

At Louvain-la-Neuve - 60 credits - 1 year - Day schedule - In EnglishDissertation/Graduation Project : **YES** - Internship : **NO**Activities in English: **YES** - Activities in other languages : **NO**Activities on other sites : **optional**Main study domain : **Sciences juridiques**Organized by: **Faculty of Law and Criminology (DRT)**Programme acronym: **DRIN2MC** - Francophone Certification Framework: 7**Table of contents**

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DRIN2MC - Introduction

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The Master's in International Law offers high-level specialized training in public and/or private international law. This Master's degree offers you the opportunity to follow three different courses:

- Public International Law, entirely in English and partly in distance learning (edX): In distance learning, students take the entire Micromaster (verified certificate part, 5 MOOCS) before and/or during the year of enrolment in the DRIN2MC program. The teaching units corresponding to the 5 MOOCS are therefore not taken at Louvain-La-Neuve; only the face-to-face teaching units are taken at Louvain-La-Neuve.
- Public International Law stream, entirely in English and on campus: students take all units in Louvain-La-Neuve.
- Private International Law, partly in English and on-campus: students follow all courses in Louvain-La-Neuve.

Your programme

The Master of Specialization in International Law is an academic year-long program (60 credits) consisting of two main sets of activities:

- compulsory activities (36 credits), including a final project developed as part of the directed seminar in international law;
- 24 credits to be chosen from a list of teaching units

DRIN2MC - Teaching profile

Learning outcomes

The Advanced Master in international law is designed to provide students who have completed their studies in law with a specialized high level training in international law, covering both international public law as well as international private law. In line with the tradition established for many years at Louvain, this specialized training in international law is also firmly anchored in European law.

Programme structure

The Advanced Master in international law is a programme lasting one academic year (60 credits) made up of three main groups of activities : seven compulsory courses (35 credits), two optional subjects chosen from a wide range of option courses (10 credits) and a final assignment done in the context of a special seminar on international law and lectures on current issues (15 credits). These sessions, as well as certain other compulsory courses and some optional subjects, are reserved for students taking the Advanced Master.

DRIN2MC Programme

Detailed programme by subject

CORE COURSES

- Mandatory
- ⊗ Optional
- △ Not offered in 2026-2027
- ⊖ Not offered in 2026-2027 but offered the following year
- ⊕ Offered in 2026-2027 but not the following year
- △ ⊕ Not offered in 2026-2027 or the following year
- Activity with requisites
- ⊕ Open to incoming exchange students
- ⊖ Not open to incoming exchange students
- [FR] Teaching language (FR, EN, ES, NL, DE, ...)

Click on the course title to see detailed informations (objectives, methods, evaluation...)

⊗ International Public Law programme – entirely in English – partially distance learning

● Tronc commun

Distance learning (40 credits) : students enroll on edX and gain the Verified Certificates for the following online courses:

● LDROI2103	Public International Law	Pierre d'Argent	EN [q1] [45h+4h] [6 Credits] ⊕
● LDREU2211	International Investment Law	Yannick Radi	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕
● LDROP2091	International Protection of Human Rights	Olivier De Schutter	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕
● LDROP2162	International Humanitarian Law	Jérôme De Hemptinne Raphael Van Steenberghe	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] ⊕
● LDRIN2200	Master Thesis		EN [q1+q2] [] [15 Credits] ⊕
● BDRHO2131M	Asylum and Refugee Law - Mooc		EN [q2] [] [4 Credits] ⊕

● Cours aux choix

On campus learning: 4 of the 5 following courses - at least 20 credits

✘ LDRIN2001	Theory and History of International Law	Yannick Radi	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDRIN2002	International, Diplomatic, Consular and Immunities Law	Frédéric Dopagne	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2161	International Law of the Sea and of the Environment		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2182	International Organizations, Peace and Security	Yannick Radi	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2184	International Disputes Settlement		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] Δ 🌐

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○ Cours au choix

✘ LDROP2091	International Protection of Human Rights	Olivier De Schutter	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2093	Leading cases of the European Court of Human Rights		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

✘ International Private Law programme - partly in English - on campus

○ Cours obligatoires

○ LDRIN2001	Theory and History of International Law	Yannick Radi	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDRIN2002	International, Diplomatic, Consular and Immunities Law	Frédéric Dopagne	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDREU2211	International Investment Law	Yannick Radi	EN [q1] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDROI2102	Private international law	Stéphanie Francq	FR [q1] [45h+4h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDROP2171	European Civil Procedure	Eduardo Alvarez Armas	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDROP2172	Private international law and fundamental rights	Stéphanie Francq	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDROP2173	Private International Law	Eduardo Alvarez Armas Stéphanie Francq	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
○ LDRIN2200	Master Thesis		EN [q1+q2] [] [15 Credits] 🌐

○ Cours au choix

✘ LDROP2041	International Business Agreements	Eduardo Alvarez Armas Enguerrand Marique	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2043	Alternative Methods of Settlement of Commercial Disputes	Jean-François Tossens	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2091	International Protection of Human Rights	Olivier De Schutter	EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ LDROP2093	Leading cases of the European Court of Human Rights		EN [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐
✘ BDRHO2131	Asylum and Refugee Law	Tresor Maheshe Musole Sylvie Sarolea	FR [q2] [30h] [5 Credits] 🌐

The programme's courses and learning outcomes

For each UCLouvain training programme, a [reference framework of learning outcomes](#) specifies the the skills expected of every graduate on completion of the programme. Course unit descriptions specify targeted learning outcomes, as well as the unit's contribution to reference framework of learning outcomes.

DRIN2MC - Information

Access Requirements

In the event of the divergence between the different linguistic versions of the present conditions, the French version shall prevail.

Decree of 7 November 2013 defining the landscape of higher education and the academic organization of studies.

The admission requirements must be met prior to enrolment in the University.

Unless explicitly mentioned, the bachelor's, master's and licentiate degrees listed on this page are to be understood as those issued by an institution of the French, Flemish or German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy.

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SUMMARY

- [General access requirements](#)
- [Specific access requirements](#)

General access requirements

Translated from https://www.gallilex.cfwb.be/fr/leg_res_01.php?ncda=39681&referant=l02

Art. 112. of the "Décret définissant le paysage de l'enseignement supérieur et l'organisation académique des études" :

§ 1. In accordance with the general requirements established by the academic authorities, students who have:

1. a master's degree;
2. an academic degree similar to the one mentioned in the preceding paragraph awarded by a higher education institution in the Flemish Community or the German-speaking Community, or by the Royal Military Academy, by virtue of a decision of the academic authorities and in accordance with any additional requirements they may establish;
3. a foreign academic degree deemed equivalent to the one mentioned in paragraph 1, in accordance with this Decree, a European directive, an international convention or other legislation, in accordance with the same requirements.

The additional admission requirements referred to in paragraph 2 are intended to ensure that the student has acquired the knowledge and skills required for the studies in question. When the additional admission requirements consist of one or more additional course units, these may not represent more than 60 additional credits for the student, taking into account all the credits that he or she may otherwise use for admission. These course units are part of the student's study programme.

§ 2. In accordance with the general requirements established by the academic authorities, a student who holds a title, diploma, degree or certificate of higher education, in the French Community or outside it, which does not grant him or her eligibility for admission to a specialised master's course by virtue of the preceding paragraph, may nevertheless be admitted by the jury of the course in question, in accordance with the additional requirements that it establishes, if the totality of the higher education that he or she has completed or the expertise that he or she has acquired is valued by the jury to be at least 240 credits.

§ 3. By way of derogation from these general requirements, the academic authorities may also admit to a specialised master's course holders of a title, diploma, degree or certificate awarded outside the French Community which, in that system of origin, grants direct eligibility for postgraduate studies, even if the studies sanctioned by these credentials are not organised into distinct degree courses or within a time period of at least five years.

Specific access requirements

Admission to the Advanced Master in International law is based on application. Access based on application means access may be granted either directly or on the condition of completing additional courses of a maximum of 60 ECTS credits, or refused.

Access based on application

The specific eligibility criteria for this programme are as follows:

Applicants must hold a Belgian master in laws or a foreign law degree that is considered equivalent, and must have obtained high grades during their studies. The degree must be awarded by an academic institution listed in the [IAU](#) or [AUF](#) database.

The jury may also grant access to the programme to holders of other Belgian master degrees or other foreign degrees that are considered equivalent, if in its judgment the programme at stake included a significant legal dimension, and provided that students obtained high grades during their studies.

Eligibility is determined by the jury based on all elements in their admission file. Inter alia, it takes into account: the profile of previous education, a possible professional experience to the extent it is deemed relevant and significant, the motivation and training objectives, as well as the level of command of English (and, at the very least for the private international law option, of French).

Candidates must provide proof of sufficient command of English at level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference. Official language proficiency certification must be issued by an organisation recognised as a full member of [ALTE](#). Examples of tests recognised by the selection panel for English: IELTS, TOEFL ibt, TOEIC, Cambridge English ([how to find a test centre near you](#)).

(* In the absence of an official certificate issued by an organisation recognised as a full member by [ALTE](#), a certificate of attendance for language courses at the required level in the student's previous academic career, officially certified (diploma, transcripts, university certificate), may be accepted. The jury reserves the right to request an official certificate issued by a recognised body if it deems it necessary.

Students who have a parallel professional occupation (lawyers, diplomats posted in Brussels, EU officials, etc.) may be authorized to break down their programme over two academic years, in accordance with UCLouvain rules.

Applications must be submitted in accordance with general rules of UCLouvain, using the [online procedure](#).

Teaching method

Most courses offered within the Advanced Master in International Law are based on interactive teaching methods. In some of them, students are called upon to read materials beforehand, which enables them to engage with the selected topics and discuss them during the courses.

As the number of students is limited, they have access to a personalized supervision by professors, particularly on the occasion of the preparation of their Master's essay. The latter's subject-matter is determined by each student, in cooperation with one of the professors of the programme.

Evaluation

The evaluation methods comply with the [Academic regulations and procedures](#). More detailed explanation of the modalities specific to each learning unit are available on their description sheets under the heading "Learning outcomes evaluation method".

The final assessment is continuously assessed ; there is also an assessment of the written overview and the dissertation. Apart from this, assessment is through written or oral examinations.

Mobility and/or Internationalisation outlook

The nature of the programme makes it attractive to foreign students; a large majority of students from foreign universities usually attend.

Possible trainings at the end of the programme

Le Master complémentaire en droit international s'inscrit dans la suite du Master en droit, il est accessible aux titulaires d'une formation en sciences juridiques ou d'une autre formation au contenu juridique marqué.

Contacts

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Denomination

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Acronym

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