



Master Forensics, Criminology and Law

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Master's Open Day
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What information will you get?

- **Goal, rationale and main features of the Master FCL**
- **Programme**
- **Admission**
- **Practical aspects**
- **Career perspectives**

Features education

- Most interdisciplinary master within the faculty of law
- Social relevance and topicality
- Problem based learning
- Electronic learning environment



Learning goals

- Developments and causes of crime
- Insight in role of legal practitioners and administration of criminal justice
- Importance of forensic science and disciplines
- Contextual understanding



Interdisciplinary approach of crime and administration of justice

- Law (rules of evidence)
- Psychology
- Criminology
- Criminalistics
- (Bio-) medical science
- Accountancy
- Psychiatry



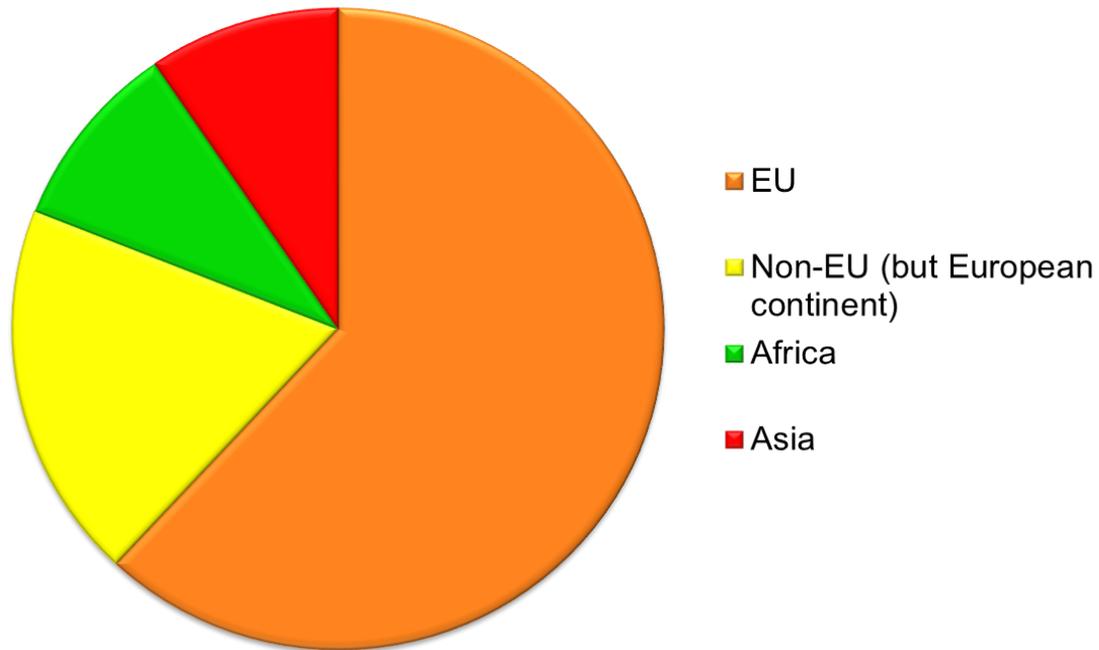
English track

- Started in February 2011
- 40-50 students a year from various countries
- Primarily meant for foreign students but also Dutch students can apply



24 different nationalities ...

Nationalities



Structure of the program

Four mandatory courses

- Criminological Perspectives
- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Psychology and Law

Minimum of two courses out of the following list:

- Forensic Psychopathology
- Forensic DNA
- Organisational Crime
- European Criminal Law
- International Criminal Law

Two electives (free choice)



Exchange agreement with Catholic University Leuven (Belgium)

Students can choose maximum of two courses out of the following four courses (all offered in second semester):

- Restorative Justice (C09C7A – 6 ECTS)
- International Police and Judicial Cooperation (C09C0A – 6 ECTS)
- Political Crimes and Transitional Justice (C09C3A – 6 ECTS)
- Juvenile Justice and Youth Criminology (C09C5A – 6 ECTS)

Career perspectives

- **Legal professions (lawyers, prosecutors, judges)**
- **Management positions in public bodies**
- **Private security industry**
- **Research and teaching**
- **Police and inspectorates**
- **Forensic professions;**



Entrance Exam and admission

- Entrance Exam, **except** for those with an academic Bachelor or Master degree in Law or Criminology + TOEFL or IELTS
- Admissable are:
- Bachelors University College
- Bachelors or Masters in: European Studies, Psychology, Sociology or Social Studies, or in any other forensic related academic science

Entrance Exam

- **Test yourself whether you qualify! Know what kind of reading you can expect.**
- **For those with no legal background extra study will be indispensable!**
- **See website for literature and case law to prepare for the entrance exam**
- **Written open book exam: main test is whether the applicant can identify legal problems, can apply legal knowledge by solving a case study, and has sufficient writing skills.**
- **Possibility for taking the test online under supervision if living further than 200 Km from Maastricht**

Master's Research Honours Track

- For a limited number of ambitious master students with a research interest.
- It allows these students to acquire research as well as presentation and writing skills in addition to the regular master programme
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Why LLm at Maastricht University?

- International student population and staff
- Intensive educational system (PBL): small groups / personal atmosphere
- Excellent knowledge and labour market skills
- University in the heart of Europe
- Expert staff
- High profile guest speakers
- Renowned Research Schools



Rankings & recognition

- Among 40 best law faculties in Times Higher Education (THE) Law 2020
- UM is the 10th best young university (THE “Young Universities” Ranking 2019)
- Top 100 Ranking QS World University Rankings by Subject 2020

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