

**Master Open Day
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Master Forensics, Criminology and Law (English Track)

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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



Multidisciplinary approach of crime and administration of justice

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



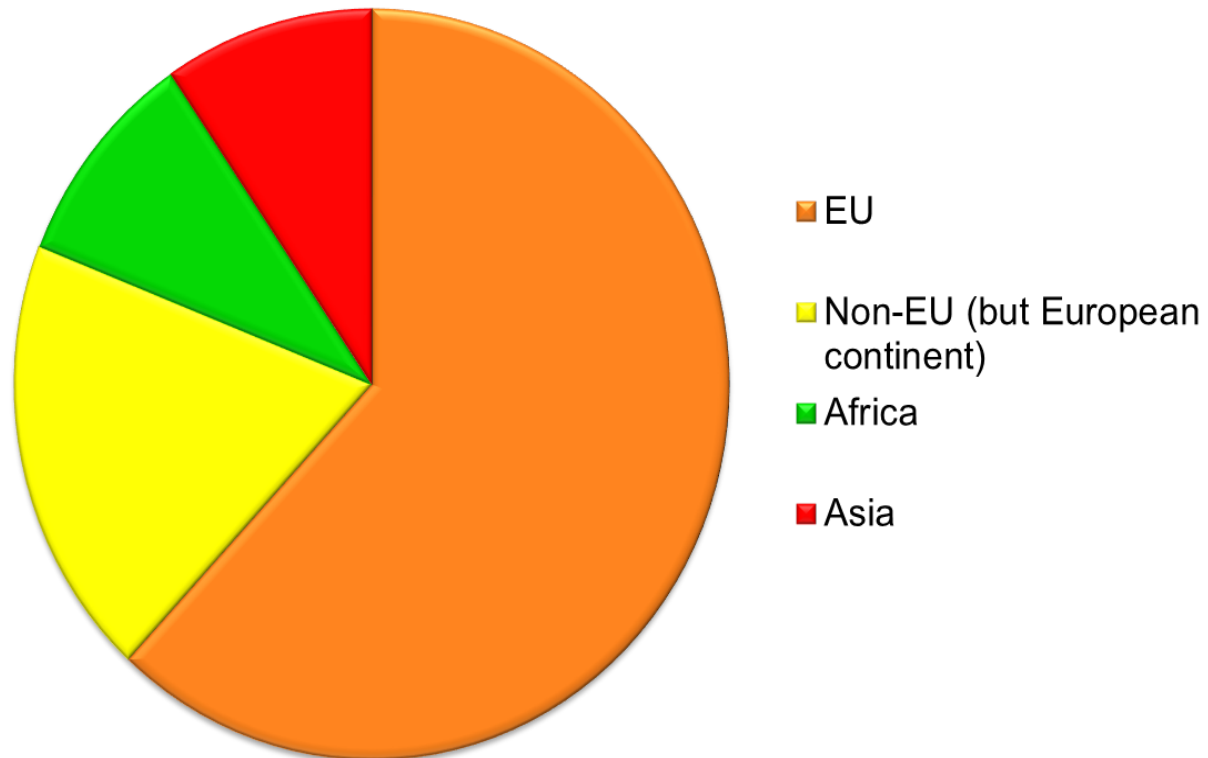
English track

- Started in February 2011;
- 30-40 students a year from various countries;
- Primarily meant for foreign students but also Dutch students can apply;



21 different nationalities ...

Nationalities



Revised program starting 1-9-2019

Main reasons:

- Align the format of the Dutch and English track;
- Create more possibilities for students to select a more tailor-made program

Needs to be approved by the faculty council



Format revised 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)



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



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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Questions?

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