Some of our Erasmus LL.M. Programmes offer an opportunity to enrol in a part-time programme. Please contact the International Office for information on the availability of this option for the programme of your choice.

All applicants should include a motivation letter. This should be in the form of a personal essay explaining why they chose the Erasmus University, School of Law and the specific Erasmus LL.M. Programme (maximum of 500 words).

### B PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicants are requested to submit a copy of their passports for correct registration, along with three passport photos (3.5 x 4.5 cm). Please indicate your last name and initials on the back of each passport photograph.

#### Curriculum Vitae

All applicants should include an up-to-date curriculum vitae (resume) attached to this application on a separate page. The curriculum vitae should at least consist of the following categories: employment information (if applicable or relevant), other professional information and/or extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships, associations and courses) relevant to your application, relevant skills acquired (e.g. computer skills; please specify).

### Visa

As a service, the Erasmus International Office applies for student visas via a fast visa procedure. This procedure will take approximately two months and will only be initiated after unconditional admission, receipt of the tuition in full and when the necessary documents are received in good order. The International Office will provide you with more information on your visa application after admission. You do not need a visa if you are a citizen of one of the countries belonging to the European Union or one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, South Korea, Norway, USA or Switzerland.

### Health Insurance

All students need to have international health insurance for the course of their stay in the Netherlands. You can check with your health insurance company as to whether you have international insurance coverage. If this is not the case, we can help you apply for an 'Insurance Passport for AON Students' after admission.

The costs are about € 50 a month (for more information: [www.myaon.nl/students/index.jsp](http://www.myaon.nl/students/index.jsp)). If you currently have international health insurance, you are requested to submit a copy of your insurance policy.

### Postal Address

Please give the address to which you wish all your correspondence to be sent during the admission process. If this address is different from your home address, it is important that you supply us with both. If the correspondence is to be sent to a certain contact person and/or company, please indicate this clearly on your application form. Students should notify us immediately of any address changes, but only if the International Office is requested to change the address directly. The International Office cannot accept address changes for future processing.

### C ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

All non-native speakers must demonstrate their English proficiency with a test result in the International English Testing System (IELTS) or the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The required minimum score are mentioned in the table above. For more information, visit [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org) or [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org). The International Office will only accept original copies of TOEFL and IELTS test results. Please note that Erasmus International Office in principal does not accept any Institutional TOEFL scores. We do not request an English proficiency test if the student

holds a first degree or higher degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction. If this is the case, please provide us with a statement from the institution that the education was given in English. The required evidence should, if possible, be included with the complete application. If either unsatisfactory or no evidence of English language proficiency has been provided with the application, admission will be conditional upon provision of such evidence. If your TOEFL/IELTS is scheduled before the application deadline, you are requested to wait for the result before submitting your application.

### D ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

As indicated earlier, each Erasmus LL.M. Programme has set a minimum admission standard. The academic admission criteria for each programme are mentioned in the brochure. You can also find this information on the website: [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). Only students that comply with the given criteria are invited to apply for admission. All applicants should include original certified copies of degree(s) and transcript(s), including a list of grades and an official description of the grades. If these documents are not in English or Dutch, an official certified translation should accompany them. The lowest passing grade refers to the lowest grade within the grading system to pass a test. The average grade refers to the average grade obtained by the applicant. Students who expect to receive degrees after the application deadline, which are necessary for enrolment, are requested to submit the application as completely as possible and inform the International Office in a separate note accompanying the application, including the expected date of graduation. If admitted, the admission will be conditional upon receipt of a certified copy of the degree and final transcript.

### E REFERENCES

Applicants are requested to list the two persons who have been asked to write a letter of recommendation. Preferably, one letter of recommendation should be academic. The letters are to be signed, and preferably printed on letterhead. The International Office requests applicants to enclose the two letters of recommendation with the application form. Sending these letters separately, e.g. by the referee personally, could delay your application procedure. Please ensure that your referees are aware that they may be contacted regarding a reference.

### F FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Expected Expenses

The tuition fee for the LL.M. programmes at Master's level is fixed at € 9,950 for non-EU/EEA students and at € 1,565 for EU/EEA students, for one academic year (full-time). The tuition fee is payable upon admission. However, the fee does not include the costs of compulsory literature, readers etc.. The expenses related to purchasing the study material could range from € 45-180 per course. The tuition fee for the fulltime postgraduate Master in Business, Corporate and Maritime Law the tuition fee is set at € 10,950 and € 6,450 for the parttime programme.

To maintain a reasonable standard of living in the Netherlands, you should have a minimal income of € 750 per month. Erasmus University Rotterdam will try to arrange suitable accommodation for all foreign guests of the university. Prices for student rooms vary between € 300 and € 650 per month. Prices for apartments vary between € 650 and € 1,250. All prices include heating, gas, electricity and water charges. All rooms and apartments are furnished.

#### Financial statement

All applicants are requested to supply the International Office with a financial statement, unless we clearly indicate otherwise. The content of such a financial statement and the documents that should be attached depend on your financial situation.

#### Applicants with sufficient personal resources or a private sponsor

Applicants that will be funding the Erasmus LL.M. Programme by means of personal resources or a private sponsor are requested to send proof of sufficient financial support by means of a bank statement, demonstrating the ability to pay the tuition fee and living expenses ('expected expenses'). If a private sponsor is (partly) providing such a statement, please accompany the statement of account with a personally signed statement from the sponsor. The amounts should be preferably indicated in either Euro or USD.





### Scholarship applicants

Applicants, who do not have sufficient means for participation and therefore apply for a scholarship, are requested to indicate the name of the institution and scholarship on the application form. For more information on possible scholarships, see our website [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). If the scholarship covers the total sum of the tuition fee, scholarship applicants do not have to send us a financial statement, except for waiver applications (please see below). If the scholarship does not cover the tuition fee (in full), scholarship applicants are requested to provide us with a bank statement mentioned in the paragraph above, for the amount of the tuition fee not covered by the scholarship.

### Waiver applicants

The International Office offers a (partial) tuition waiver in exceptional cases. Only applicants with highly qualified legal skills will be taken into consideration. Students will have to prove their excellent academic legal skills by means of their academic documents (see article D. Academic Qualification). Requests for waivers can be sent to the International Office. Your financial statement should consist of a motivation letter, including a description of your financial position and an indication of the maximum total amount that you and/or a private sponsor are able to contribute, along with a bank statement preferably in either Euro or USD. Only complete waiver applications will be reviewed. Please note: usually you can only apply for one scholarship.

### HSP Huygens Programme

The Huygens Scholarship Programme (HSP) is open to students from all countries of the world. It is aimed at excellent students who want to come to the Netherlands in the final phase of their bachelor's studies or during their master's studies.

### Ford Foundation International Fellowships Programme

The Ford Foundation's International Fellowships Programme (IFP) provides opportunities to exceptional individuals for advanced study. If you are a national or resident of an eligible IFP country and would like to study in Europe, Nuffic can act as a placement partner for you.

For information on all available scholarships, please check: [www.grantfinder.nl](http://www.grantfinder.nl)

### G SURVEY

Because the Erasmus International Office is always interested in improving the Erasmus LL.M. Programme and aims to attract a growing number of international students with maximum potential, we would like you to tell us how you learned about the Erasmus LL.M. Programme. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

### H CHECKLIST

As indicated before, all relevant documents should be attached to your application. You can find more information on the nature of these documents in this application guide. In the checklist you will find a list of all the documents mentioned in the guide. Please note that not all documents in the checklist are relevant to your application. Please provide an explanation on a separate sheet if you did not provide us with relevant documents. We request all documents to be on A4 paper (21 x 29,7 cm). Applications that are not properly completed may have to be returned to the candidates.

### I DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing the declaration, you are acknowledging the information provided in the declaration. You can find the general conditions of the Erasmus LL.M. Programme on our website [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org).

## ERASMUS LL.M. APPLICATION FORM

Before completing the application form, applicants are advised to carefully read the information in the 'guidance notes for LL.M. applicants'. The paragraphs in this application form correspond with the paragraphs in the guide. Applications that are not properly completed may have to be returned to the candidates.

### A PROGRAMME

You are applying for the following programme (please choose one programme and one related specialisation)\*:

- Master's level
    - Master of Laws/Rechtsgeleerdheid, specialisation International and European Public Law (fulltime and part-time)
    - Company and Commercial Law/Bedrijfsrecht, specialisation Commercial (only fulltime)
    - Research Master in Justice and Safety & Security (2 years)
  - Postgraduate level (fulltime and part-time)
    - Business, Corporate and Maritime Law
      - Specialisation Business Transactions
      - Specialisation Corporate Law
      - Specialisation Maritime Law
      - General Programme
- fulltime    parttime

Academic year:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever registered at Erasmus University Rotterdam as a student?    no    yes

registration number:

\_\_\_\_\_

### B PERSONAL INFORMATION

Mr    Mrs    Miss    Ms\*

First name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Last name (family name):

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Initials:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male    Female\*

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):

\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth (city, country):

\_\_\_\_\_

Nationality:

\_\_\_\_\_

Marital status:

unmarried    married    living together    divorced\*

Passport number:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of issue (dd/mm/yy):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of expiry (dd/mm/yy):

\_\_\_\_\_

Profession:  student    lawyer    legal advisor    other\* (please indicate):

Institution/company:

\_\_\_\_\_

\* Please tick where appropriate

RETURN ADDRESS: ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM, INTERNATIONAL OFFICE, ROOM L5-006, PO BOX 1738, 3000 DR ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS



**As to the application of your visa, you declare\*:**

- to be a citizen of one of the countries belonging to the European Union or of: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, USA, or Switzerland and do not need to apply for a student visa for the Netherlands.
- to be a citizen from a country that is subject to visa applications for the Netherlands and request Erasmus University Rotterdam to arrange your visa via a fast visa procedure

**As to health insurance, you declare\*:**

- to have a health insurance on arrival that covers your study period in the Netherlands. You will attach a copy of your international insurance policy to your application.  
Insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance no: \_\_\_\_\_
- not to have health insurance that covers your stay in the Netherlands. You therefore request Erasmus University Rotterdam to assist in applying for a 'International Student Passport' with aon insurance prior to arrival.

**C ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

**As to your English Language Proficiency, you declare that\*:**

- English is your mother tongue
  - you are holding a first or higher degree from an institution in which English is the primary language
  - you took an IELTS test
- Date (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

- you took a TOEFL test
- Date (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

Score obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Score obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

- you will be taking the IELTS or TOEFL test on (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address**

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code and city: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone (please indicate country code): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal address for correspondence**

(only if different from home address)

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person (only if correspondence should not be addressed to your name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code and city: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone (please indicate country code): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**D ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

Type of degree\*:  Bachelor  Master

Study\*:  Law  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Other relevant education**

Study\*:  Law  Other\* (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Specialisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of University/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Place and Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Grading scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Grading scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Lowest passing grade/Average grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Lowest passing grade/ Average grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**E REFERENCES**

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss\*

Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss\*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number (please indicate country/area code): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please tick where appropriate

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## F FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### How will you finance your tuition fee and your stay in the Netherlands?

(Note: more than one option is possible)\*:

- Personal resources
- A third private person (e.g. family) or institution will pay for your living expenses  
Name of private sponsor:  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Scholarship:
  - Ford  Huygens  STUNED
  - Waiver  Other (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount awarded: \_\_\_\_\_  Tuition fee: € \_\_\_\_\_

Living expenses: € \_\_\_\_\_

Other: € \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for scholarship application (dd/mm/yy):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## G SURVEY

Please indicate how you initially learned about the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes\*:

- www
- education exhibition
- contacts with Erasmus University Rotterdam (phone, visit)
- brochures
- advertising (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

- family, friends
- graduates of our programmes (alumni)
- others (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for or do you intend to apply for an LL.M. Programme at another university?  
 no  yes, at (please specify):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## H CHECKLIST

You can find information on what documents to attach in our 'Guidance Notes for LL.M. Applications' in the brochure. The numbers below correspond with the numbers in the guidance notes. Please, consult this guide carefully before submitting your application.

I have included the following documents with my application\*:

- 1 Motivation Letter  yes  no
- 2 Copy of Passport  yes  no
- 3 Three Passport Photographs  yes  no
- 4 Curriculum Vitae (resume)  yes  no
- 5 Copy of health insurance  yes  no
- 6 Evidence of English Proficiency  yes  no
- 7 Original certified (translated) copies of degree(s) and transcript(s), including a list of grades and an official description of the grades  yes  no
- 8 Two Letters of Recommendation  yes  no
- 9 Financial Statement  yes  no

## I DECLARATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the information I have provided on this application and in any attached materials is accurate and complete. I understand that incomplete information could delay the application process and I understand that any incorrect information will render the application invalid. I understand that I am obliged to notify the Erasmus International Office immediately if there are any changes in the information I have provided. I hereby also accept the general conditions for the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes.

Name of applicant:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date (dd/mm/yy):  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, country:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\* Please tick where appropriate

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## VISITING THE ERASMUS SCHOOL OF LAW

You are welcome to make an appointment to meet with staff of the Erasmus International Office prior to entry. We will be happy to introduce you to the Erasmus University Rotterdam and to help you with any questions you may have about participation in the programme. Please contact the International Office for an appointment.

### Further enquiries

If you have any questions about admission or the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes, please contact:  
Erasmus University Rotterdam  
Erasmus School of Law  
International Office  
Room L5-006  
PO Box 1738  
3000 DR Rotterdam  
The Netherlands  
Phone number: +31 10 408 97 64  
Fax number: +31 10 408 91 75  
E-mail: InformationDesk.LLM@law.eur.nl

### Visiting address

Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, room L5-006  
3062 PA Rotterdam

### Newsletter

If you would like us to keep you informed about the Erasmus LL.M. Programmes, please submit your name and e-mail address on our website [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org). During the year you will receive several electronic newsletters, with updates on the programme, testimonials from students and more information about studying and living in Rotterdam.

**Erasmus University Rotterdam**  
**Erasmus LL.M.-programme:**  
[www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org)  
[www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org)  
[www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl](http://www.prospectivestudents.eur.nl)

**Erasmus University Rotterdam:**  
[www.eur.nl/english](http://www.eur.nl/english)  
[www.eur.nl/esscinternational](http://www.eur.nl/esscinternational)

**Rotterdam**  
**Rotterdam city:**  
[www.vvrotterdam.nl](http://www.vvrotterdam.nl)

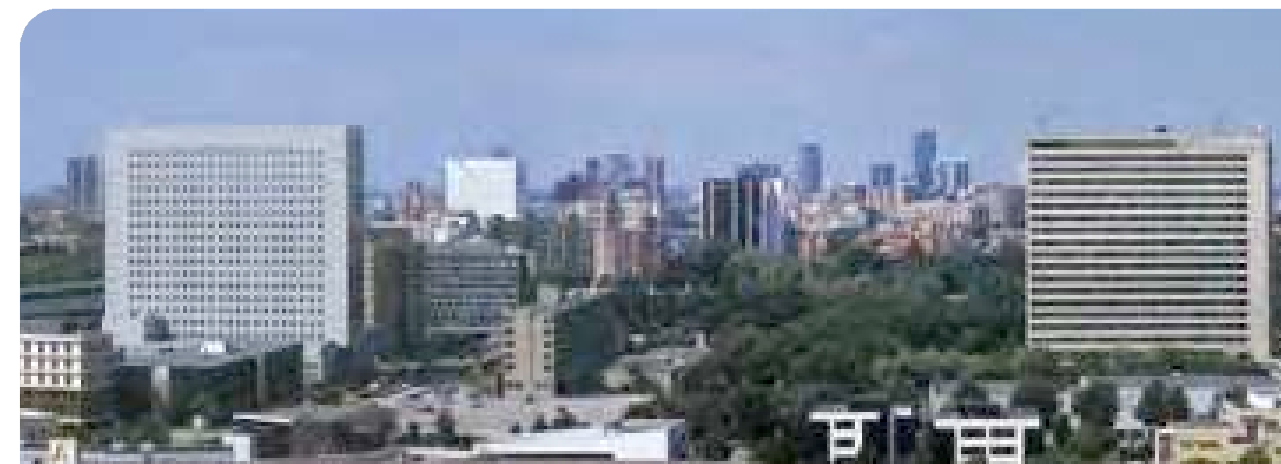
**Rotterdam port:**  
[www.portofrotterdam.com](http://www.portofrotterdam.com)

**The Netherlands**  
**General information:**  
[www.visitholland.com](http://www.visitholland.com)

**Information on study & scholarships:**  
[www.nuffic.nl](http://www.nuffic.nl)  
[www.studyin.nl](http://www.studyin.nl)

**Information on healthcare and insurance:**  
[www.acepolis.com/ips](http://www.acepolis.com/ips)

Downloads of the brochure and the application form can be found at [www.llm-erasmus.org](http://www.llm-erasmus.org) and [www.emle.org](http://www.emle.org)





## ALUMNI: EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

### A testimonial by Erasmus Alumni Nathan O'Malley

'I moved to Rotterdam from Sacramento, California in August of 2000 to join the LL.M. Business and Trade Law Program for that year. I had chosen Erasmus University after being introduced to the program through a friend of mine from law school, Edi Goodman, who consequently also enrolled and graduated from the LL.M. Program that same year. I chose Erasmus over other programs due to the fact that I wanted to get a degree in an environment that was influenced heavily by the Civil Law approach, as opposed to a Common Law jurisdiction such as my own, California. After researching it a bit more, I also appreciated the practical approach adopted by Erasmus, insofar as emphasis was put on the application of the law to "real-life" commercial situations and not simply theory.

My time at Erasmus was thoroughly enjoyable and well worth the effort. I very much enjoyed the learning environment fostered there and the availability of the professors. The class of 2000/2001 was truly international, as we had students from all parts. A typical social gathering would include lawyers from various countries of Africa, Brazil, Spain, Turkey, Russia, Germany and of course the Netherlands, as well as others. As a result, good connections, both socially and on a professional level were established and to this day I still maintain active friendships with a number of my colleagues from Erasmus.

Following graduation in 2001 through the efforts of one of the lecturers in the LL.M. Program, I was put into contact with a firm in the Netherlands. After a short internship I joined the firm of Van Mens & Wisselink as a member of their international arbitration practice group in early 2002 and still continue to practice there. Thus what initially was supposed to be a one year stay has turned into six years. My practice primarily is focused on international commercial arbitration, and we handle on a typical basis construction and commercial disputes under a diverse set of arbitral rules such as those of the International Chamber of Commerce ('ICC') or World Intellectual Property Organization ('WIPO'). Since graduating from the program I have been involved as counsel in approximately 10 international arbitrations, representing in most instances Dutch and American parties. I've also been given the opportunity to publish a number of articles on the topic of arbitration and international contracts in general, as well as guest lecture at Erasmus on various related topics, for which I am grateful.'

### A testimonial by Erasmus Alumna Marta Borrat I Frigola

'July 1999. I received my law school diploma from the University of Girona, Catalunya, Spain. Before I was confronted with the question "and now what?" I chose to enroll in the business and trade law LLM program organized by Erasmus University Rotterdam. I wanted to understand law at another level. Being in an international environment with lawyers of other countries would help me contrasting my law system against others and also my way at looking at legal problems.

Unexpectedly my paper on women's rights won an award, which allowed me to follow an internship at the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. This occurred right after I was accepted in Rotterdam. On the one hand, I wanted that internship badly, on the other, I did not want to miss the opportunity of spending a year among talented law graduates of other countries and learn another level of law that you do not get to learn if you only stay at your home university. Fortunately my place at the LLM was reserved and could follow it in 2000-2001.

The LLM did not only allow me to meet brilliant lawyers of other countries, a bunch of good friends and satisfy my expectations; it also became my ticket to my first job. I started as a paralegal at the law firm Simmons & Simmons (former Nolst Trenite). While assisting in international arbitrations, I qualified as a Dutch lawyer. In the meantime I started to learn more about privacy law. It was more a hobby than anything else, but after the publication of a few articles and assisting a number of clients on data protection, I saw that it was an interesting and yet unknown area of law that needed to be further explored.

In 2006 I left Simmons & Simmons to practice privacy law in house at ABNAMRO Bank. Currently I am fully dedicated to data protection. Personal data have become a new trade. I work where I always dreamed of working: in an international environment where complicated legal issues need to be solved as practically as possible. It all started with a letter to Rotterdam in July 1999.'

