



LL.M. in European Competition and IP law

Full English Programme



› The LL.M. in a nutshell

The LL.M. in European Competition and IP law offers:

- A full set of cutting-edge courses in IP and competition law, taught by international specialists and leading practitioners;
- Seminar-sized groups of students;
- Interactive lectures, based on reading assignments, comments and discussion;
- A complete choice of conferences and workshops focusing on hot legal topics;
- Opportunities for summer placement in law firms;
- Networking opportunities with many legal professionals;
- Possibilities for students to author case notes in the online law journal e-Competitions (www.concurrences.com).

Disclaimer:

The information presented is subject to changes. Applicants are therefore invited to consult the website of the Institute for European Legal Studies at www.ieje.net, or to contact the Institute for up-to-date information at ieje@ulg.ac.be.

➤ COURSES

A unique feature of our LL.M programme is to offer students an opportunity to acquire professional skills in two highly specific fields of European law, unlike other programmes which offer a mixture of disparate courses in European law.

The programme's duration covers a period of one year (60 ECTS-credits). Students may however split the LL.M. programme over a period of two years. The academic year takes place over two periods of 4 months, named "quadrimesters". The first quadrimester runs from September to December. It is followed by an exam session in January. The second quadrimester runs from February to May. It is followed by an exam session in June. Students graduate normally in June. They may, however, graduate in September, should they decide to write their dissertation during the summer.

Compulsory courses (275 hours – 36 credits)

	HOURS	CREDITS
<i>Advanced European Competition Law</i> <i>Nicolas Petit</i> Location : EDHEC Business School (Lille)	60h	6
<i>Patents (+ exercises 15h)</i> <i>Christof Roox</i>	30h	5
<i>EU Trademark Protection</i> <i>Paul Maeyert</i>	30h	4
<i>Intellectual Property and Competition law</i> <i>David Hull and Alain Strowel</i>	30h	4
<i>The Law and Economics of State Aid and other Anti-Competitive State Interventions</i> <i>Jacques Derenne and David Spector</i> Location : Brussels School of Competition	15h	2
<i>Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in the EU and the WTO (+ exercises 15h)</i> <i>Daniel Gervais</i>	30h	5
<i>Copyright and new technologies (Seminars)</i> <i>Véronique Delforge</i>	45h	5
<i>Designs</i> <i>Charles-Henry Massa</i>	10h	1
<i>IP Enforcement</i>		

<i>Christof Karl</i>	10h	1
Special Questions of EU Competition Law <i>Jean-Yves Art and Jean-François Bellis</i>	-	2
Legal Writing Seminary <i>Andrew Fine</i>	15h	1

Optional courses (2 x 30 hours – 2 x 3 credits)

Students select one course between :	30h	3
EU Competition procedure and Institutions <i>Nicolas Petit</i>		
Case Studies in EU Competition Law <i>Luc Gyselen</i>		

Students select one course between :	30h	3
Economic Theory of Competition and Regulation <i>Axel Gauthier</i>		
International Strategy <i>Thomas Froelicher</i>		

Master's thesis + workshops (15 credits)

The Master's thesis module covers:

- The obligation to take part to 5 of the 10 workshops organized on competition or IP law topics.
- The writing of a Master's thesis (coordination: R. Munoz - 6h).

Subject to approval from the LL.M. Director, students may be allowed to substitute the writing of their Master's thesis by a two-month traineeship.

Workshops 2010-2012

(Each workshop has a duration of 6 hours.)

- The Law of Geographical Indications, Quality Labelling and Certification - E. De Gryse (Simon Braun)
- Unfair Competition Law – A. Kamperman Sanders (University of Maastricht)
- IP Protection for Biotechnologies and Other Technologies - S. Bostijn (University of Amsterdam)
- Related Rights - de F. Brison (Hoyng Monegier and KUB)
- Intellectual Property and Innovation Technologies Management – J.-F. Serrier (Solvay)
- The Regulation of Counterfeited Goods - R. Munoz (European Commission and ULg)
- Introduction to US Antitrust Law - D. Hull (Covington and Burling)
- Selected Questions of Private International Law in Relation to Intellectual Property Rights - P. Wautelet (ULg)
- Pharmaceutical Industry - O. Lemaire (Glaxo)
- WTO Law & Intellectual Property and Competition Issues - D. Luff (Luff and Appleton)
- Introduction to Belgian Competition Law – C. Verdonck (Altius)

Memorandum

Two courses of the Full-English LL.M. programme are outsourced:

- The **Advanced European Competition Law** course taught by *Nicolas Petit* takes place at the EDHEC Business School, Lille, France. (<http://www.edhec.edu/>).
- The course on **The Law and Economics of State Aid and other Anti-Competitive State Interventions** taught by *Jacques Derenne* and *David Spector* is given at the Brussels School of Competition, Brussels, Belgium (http://vbo-feb.be/en/brussels_school_of_competition/).

Students are required to reach the teaching location by their own means. The Liège railway station offers a high speed rail network linking the city of Liège to Europe – Brussels (90km), Luxembourg (140km), Lille (200km), Amsterdam (340km), Paris (380km) and London (430km), while Maastricht is only a stone throw away.

For more information regarding travel opportunities by rail, please visit the national rail company website: <http://www.b-rail.be>.

- The **Copyright and new technologies** course will take the form of seminars given by *Véronique Delforge*. In line with the Anglo-Saxon teaching method,

students will be referred to textbooks and readings that will then be discussed through short seminars.

- Regarding the **Special Questions of EU Competition** class, students are exempted from the oral course. Students are required to draft a paper on a topical law subject in the field of EU competition law.

For more information regarding the content of the other courses of the LL.M., please check our bilingual brochure: <http://www.ieje.net/Presentation.23.0.html>.

➤ **GENERAL INFORMATIONS**

Admission requirements

The LL.M. in European Competition and IP law is open to all applicants holding either a Bologna Master's degree or a degree that is deemed equivalent by the admission commission.

The Full-English version of the LL.M. is only accessible to non-EU students.

EU students must opt for the bilingual (French/English) version of the LL.M. (for more information, see: <http://www.ieje.net/Presentation.23.0.html>).

Fees

The University of Liège is a government-funded institution, whose fees are regulated.

The basic tuition fee for the academic year 2011-2012 amounts to 835€
In addition, non EU-students are charged an extra fee comprised between 1.923€ and 2.500 €, according to their country of origin.

For more information regarding the fees for non EU-students, please email the admission service: admission.horsue@ulg.ac.be.

Registration form

The registration form can be downloaded directly from the University of Liège website: https://my.ulg.ac.be/MyULg/PA_xt/formDemandePa.do.