

EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES IN NEDERLANDS RECHT, FISCAAL RECHT, INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN TAX LAW, EUROPEAN LAW SCHOOL GLOBALISATION AND LAW, INTERNATIONAL LAWS, RECHT EN ARBEID and FORENSICA, CRIMINOLOGIE EN RECHTSPLEGING of the Faculty of Law, as referred to in Section 7(13) of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act, for the 2024-2025 academic year, approved and adopted by the Faculty Board of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law

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CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Applicability of the regulations

These regulations apply to the teaching and assessment of the master's programmes provided by the Faculty of Law, as referred to in the opening words of these regulations, hereinafter called: the programmes.

The programmes are provided by the Faculty of Law, hereinafter called the Faculty.

Article 2: Definitions

The following definitions apply in these regulations:

- a. Course or elective course/practical: a programme component within the meaning of the WHW;
- b. Dean: the Dean, as stated in Article 1.1 of the Faculty Regulations;
- c. Assessment component: part of the assessment of a programme component;
- d. (Master's) Examination: the set of examinations to conclude the programme of study referred to in Article 7.3 WHW;
- e. Board of Examiners: the Board of Examiners referred to in Section 7.12 of the WHW;
- f. Examiner: the person designated by the Board of Examiners in accordance with Article 6.4 of the Faculty Regulations;
- g. Faculty: the organisational unit within Maastricht University where teaching and research are conducted;
- h. Faculty Board: the Faculty Board, as stated in Article 2.1 of the Faculty Regulations;
- i. MoMi committee: the committee appointed by the Faculty Board to carry out the activities specified in Article 82(4) in respect of failure to meet the study progress standard in accordance with the Modern Migration Policy Act. The Faculty Board appoints two members from the academic staff to this committee;
- j. Programme component: course or elective course/practical;
- k. Director of Studies: the official referred to in the second sentence of Article 9.17(1) of the WHW;
- l. Education Office: the Education Office in a narrow sense, being the department within the Faculty which provides administrative and organisational support for the education process;
- m. Specialisation: a coherent combination of courses within a master's programme offered by the Faculty;
- n. Student: a person registered at Maastricht University in order to attend a programme and/or take part in assessments of one of the programmes;
- o. Study load: the master's programme has a study load of 60 credits unless stipulated otherwise; each credit represents a study load of 28 hours;
- p. Board of Admissions: the committee which deals with the admission of students to the master's programme;
- q. Assessment: set of assessment components of a programme component;
- r. WHW: the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek).

The other terms have the meaning assigned to them in the Act.

CHAPTER 2 – ADMISSION

This chapter concerns admission per academic year 2025-2026. For admission per academic year 2024-2025, the Education and Examination Regulations Master's programmes 2023-2024 applies.

Article 3: Admission to the master's programmes Nederlands recht and Recht en Arbeid

1. Admitted to the master's programmes Nederlands recht and Recht en Arbeid are those:
 - a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Rechtsgeleerdheid or Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for bachelor's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - b. who have successfully completed the premaster Law as referred to in Article 19, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the relevant master's programme as referred to in Article 52 of the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme Rechtsgeleerdheid 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law have been met;
 - c. who have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 4.
2. To be admissible as of September to one of the master's programmes mentioned in paragraph 1, the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 4: Certificate of Admission to the master's programmes Nederlands recht and Recht en Arbeid

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programmes Nederlands recht and Recht en Arbeid as referred to in Article 3(1)(c) is issued to those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree from another Dutch university, provided that this degree was awarded for a programme involving at least 60 credits of Dutch Law, or;
- b. who have been awarded a premaster Rechten at another Dutch university, on which the Board of Admissions has made a positive decision, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21, or;
- c. who have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related academic bachelor, on which the Board of Admissions has made, possible subject to additional requirements, a positive decision and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21.

Article 5: Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track)

1. Admitted to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track) are those:
 - a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Rechtsgeleerdheid or Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for bachelor's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;

- b. who have successfully completed the premaster Rechten as referred to in Article 19, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track), have been met as referred to in Article 52 of the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme Rechtsgeleerdheid 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - c. who have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 6.
2. To be admissible as of September to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track), the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 6: Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track)

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track) as referred to in Article 5(1)(c) is issued to those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree from another Dutch or Belgian university, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21, or
- b. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Criminology degree or Bachelor in Criminological Sciences degree from another Dutch or Belgian university, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21, or
- c. who have been awarded a premaster Rechten at another Dutch university, on which the Board of Admissions has made a positive decision, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21, or
- d. who have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related academic bachelor, on which the Board of Admissions has made, possible subject to additional requirements, a positive decision and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21.

Article 7: Admission to the master's programme Fiscaal recht

1. Admitted to the master's programmes Fiscaal Recht are those:
- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for bachelor's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - b. who have successfully completed the premaster Fiscaal Recht as referred to in Article 19, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the master's programme Fiscaal Recht have been met as referred to in Article 50 of the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme Rechtsgeleerdheid 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - c. who have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 8.
2. To be admissible as of September to the master's programme Fiscaal Recht, the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 8: Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Fiscaal recht

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Fiscaal recht as referred to in Article 7(1)(c), is issued to those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Fiscaal recht or a Bachelor of Science degree in Fiscale Economie by a Dutch university, provided that that degree was awarded for a programme involving at least 24 credits for courses relating to tax law (including wage and income tax, corporation tax and international tax law), 9 credits for business economics courses (including the interpretation of financial statements and business records) and 9 credits for private law courses (including property law, the law of obligations and business law);
- b. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by a Dutch university or those who have been awarded a university Bachelor of Laws degree which is comparable in terms of level with the Dutch degree, provided that this degree was awarded for a programme involving at least 24 credits for courses relating to tax law (including wage and income tax, corporation tax and international tax law), 9 credits for business economics courses (including the interpretation of financial statements and business records) and 9 credits for private law courses (including property law, the law of obligations and business law);
- c. who have successfully passed the entrance examination for the master's Fiscaal Recht, as referred to in Article 9, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21;
- d. who have been awarded a premaster Fiscaal Recht at another Dutch university, on which the Board of Admissions has made a positive decision, and who have sufficient command of the Dutch language in accordance with the requirements of Article 21.

Article 91: Entrance examination for the programme master Fiscaal Recht

The following provisions apply with regard to the entrance examination referred to in Article 8:

1. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
2. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
3. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
4. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
5. Paragraph expired since the 2022-2023 academic year
6. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
7. Paragraph expired since the 2024-2025 academic year
8. The Board of Admissions makes a decision on requests for admission before 1 July
9. The period of validity of the entrance examination is two years. If the entrance examination is passed in the spring of 2024, this provides the student to be admissible for academic year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026
10. As of the academic year 2024-2025 the entrance examination is no longer provided. For admission to the master's programme Fiscaal Recht candidates can rely on the premaster Fiscaal Recht as referred to in Article 19.

Article 10: Admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law

1. Admitted to the master's programmes International and European Tax Law are those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programme Fiscaal Recht of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law, provided the candidate has a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20;
 - b. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in European Law School in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programme European Law School of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University, provided the candidate has successfully completed the tax law courses "Concepts of Income and Business Taxation" (TAX3009) and " International and European Tax and Customs Law" (TAX3013);
 - c. who have successfully completed the premaster Law, as referred to in Article 19, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law as referred to in Article 51 of the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programme European Law School Revised 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law have been met, and provided the candidate has a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20;
 - d. who have successfully completed the premaster Fiscaal Recht, as referred to in Article 19, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law as referred to in Article 50 of the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programme Fiscaal Recht 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law have been met, and provided the candidate has a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20;
 - e. who have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 8 provided that the candidate has submitted a letter in English that has been found convincing by the Board of Admissions, and provided that the candidate has a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20;
 - f. who have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 11
2. To be admissible as of September to the master's programme International and European Tax Law, the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 11: Certificate of Admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law as referred to in Article 10(1)(f) is issued to those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related academic bachelor and;
 - have passed courses that are equivalent in study load to at least 12 ECTS in the field of tax law, including income and business taxation at a recognised institution of higher education, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English that has been found convincing by the Board of Admissions.

- b. who have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related academic bachelor and;
 - have passed courses or examinations that are equivalent in study load to at least 12 ECTS in the field of tax law including income and business taxation at a recognised institution of tax professionals as part of their membership with the relevant institution, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English that has been found convincing by the Board of Admissions
- c. who have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related (academic) bachelor, on which the Board of Admissions has made, possible subject to additional requirements, a positive decision and;
 - have sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English that has been found convincing by the Board of Admissions
- d. who are attending a university programme which does not yet comply with the bachelor's/master's structure envisaged in the Bologna model, have completed a comprehensive part of the programme which is comparable in terms of study load and level with a Dutch bachelor's degree, on which the Board of Admissions has made a positive decision, and who meets the criteria mentioned under a or b, and have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20.

Article 12: Admission to the master's programmes European Law School, Globalisation and Law

1. Admitted to the master's programmes in European Law School or Globalisation and Law are those:
 - a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in European Law School in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme European Law School of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - b. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Rechtsgeleerdheid or Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programmes Rechtsgeleerdheid and Fiscaal Recht of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law, provided the candidate has sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20; and
 - c. who have successfully completed the premaster Law, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the relevant master's programme as referred to in Article 51 of the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme European Law School revised 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law have been met, and
 - d. whom have been awarded a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 13.
2. To be admissible as of September to one of the master's programmes mentioned in paragraph 1, the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 13: Certificate of Admission to the master's programmes European Law School and Globalisation and Law

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programmes European Law School and Globalisation and Law is issued to those who:

- a. have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by another university, including a foreign university, which is comparable in level with the Dutch degree, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- b. have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related (academic) bachelor and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- c. are attending a university programme which does not yet comply with the bachelor's/master's structure envisaged in the Bologna model and who have completed a comprehensive part of the programme which is comparable in terms of study load and level with a Dutch bachelor's degree, on which the Board of Admissions has given a positive assessment, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- d. have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in International and European Law degree from The Hague University of Applied Sciences with a grade point average of 7.0 and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.

Article 14: Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminology and Law (English Track)

1. Admitted to the master's programme Forensica, Criminology and Law (English Track) are those:
 - a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in European Law School in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme European Law School of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - b. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in Rechtsgeleerdheid or Fiscaal recht in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for the bachelor's programmes Rechtsgeleerdheid and Fiscaal Recht of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law, provided the candidate has sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirements of Article 20;
 - c. who have successfully completed the premaster Law, provided that the additional substantive requirements for admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminology and Law (English Track) as referred to in Article 51 of the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme European Law School revised 2024-2025 of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law have been met;
 - d. whom a certificate of admission is issued as referred to in Article 15

2. To be admissible as of September to the master's programmes Forensica, Criminology and Law (English track), the student must have completed the examination of the bachelor's programme no later than 31 August of the year in which the student wants to start the master's programme.

Article 15: Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminology and Law (English track)

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the master's programme Forensica, Criminology and Law (English track) as referred to in Article 14(2)(d) is issued to those who:

- a. have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by another university, including a foreign university, which is comparable in level with the Dutch degree, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- b. have been awarded a Bachelor's degree from a related (academic) bachelor and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- c. are attending a university programme which does not yet comply with the bachelor's/master's structure envisaged in the Bologna model and who have completed a comprehensive part of the programme which is comparable in terms of study load and level with a Dutch bachelor's degree, on which the Board of Admissions has given a positive assessment, and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.
- d. have been awarded a Bachelor's degree of Criminology from another Dutch or Belgian university and;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter of reference (preferably academic), which the Board of Admissions has found to be persuasive;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing.

Article 16: Admission to the master's programme International Laws

Those who have been issued with a Certificate of Admission in accordance with Article 17 may be admitted to the master's programme International Laws.

Article 17: Certificate of Admission to the master's programme International Laws

On request, the Certificate of Admission to the Master's in International Laws as referred to in Article 18 is issued to those:

- a. who have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree in European Law School in accordance with the Education and Examination Regulations for bachelor's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law;
 - have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;

- have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing, and;
 - have submitted a letter of reference (preferably academic), which the Board of Admissions has found to be persuasive, and;
 - are deemed admissible for selection as referred to in Article 18.
- b. have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by a Dutch university, and:
- have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing, and;
 - have submitted a letter of reference (preferably academic), which the Board of Admissions has found to be persuasive, and;
 - are deemed admissible for selection as referred to in Article 18.
- c. have been awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree by another university, including a foreign university, which is comparable in level with the Dutch degree, and:
- have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing, and;
 - have submitted a letter of reference (preferably academic), which the Board of Admissions has found to be persuasive, and;
 - are deemed admissible for selection as referred to in Article 18.
- d. are attending a university programme which does not yet comply with the bachelor's/master's structure envisaged in the Bologna model and who have completed a comprehensive part of the programme which is comparable in terms of study load and level with a Dutch bachelor's degree in Law, on which the Board of Admissions has given a positive assessment, and:
- have a sufficient command of the English language in accordance with the requirement of Article 20, and;
 - have submitted a letter in English stating their reasons, which the Board of Admissions has found convincing, and;
 - have submitted a letter of reference (preferably academic), which the Board of Admissions has found to be persuasive, and;
 - are deemed admissible for selection as referred to in Article 18.

Article 18: Selection for the master's programme International Laws

The selection of candidates is determined by assessing:

- a. the results obtained in the bachelor's programme on the basis of which admission is requested;
- b. the level of proficiency in the English language;
- c. the relevant extracurricular experience;
- d. the content of the letter stating reasons;
- e. the content of the (preferably academic) letter of reference.

These criteria are considered in combination with each other in the assessment.

Article 19: Premaster

1. The premaster mentioned in the preceding Articles is a Dutch or English premaster of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law that, provided the substantive requirements as described in the corresponding Education and Examination Regulations are met, grants access to the Dutch-taught master's programmes or the English-taught master's programmes (excluded master International Laws) of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.

2. The composition and admission requirements of the premaster Rechten are described in the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme Rechtsgeleerdheid 2024-2025 of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.
3. The composition and admission requirement of the premaster Fiscaal Recht are described in the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme Fiscaal Recht 2024-2025 of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.
4. The composition and admission requirement of the premaster Law are described in the Education and Examination Regulations of the bachelor's programme European Law School Revised 2024-2025 of the Faculty of Law of Maastricht University.

Article 20: Proficiency in the English language

1. The following documents are accepted as proof of a sufficient command of the English language for the master's programmes taught in English:
 - a. evidence that the student has successfully completed a bachelor's programme taught in English;
 - b. an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) certificate with at least an average score of 7, or an average score of 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.5 for the writing component;
 - c. a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) with at least a score of 100, or a score of 90 with a minimum of 25 for the writing component;
 - d. a Cambridge certificate - as a minimum a CAE (Certificate in Advance Level) certificate.
2. The Board of Admissions is authorised to accept evidence of language proficiency other than that specified in paragraph 1 in so far as it is comparable in terms of content and level.
3. The language proficiency certificate should not date back further than two years.

Article 21: Proficiency in the Dutch language

1. The following documents are accepted as proof of a sufficient command of the Dutch language:
 - a. a diploma of a Dutch-language HAVO (Higher General Secondary Education), VWO (Pre-University Education) or bachelor's programme attended in the Netherlands;
 - b. an NT2 (Dutch as a second language) certificate.
2. The Board of Admissions is authorised to accept evidence of language proficiency other than that specified in paragraph 1 in so far as it is comparable in terms of content and level.
3. The language proficiency certificate should not date back further than two years.

Article 22: Board of Admissions

The Board of Admissions for the master's programmes comprises the coordinators of the master's programmes or the replacements to be designated by them or by the Faculty Board.

CHAPTER 3 – OBJECTIVE AND COMPOSITION OF THE MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Article 23: Format of the programme

1. The programmes are only offered full-time.
2. The programmes start once a year in September.

Article 24: Language of instruction

1. In principle, teaching and course examinations for the master's programmes in Nederlands Recht, Fiscaal Recht, Recht en Arbeid, en Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track) are conducted in Dutch. Teaching and course examinations may be conducted in English for the programme components designated in English. Texts in other languages, in particular French and/or German, may also be used during teaching and in the course examinations.
2. In principle, teaching and course examinations in the master's programmes in International and European Tax Law, European Law School, Globalisation and Law, Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (English-language track) and International Laws are conducted in English. Texts in other languages, in particular French and/or German, may also be used during teaching and in the course examinations.
3. See annex 2 for more information.

Article 25: Objective of the programmes

1. Master's programme Nederlands recht: Graduates of the master's programme Nederlands recht will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of Dutch law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. This master's programme also offers a specific preparation to a future career in judiciary or as a lawyer. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. Students who have chosen an endorsement relating to a specialism will also possess specialist knowledge and understanding of their chosen specialist field.
2. Master's programme Fiscaal recht: Graduates of the master's programme Fiscaal recht will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of tax law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal and tax professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. This master's programme also offers a specific preparation to a future career in judiciary or as a lawyer. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. Students will also possess specialist knowledge and understanding of the specialist field of their chosen endorsement.
3. Master's programme International and European Tax Law: Graduates of the master's programme International and European Tax Law will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of international and European tax law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal and tax professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. If students have chosen a specialist field within their programme, they also have specialist knowledge and insight in that selected field.
4. Master's programme European Law School: Graduates of the European Law School master's programme will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of European law and comparative law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. If students have chosen a specialist field within their programme, they also have specialist knowledge and insight in that selected field.

5. Master's programme Globalisation and Law: Graduates of the master's programme Globalisation and Law will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of globalisation in the various main areas of law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. If students have chosen a specialist field within their programme, they also have specialist knowledge and insight in that selected field.
6. Master's programme International Laws: Graduates of the master's programme International Laws will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of European law, comparative law and globalisation in the various main areas of law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme.
7. Master's programme Recht en Arbeid: Graduates of the master's programme Recht en Arbeid will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of law and labour that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. This master's programme also offers a specific preparation to a future career in judiciary or as a lawyer. They will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme. If students have chosen a specialist field within their programme, they also have specialist knowledge and insight in that selected field.
8. Master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging: Graduates of the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging will possess the knowledge, understanding and skills in the field of forensics, criminology and law that they need to be able to work independently in the legal professions at academic level, such as that of an academic researcher. This master's programme also provides specific preparation for a future career in the legal profession or within the court system. Graduates will also be able to attend a postgraduate programme as an extension of their master's programme.

Article 26: Study Load

1. The master's programme International Laws is a two-year master's programme and has a study load of 120 credits; each credit represents a study load of 28 hours.
2. The other master's programmes are one-year programmes and have a study load of 60 credits; each credit represents a study load of 28 hours.

Article 27: The examinations

The programmes are completed with the master's examination. To pass the master's examination all programme components as listed in chapter 4 for the relevant master's programme, or specialisation must be completed with a satisfactory judgement.

Article 28: Structure of the programmes

1. The teaching is provided in the form of tutorial meetings and/or skills training and/or lectures and/or individual guidance. The Faculty Board may also permit other teaching methods.
2. There are an average of four contact hours a week in course periods 1, 2, 4 and 5.

CHAPTER 4 – MASTER'S PROGRAMMES

Section a: Master's programme Nederlands Recht (Dutch Law)

De master's programme Nederlands Recht consists of a general programme and three specialisations: the specialisation Privaatrecht, the specialisation Handels-en Ondernemingsrecht and the specialisation Staats-en Bestuursrecht. The composition of those is laid down in Articles 29 up to and including 32.

Article 29: Composition of the master's programme Nederlands Recht, algemeen programma

The master's programme Nederlands recht comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Rechtshandeling en overeenkomst (6 credits) – PRI4001;
 - Tussen publiek en privaaf: een metajuridische analyse (6 credits) – MET4012;
- b. Five courses to be chosen from the courses of the specialisations as mentioned in Article 30, Article 31 and Article 32;
- c. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 30: Composition of the master's programme Nederlands Recht, specialisation Privaatrecht

The master's specialisation in Privaatrecht comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Rechtshandeling en overeenkomst (6 credits) – PRI4001;
 - Tussen publiek en privaaf: een metajuridische analyse (6 credits) – MET4012;
 - Onrechtmatige daad en schadevergoeding (6 credits) – PRI4008;
 - Personen- en Familierecht (6 credits) – PRI4015;
 - Goederenrecht (6 credits) – PRI4011;
 - Civiele rechtspleging (6 credits) – MET4001;
 - Overheid en privaatrecht (6 credits) – PUB4012;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 31: Composition of the master's programme Nederlands Recht, specialisation Handels- en Ondernemingsrecht

The master's specialisation in Handels- en Ondernemingsrecht comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Tussen publiek en privaaf: een metajuridische analyse (6 credits) – MET4012;
 - Ondernemingsrecht (6 credits) – PRI4007;
 - Insolventierecht (6 credits) – PRI4010;
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (6 credits) – LAW4037;
 - Goederenrecht (6 credits) – PRI4011;
 - Geschillen in de onderneming (6 credits) – PUB4019;
 - Arbeidsrecht I (6 credits) – PUB4014;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 32: Composition of the master's programme Nederlands Recht, specialisation Staats- en Bestuursrecht

The master's specialisation in Staats- en Bestuursrecht comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Tussen publiek en privaat: een metajuridische analyse (6 credits) – MET4012;
 - Europees en nationaal constitutioneel recht (6 credits) – PUB4021;
 - Verdieping bestuursrecht (6 credits) – PUB4020;
 - Openbaar bestuur (6 credits) – PUB4022;
 - Overheid en privaatrecht (6 credits) – PUB4012;
 - Verdieping staatsrecht (6 credits) – PUB4028;
 - Omgevingsrecht (6 credits) – PUB4029;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Section b: Master's programme Fiscaal recht

The master's programme Fiscaal recht consists of three specialisations: the Directe belastingen specialisation, the Indirecte belastingen specialisation and the Tax and Technology specialisation. The composition of those is laid down in Articles 33 up to and including 35.

Article 33: Composition of the master's programme Fiscaal Recht, specialisation Directe Belastingen

The master's specialisation Directe belastingen comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (6 credits) – TAX4001;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
 - Estate planning: bedrijfsopvolging (6 credits) – TAX4008;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - Pensioen (6 credits) – TAX4004;
 - Verdieping formeel belastingrecht (6 credits) – TAX4003;
- b. One bounded elective from the following list:
 - European Value Added Tax (6 credits) – TAX4005
 - Ondernemingsrecht (6 credits) – PRI4007
- c. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 34: Composition of the master's programme Fiscaal Recht, specialisation Indirecte Belastingen

The master's specialisation Indirecte belastingen comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (6 credits) – TAX4001;
 - European value added tax (6 credits) – TAX4005;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
 - Estate planning: bedrijfsopvolging (6 credits) – TAX4008;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - Verdieping formeel belastingrecht (6 credits) – TAX4003;

- b. Two bounded electives from the following list:
 - Capita selecta omzetbelasting (Tilburg University) (6 credits) – TAX4012;
 - Indirecte belastingen en internationale handel (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) (6 credits) – TAX4013;
 - Tax Assurance indirecte belastingen (Tilburg University) (6 credits) – TAX 4015;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 35: Composition of the master's programme Fiscaal Recht, specialisation Tax and Technology

The master's specialisation Tax and Technology comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (6 credits) – TAX4001;
 - Tax and technology I (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) (6 credits) – TAX4025;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
 - Estate planning: bedrijfsopvolging (6 credits) – TAX4008;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - Computational science of taxation (6 credits) – TAX4026;
 - Verdieping formeel belastingrecht (6 credits) – TAX4003;
 - Tax and technology II (Tilburg University) (6 credits) – TAX4029.
- b. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Section c: Master's programme International and European Tax Law

The master's programme International and European Tax Law consists of a general programme and two specialisations, the specialisation Tax and Technology and the specialisation Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation. The composition of those is laid down in Articles 36 up to and including 38.

Article 36: Composition of the master's programme International and European Tax Law, general programme

The Master's programme International and European Tax Law comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Cross-border taxation of human capital (6 credits) – TAX4009;
 - European value added tax (6 credits) – TAX4005;
 - Fundamentals of international taxation* (6 credits) – TAX4010;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - European corporate tax (6 credits) – TAX4031;
 - Responsible international tax planning, compliance and administration (6 credits) – TAX4019;

* Students who have completed the bachelor's programme Fiscaal Recht of the bachelor's programme Fiscal Economics can jointly replace the course 'Fundamentals of international taxation (TAX4010)' and the course 'European corporate tax (TAX4031)' with the course 'Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (TAX4001)' and an elective course, as provided for in Article 53.
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53 where Global Tax Policy and Sustainable Governance (TAX4014) counts as a default elective;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 37: Composition of the master's programme International and European Tax Law, specialisation Tax and Technology

The master's specialisation Tax and Technology comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Computational science of taxation (6 credits) – TAX4026;
 - Fundamentals of international taxation* (6 credits) – TAX4010;
 - European corporate tax* (6 credits) – TAX4031;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
 - European value added tax (6 credits) – TAX4005;
 - Tax and technology II (Tilburg University) (6 credits) – TAX4029;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - Responsible international tax planning, compliance and administration (6 credits) – TAX4019

* Students who have completed the bachelor's programme Fiscaal Recht or the bachelor's programme Fiscal Economics can jointly replace the course 'Fundamentals of international taxation (TAX4010)' and the course 'European corporate tax (TAX4031)' with the course 'Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (TAX4001)' and an elective course, as provided for in Article 53.

- b. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 38: Composition of the master's programme International and European Tax Law, specialisation Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation

The master's specialisation Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - International supply chain taxation (6 credits) – TAX4028;
 - Customs law (6 credits) – TAX4027;
 - European value added tax (6 credits) – TAX4005;
 - International Trade Law (6 credits) – IER4002;
 - Responsible international tax planning, compliance and administration (6 credits) – TAX4019;
 - Transfer pricing (6 credits) – TAX4020;
 - International business taxation (6 credits) – TAX4030;
- b. One bounded elective from the following list:
 - Fundamentals of international taxation (6 credits) – TAX4010;
 - Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting (6 credits) – TAX4001
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Section d: Master's programme European Law School

The master's programme European Law School consists of a general programme and three specialisations, the specialisation European Public Law, the specialisation European Business Law and the specialisation Law of Sustainable Europe. The composition of those is laid down in Articles 39 up to and including 42.

Article 39: Composition of the master's programme European Law School, general programme

The master's programme European Law School, general programme comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Advanced European Law (6 credits) – IER4006;

- The Foundations of European Institutionalisation (6 credits) – MET4010;
- b. Five courses to be chosen from the compulsory courses of the specialisations as mentioned in Article 40, Article 41 and Article 42, and the courses 'The Law of the Economic and Monetary Union (IER4020)', 'European Data Protection and Privacy Law (IER4026)' and 'European Labour and Social Security Law (PUB4007)';
- c. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 40: Composition of the master's programme European Law School, specialisation European Public Law

The master's specialisation European Public Law comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Advanced European law (6 credits) – IER4006;
 - The Foundations of European Institutionalisation (6 credits) – MET4010;
 - European and national constitutional law (6 credits) – PUB4023;
 - European migration and Asylum law (6 credits) – IER4001;
 - European fundamental rights law (6 credits) – IER4016;
 - External relations of the EU (6 credits) – IER4003;
 - Internal market law and governance (6 credits) – IER4023;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 41: Composition of the master's programme European Law School, specialisation European Business Law

The master's specialisation European Business Law comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Advanced European law (6 credits) – IER4006;
 - The Foundations of European Institutionalisation (6 credits) – MET4010;
 - European competition law (6 credits) – IER4009;
 - International commercial law (6 credits) – PRI4002;
 - Comparative company law (6 credits) – PRI4004;
 - State aid and public procurement in the EU (6 credits) – IER4014;
- b. One bounded elective from the following list:
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (6 credits) – LAW4037;
 - European Labour and Social Security Law (6 credits) – PUB4007;
- c. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 42: Composition of the master's programme European Law School, specialisation Law of Sustainable Europe

The master's specialisation Law of Sustainable Europe comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Advanced European Law (6 credits) – IER4006;
 - The Foundations of European Institutionalisation (6 credits) – MET4010;
 - European Environmental Law (6 credits) – LAW4042;
 - Global Environmental Law (6 credits) – LAW4094;
 - Corporate Social Responsibility (6 credits) – LAW4037;
 - European Fundamental Rights Law (6 credits) – IER4016;
 - Global Tax Policy and Sustainable Governance (6 credits) – TAX4014;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;

- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Per academic year 2025-2026 the name of the specialisation changes to *Law for a Sustainable Europe*.

Section e: Master's programme Globalisation and Law

The master's programme Globalisation and Law consists of a general programme and three specialisations, the specialisation Human Rights, the specialisation Corporate and Commercial Law and the specialisation International Trade and Investment Law. The composition of those is laid down in Articles 43 up to and including 46.

Article 43: Composition of the master's programme Globalisation and Law, general programme

The master's programme Globalisation and Law comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Foundations of Global Law (6 credits) – MET4011;
- b. One bounded elective from the following list:
 - Corporate social responsibility (6 credits) – LAW4037
 - Public international law (6 credits) – IER4021
- c. Five courses to be chosen from the courses of the specialisations as mentioned in Article 44, Article 45 and Article 46 and the courses 'Global Environmental Law (LAW4094)', 'Law of the Sea (IER4024)' or 'International Dispute Settlement (IER4008)'.
- d. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- e. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 44: Composition of the master's programme Globalisation and Law, specialisation Human Rights

The master's specialisation Human Rights comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Foundations of Global Law (6 credits) – MET4011;
 - Public International law (6 credits) – IER4021;
 - International Human Rights Law (6 credits) – IER4012;
 - Human rights and human development (6 credits) – IER4004;
 - Human rights of women (6 credits) – IER4019;
 - International humanitarian law (6 credits) – IER4022;
 - International criminal law (6 credits) – CRI4023;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 45: Composition of the master's programme Globalisation and Law, specialisation Corporate and Commercial Law

The master's specialisation Corporate and Commercial Law comprises (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Corporate social responsibility (6 credits) – LAW4037;
 - Foundations of Global Law (6 credits) – MET4011;
 - Comparative company law (6 credits) – PRI4004;
 - Comparative corporate governance (6 credits) – PRI4012;
 - European competition law (6 credits) – IER4009;

- International commercial dispute resolution (6 credits) – IER5016;
 - International commercial law (6 credits) – PRI4002;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
 - c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 46: Composition of the master's programme Globalisation and Law, specialisation International Trade and Investment Law

The master's specialisation in International Trade and Investment Law comprises (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Foundations of Global Law (6 credits) – MET4011;
 - Public international law (6 credits) – IER4021;
 - International Trade Law (6 credits) – IER4002;
 - Advanced international trade law (6 credits) – IER4025;
 - Intellectual property law (6 credits) – IER4033;
 - International investment law (6 credits) – IER4015;
 - Customs law (6 credits) – TAX4027;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Section f: Master's programme International Laws

Article 47: Composition of the master's programme International Laws

1. The two-year master's programme International Laws comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

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- a. The compulsory courses Advanced European Law (6 credits) (IER4006) and Foundations of Global Law (6 credits) (MET4011).
- b. In addition to the compulsory courses mentioned under a, a combination of a proportionate number of the compulsory courses from the Master's programme Globalisation and Law and the Master's programme European Law School (2 x 18 credits), within the following outlines:
 - Master European Law School, specialisation European Business Law (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) in combination with the Master Globalisation and Law, specialisation International Trade and Investment Law (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) OR;
 - Master European Law School, specialisation European Business Law (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) in combination with Master Globalisation and Law, specialisation Corporate and commercial law (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) OR;
 - Master European Law School, specialisation European Public Law (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) in combination with the Master Globalisation and Law, specialisation Human Rights (18 credits compulsory courses associated with this specialisation) OR;
 - Master European Law School, specialisation Law of Sustainable Europe (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation) in combination with Master Globalisation and Law, specialisation Human Rights (18 credits compulsory courses of this specialisation);

- c. The masterclass Current Issues of international and European Law (0 credits) – LAW4061;
- d. French language course (6 credits) -RTAALFR;
- e. Two language courses in one other language of choice (2x3 credits); not being English or the student's mother tongue, and preferably connecting to the spoken language of the country of exchange in year 2. These language courses will be funded by the Faculty on a one-off basis for each student

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- f. Electives (42 credits), of which at least 24 credits are to be taken on exchange in accordance with Article 52;
 - g. Master's thesis (18 credits).
2. The masterclass Current issues of international and European Law (LAW4061) is assessed with a pass/fail.
 3. Selected students can participate in one of the Dual Degree programmes offered in collaboration with Università Bocconi (Milan) or with Universität Zürich, see annex 3.

Section g: Master's programme Recht en Arbeid

The master's programme Recht en Arbeid consists of two specialisations, the specialisation Arbeid en Gezondheid and the specialisation Arbeid en Onderneming. The composition of those is laid down in Article 48 and Article 49.

Article 48: Composition of the master's programme Recht en Arbeid, specialisation Arbeid en Gezondheid

The master's specialisation Arbeid en Gezondheid comprises (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Arbeidsrecht I (6 credits) – PUB4014;
 - Arbeidsrecht II (6 credits) – PUB4015;
 - Sociale zekerheid I (6 credits) – PUB4018;
 - Sociale zekerheid II (6 credits) – PUB4001;
 - Gezondheidsrecht I (6 credits) – LAW4001;
 - Gezondheidsrecht II (6 credits) – LAW4002;
 - Europeanisering Sociaal Recht (6 credits) – PUB4027;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 49: Composition of the master's programme Recht en Arbeid, specialisation Arbeid en Onderneming

The master's specialisation Arbeid en Onderneming comprises (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Arbeidsrecht I (6 credits) – PUB4014;
 - Arbeidsrecht II (6 credits) – PUB4015;
 - Europeanisering Sociaal Recht (6 credits) – PUB4027;
 - Geschillen in de onderneming (6 credits) – PUB4019;
 - Insolventierecht (6 credits) – PRI4010;
 - Ondernemingsrecht (6 credits) – PRI4007;
 - Sociale zekerheid I (6 credits) – PUB4018;
- b. One elective (6 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- c. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Section h: Master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging

The master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging consists of two tracks: the Dutch-language track Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging and the English-language track Forensics, Criminology and Law.

Article 50: Composition of the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging, Dutch-language track

The Dutch-language track comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Bewijs in strafzaken (6 credits) – CRI4003;
 - Capita selecta criminologie (6 credits) – CRI4004;
 - Rechtspsychologie en forensisch bewijs (6 credits) – MET4008;
 - Verdieping strafprocesrecht (6 credits) – CRI4002;
- b. Two bounded electives to be chosen from the list:
 - Cold cases (admission based on selection) (6 credits) – LAW4043;
 - Criminalistiek en forensisch DNA (6 credits) – CRI4025;
 - European criminal law (6 credits) – CRI4007;
 - Forensic psychopathology (6 credits) – CRI4016;
 - Forensische accountancy (6 credits) – CRI4013;
 - Forensische Geneeskunde (6 credits) – CRI4029;
 - International criminal law (6 credits) – CRI4023;
 - OM en rechtshandhaving (6 credits) – LAW4041;
 - Organisational crime (6 credits) – CRI4020;
 - Strafrechtelijke sancties (6 credits) – CRI4001;
 - Transforensische psychiatrie (6 credits) – CRI4027;
 - Verdediging in strafzaken (6 credits) – CRI4009;
 - Verdieping materieel strafrecht (6 credits) – CRI4005;
- c. Two electives (12 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 51: Composition of the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging, English-language

The English-language track comprises the following components (the study load is shown for each component):

- a. The compulsory courses:
 - Advanced criminal procedure (6 credits) – CRI4024;
 - Criminological perspectives (6 credits) – CRI4017;
 - Evidence (6 credits) – CRI4021;
 - Psychology and law (6 credits) – CRI4015;
- b. Two bounded electives to be chosen from the list:
 - Cold cases (admission based on selection) (6 credits) – LAW4043;
 - Criminalistics and forensic DNA (6 credits) – CRI4026;
 - European criminal law (6 credits) – CRI4007;
 - Forensic psychopathology (6 credits) – CRI4016;
 - Forensische accountancy (6 credits) – CRI4013;
 - Forensische geneeskunde (6 credits) – CRI4029;
 - International criminal law (6 credits) – CRI4023;
 - OM en rechtshandhaving (6 credits) – LAW4041;
 - Organisational crime (6 credits) – CRI4020;
 - Strafrechtelijke Sancties (6 credits) – CRI4001;
 - Transforensische Psychiatrie (6 credits) – CRI4027;
 - Verdediging in strafzaken (6 credits) – CRI4009;

- Verdieping materieel strafrecht (6 credits) – CRI4005;
- c. Two electives (12 credits), as provided for in Article 53;
- d. Master's thesis (12 credits).

Article 52: Further provisions concerning the electives for the master's programme International Laws

1. In accordance with Article 47, students have 42 credits of electives. At least 24 credits must be taken in the country of exchange at one of the partner universities associated with this programme (exchange requirement). Proposals for the courses to be followed must be submitted to the Director of Studies for approval, in the form of a learning agreement (in accordance with the Internationalisation Office's procedure for stays abroad). If an exchange at a partner university is not possible, a proposal can be submitted to the Director of Studies for approval for an alternative completion of the compulsory 24 credits that have to be obtained abroad.
2. Only after the student has obtained 48 credits in year 1 of the master's programme International Laws the student is allowed to go on exchange.
3. Students can acquire a maximum of 6 credits (of 42 credits of electives) by completing an internship within an international context. The internship activities must be of a legal nature and in keeping with the programme in accordance with Article 54. Internship proposals must be submitted to the Director of Studies for approval, via the Internship Coordinator.
4. Students may acquire a maximum of 12 credits (of 42 credits of electives) by taking non-legal courses (including language courses). Proposals must be submitted to the Director of Studies for approval, via the Education Desk.
5. If a student chooses not to take all 42 credits of electives in the country of exchange at one of the partner universities associated with this programme, student may, for the remaining credits, take compulsory courses from the master's programme Globalisation and Law and from the master's programme European Law School and from the specialisations of these master's programmes.

Article 53: General provisions concerning the electives for the other master's programmes

1. Students of the master's programmes Nederlands Recht, European Law School, Globalisation and Law, Recht en Arbeid, Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging must, in compliance with annex 1A fill in the free elective space with:
 - a. compulsory course or bounded elective of the following master's programmes or specialisations:
 - Nederlands Recht;
 - European Law School;
 - Globalisation and Law;
 - Recht en Arbeid;
 - Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging.
 - b. a course from the following list:
 - Advanced Property Law (PRI4005);
 - Courses mentioned in Article 50 and Article 51 as bounded elective for the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging;
 - Customs Law (TAX 4027);
 - European Data Protection and Privacy Law (IER 4026);
 - European Labour and Social Security Law (PUB4007) unless the course Europeanising Sociaal Recht (PUB4027) is (mandatory) taken;

- European Value Added Tax (TAX4005);
 - Global Tax Policy and Sustainable Governance (TAX4014);
 - International Dispute Settlement (IER4008);
 - Law and Economics (LAW4006);
 - Law of the Sea (IER4024);
 - Pensioen (TAX4004)
 - The Good Lawyer (MET4063);
 - The Law of the Economic and Monetary Union (IER4020)
- c. which is provided for in paragraph 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Article
2. Students of the master programme Fiscaal Recht (specialisation Directe Belastingen) must, in compliance with annex 1A fill in the free elective space with
- a. a compulsory course of the following master's programmes or specialisations:
- Nederlands Recht;
 - European Law School;
 - Globalisation and Law;
 - Recht en Arbeid;
 - Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging;
 - International and European Tax Law (except for the courses Fundamentals of International Taxation (TAX4010), European Corporate Tax (TAX4031), Responsible International Tax Planning Compliance and Administration (TAX4019) and Tax and Technology II (Tilburg University) (TAX4029)).
- b. a course from the following list:
- Advanced Property Law (PRI4005);
 - Courses mentioned in Article 50 and Article 51 as bounded elective for the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging;
 - Computational Science of Taxation (TAX4026);
 - European Data Protection and Privacy Law (IER 4026);
 - European Labour and Social Security Law (PUB4007) unless the course Europeanising Sociaal Recht (PUB4027) is taken;
 - Global Tax Policy and Sustainable Governance (TAX4014);
 - International Dispute Settlement (IER4008);
 - Law and Economics (LAW4006);
 - Law of the Sea (IER4024);
 - The Good Lawyer (MET4063);
 - The Law of the Economic and Monetary Union (IER4020);
- c. which is provided for in paragraph 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Article.
3. Students of the master's programme International and European Tax Law (general programme) must, in compliance with annex 1A fill in the free elective space with:
- a. a compulsory course of the following master's programmes or specialisations:
- Nederlands Recht;
 - European Law School;
 - Globalisation and Law;
 - Recht en Arbeid;
 - Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging;

- Fiscaal Recht (except for the courses Ondernemingsrecht (PRI4007), Europese en Nederlandse Vennootschapsbelasting (TAX 4001), Verdieping Formeel Belastingrecht (TAX4003), Tax Assurance Indirecte Belastingen (Tilburg University)(TAX4015), Indirecte Belastingen en Internationale Handel (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) (TAX4013), Capita Selecta Omzetbelasting (Tilburg University) (TAX4012), Tax and Technology I (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) (TAX4025), Tax and Technology II (Tilburg University) (TAX4029))
- b. a course from the following list:
- Advanced Property Law (PRI4005);
 - Courses mentioned in Article 50 and Article 51 as bounded elective for the master's programme Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging;
 - Computational Science of Taxation (TAX4026)
 - Customs Law (TAX4027)
 - European Data Protection and Privacy Law (IER 4026);
 - European Labour and Social Security Law (PUB4007) unless the course Europeanising Sociaal Recht (PUB4027) is taken;
 - Global Tax Policy and Sustainable Governance (TAX4014);
 - International Dispute Settlement (IER4008);
 - International Supply Chain Taxation (TAX4028)
 - International Trade Law (IER4002)
 - Law and Economics (LAW4006);
 - Law of the Sea (IER4024);
 - The Good Lawyer (MET4063);
 - The Law of the Economic and Monetary Union (IER4020);
- c. which is provided for in paragraph 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Article.
4. Students of all master's programmes can acquire a maximum of 6 credits by taking a legal master's course at another Faculty. The student must submit a proposal to take a legal master's course at another Faculty to the Director of Studies for approval, via the Education Desk.
 5. Students of all master's programmes may fill in the elective space by taking a legal master's course at a foreign university. The student must submit a proposal to that take a legal master's course at a foreign university by means of a learning agreement (in accordance with the procedure of the Exchange Office) to the Director of Studies for approval.
 6. Students of all master's programmes can acquire a maximum of 6 credits by completing an internship as referred to in Article 54.
 7. The Director of Studies may grant permission, under conditions set by the Director of Studies, for a student to compose their own elective of up to 6 credits under the supervision of a lecturer qualified to conduct exams. A proposal for this elective, along with a short description and the name of the requested supervisor, needs to be submitted beforehand to the Education Desk. The Director of Studies will make a decision regarding the proposal within four weeks. If needed, the Board of Examiners will then decide on the exam requirements within four weeks.

Article 54: Further provisions concerning the internship

1. Students can acquire a maximum of 6 elective credits by means of an internship in line with the master's programme or specialisation.
2. The Faculty may offer internship places. Alternatively, students may submit an internship proposal to the Director of Studies for approval, via the Internship Coordinator. The Director of Studies will make a decision regarding that proposal within a period of four weeks.

3. The Internship Office appoints a supervising lecturer for each internship. The internship qualifies as a component of the examination only if the lecturer has approved the internship report and formed a positive opinion concerning the information received by the Internship Office regarding the student's performance during the internship.
4. Per specialisation, students may undertake no more than one internship supervised by a staff member of the Faculty.
5. Further guidelines will be drawn up by mutual agreement between the Director of Studies and the Board of Examiners to ensure the effective organisation of internships. The internship guidelines can be found on the faculty website. Students must agree to comply with the internship guidelines by signing a student declaration prior to the internship.

Article 55: Further provisions concerning the master's thesis

The content of the master's thesis is in line with the chosen programme and the associated specialisation, if any, and is a minimum of 8000 words in length. The lecturer's permission will be required if the number of words is to exceed 10,000. The master's thesis for the master's programme International Laws is a minimum of 10,000 words in length. The lecturer's permission will be required if the number of words is to exceed 12,000. The master's thesis will be assessed individually.

1.
 - a. The master's thesis for the Nederlands Recht, Fiscaal Recht, Recht en Arbeid and Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Dutch-language track) programmes is written in Dutch. The lecturer (thesis supervisor) may give permission for the thesis to be written in English.
 - b. The master's thesis for the International and European Tax Law, European Law School, Globalisation and Law, International Laws and Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (English-language track) programmes is written in English.
 - c. In exceptional cases, the Director of Studies may give permission for the thesis to be written in a different language.
2. Further guidelines are drawn up by mutual agreement between the Director of Studies and the Board of Examiners in respect of the master's thesis (Regulations on the Master's Thesis, available on the Student Intranet). Those regulations contain further provisions concerning the procedure, deadlines and submission dates for the master's thesis in accordance with concerning terms in the Instructions and Guidelines.
3. In consultation with the lecturer, students choose a topic for the master's thesis in accordance with the Regulations on the Master's Thesis. If applicable, when choosing a topic students must indicate as part of which specialisation or specialisations the thesis should be assessed.

CHAPTER 5 – HONOURS (RESEARCH TRACK) PROGRAMME

Article 56: The Honours (research track) programme

1. The Honours (research track) programme as listed on the faculty website is a supplementary programme for the most highly motivated master's students from the master's programmes named in these Regulations.
2. A limited number of students are admitted to the Honours (research track) programme each year. Selection takes place once a year. Selections are made on the basis of motivation and above-average study results. The procedure is specified on the faculty website.

3. Students who have been admitted to the Honours (research track) programme attend the courses offered by the Maastricht Graduate School of Law, as listed on the faculty website.
4. Students participating in the Master's programme Honours Research Track need to submit their thesis by 31 August in the academic year they are doing their master's programme (this is the second year of their master's programme for students doing the ILs programme). Students who do not meet this deadline will not receive the Honours certificate.

CHAPTER 6 – EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION

Article 57: Definition

1. Extracurricular education is not part of the master's examination and is included in the list of grades attached to the degree certificate under the category 'extracurricular education' insofar as the unit of study has a study load and is assessed. Extracurricular education does not affect the calculation of (Summa) Cum Laude and the Grade Point Average (GPA).

Article 58: Moot Courts

1. The Faculty recognises and facilitates participation in a number of (inter)national moot court competitions. These competitions, the study load and the selection procedure are specified in a regulation to be determined by the Director of Studies, after consultation with the Moot Court Coordinator and the Board of Examiners.
2. Annually, a number of students will be selected by the Moot Court Coordinator for participation in a moot court competition.

CHAPTER 7 – ADMISSION TO EDUCATION AND ASSESSMENT

Article 59: Admission to education

1. Students are entitled to participate in educational activities in accordance with the annual schedule, as mentioned in chapter 4, provided the further paragraphs of this Article.
2. Only with the permission of the Director of Studies may the student be admitted to education in deviation from the provisions of the previous paragraph.

Article 60: Admission to assessment

Students are entitled to participate in all the assessments (components) of the courses that are part of the master's programme or specialisation as referred to in chapter 4.

CHAPTER 8 – ASSESSMENT

Article 61: General provisions

1. To assess whether a student has fulfilled the requirements of the programme component, the student is assessed on achievement of the learning outcomes of the programme component.
2. By submitting a paper for the programme, the student is consenting, in the broadest sense of the word, to having his or her work checked for plagiarism through a plagiarism detection system. That consent also means that the student is agreeing to the inclusion of the paper in question in a plagiarism detection system database to enable other works to be checked for plagiarism in future.

Article 62: Assessment methods

1. A variety of assessment methods are used in the programme. The assessment methods are distributed evenly over the programme and aligned with the programme component.
2. The assessment of a programme components comprises where possible several assessment components.
3. In coordination with the Director of Studies the examiner determines how a programme component is assessed, how the assessment components are weighted in the final assessment of the programme component and how the final result of the programme component is determined.
4. The assessment method must be communicated to students before the start of the programme component.
5. Changes to the method of assessment must be submitted to the Director of Studies for approval no later than eight weeks before the start of the educational activities.
6. After the start of the programme component changes to the chosen method of assessment can only be made in coordination with the Director of Studies, after consultation with the Board of Examiners and only in favour of the students.
7. Students with a chronic disability or chronic illness will be given the opportunity, upon request, to take course exams in a manner which best accommodates their individual disability or illness. If necessary, the Board of Examiners will seek expert advice before making a decision.
8. Oral course exams are held in public unless the Board of Examiners or the examiner concerned has determined otherwise in an exceptional case, or the student has objected to this.
9. Students are given the opportunity to take assessment components twice per academic year.
10. The examiner can decide that oral or written assignments that are completed during the course component are part of the assessment.

Article 63: Instructions and Guidelines

The Board of Examiners may determine instructions and guidelines regarding the assessment (components) and determination of the results. These are reflected in the Instructions and Guidelines (I&G).

CHAPTER 9 – ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Article 64: Determination and notification

The examiner determines the result of an assessment (component) within four weeks after the end of the examination period, and provides the Education Office with the necessary data for the purpose of announcing the result to the student. In exceptional cases, the Director of Studies, after consultation with the Board of Examiners may decide to deviate from this deadline.

Article 65: Period of validity

1. In principle, the period of validity of assessments which have been passed is unlimited.
2. Results of assessment components of programme components expire after the ending of the academic year in which they are achieved.

3. With regard to a component for which the assessment was taken more than six years previously, the Board of Examiners may require an additional or replacement exam to be taken if the knowledge or understanding forming the subject of the exam is demonstrably outdated or if the skills forming the subject of the exam are demonstrably outdated. If the special circumstances as referred to in Section 7.51(2) of the WHW occur, the period of six years will be extended by the period during which the student receives financial support from the Financial Support Fund.

Article 66: Right of access and information and safekeeping obligation

1. A student has the right to have access to the graded assessment components and to be informed about the way in which the assessment of the programme component was conducted in accordance with the procedure as determined by the examiner.
2. The written assessments will be kept in paper or digital form for two years after the assessment result is determined
3. A master's thesis that is assessed with a satisfactory result and its assessment will be kept for at least seven years.

Article 67: Fraud and plagiarism

1. Fraud, including plagiarism, means actions or omissions by a student which make it impossible in whole or in part to evaluate his or her knowledge, understanding and skills properly.
2. Plagiarism means the presentation of ideas or words from someone else's texts, images or soundmaterial without proper acknowledgement of the source.
3. If the Board of Examiners determines that a student has committed fraud in respect of an assessment (component), it takes appropriate measures.
4. The Board of Examiners may, in serious cases of fraud, propose to Maastricht University's Executive Board that the student concerned be de-registered permanently from the programme.
5. Without prejudice to the powers of the Board of Examiners, the Dean has the authority to report a student for forgery.
6. The Instructions and Guidelines include further provisions about what constitutes fraud and which measures the Board of Examiners may impose.

Article 68: Unsuitability (Iudicium Abeundi)

1. In exceptional cases and after a careful weighing of the interests involved, the Dean may ask the Executive Board to terminate or deny a student's registration for the programme if the student's conduct or statements proves them to be unsuitable to practise one or more professions for which the programme concerned is training them, or unsuitable for the practical preparation for the profession. The Board of Examiners may submit a recommendation to that effect to the Dean.
2. If the Dean of the Faculty is asked by the Executive Board for a recommendation concerning a proposed termination or denial of registration based on the reasons stated in the first paragraph, the Dean will in turn ask the Board of Examiners for a recommendation. The recommendation to the Dean will be substantiated.

CHAPTER 10 – EXEMPTION AND INCLUSION OF PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Article 69: Exemption

1. The Board of Examiners is authorised to exempt a student from specific programme components. In any event, exemption must be granted if a student has successfully completed programme components which are equivalent in terms of content, study load and level at an institution of higher education and if a student has successfully completed the assessment components no more than six years prior to the date of the exemption.
2. No exemption can be granted for an assessment component based on an assessment component from a bachelor's programme.
3. The authority referred to in the first paragraph will not be used in any circumstances in so far as, owing to exemption having been granted, the student requires fewer than 24 credits from faculty programme components in order to complete the programme.
4. No exemption will be granted for the master's thesis.
5. The Board of Examiners will not grant an exemption based on assessment components passed by a student outside the programme during the period in which the student was excluded by the Board of Examiners from participation in assessment components for the programme because of fraud.
6. The Board of Examiners will not grant an exemption for the electives in Article 52 and 53 nor for the bounded electives.
7. Paragraphs 3 and 4 and Article 71 are not applicable to exemptions granted for programme components passed as part of the contract education offered by the Faculty

Article 70: Inclusion of Programme Components

1. Programme components may be incorporated into one programme or specialisation only.
2. Contrary to the provisions of paragraph 1, the Board of Examiners may grant approval to include programme components, worth a maximum of 12 credits, except for internships and master's thesis, in a programme or specialisation which also form part of a different master's programme or specialisation which is being taken or has been taken by the student and are equal in level.
3. The provisions of this paragraph also apply to students from a different university who are admitted to a master's programme and have earned credits here as part of an exchange programme. For a programme which, owing to collaboration with one or more universities, results in students gaining multiple degrees (dual degree programme) more than 12 credits may form part of each of the two faculty programmes. The Faculty Board adopts additional regulations for such dual degree programmes.

Article 71: Maximum

The combination of exemptions and included programme components may not result in more than 24 credits.

Article 72: Collaboration other universities

The Faculty Board may adopt alternative regulations for a programme which, owing to collaboration with one or more universities, results in students gaining multiple degrees (dual degree programme).

CHAPTER 11 – STUDY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Article 73: Study progress and study advice and guidance

The Faculty Board is responsible for providing students who are registered for the programmes with study advice and guidance. Study advisers are given access to the student's details to enable them to provide that student with individual advice.

Upon request, the Faculty provides students with an overview of the study results they have achieved.

CHAPTER 12 – MONITORING STUDY PROGRESS (in the context of the residence permit)

Article 74: Study progress standard

1. In accordance with the Modern Migration Policy Act (*Wet modern migratiebeleid*), students with a student residence permit must earn at least 50% of the credits allotted to an academic year to retain their permit. This requirement does not apply to exchange students and premaster's students.
2. The study progress standard is 30 credits for each academic year. In principle, all the credits earned by a student in a year (including exemptions) are taken into account in the determination of the total number of credits.
3. UM is obliged to report to the IND each year if there are students who have not met the study progress standard. The report on the students' progress made over the past academic year is issued in November of each year.
4. If students do not meet the 50% standard, they may be eligible to be excused.

Article 75: Reasons for excusability

1. If the Faculty Board intends to issue a negative decision about whether a student meets the study progress standard, that student will be given the opportunity to adduce circumstances which led to him or her having failed to meet the standard.
2. The following circumstances are taken into account:
 - a. Special circumstances referred to in Article 2.1 of the Implementing Decree of the Higher Education and Research Act;
 - b. Having a top-level sports status recognized at UM.
3. Students who can reasonably suspect to incur a study delay due to personal circumstances should report this to the study adviser. This way they can reduce any study delay related to the circumstances and, if the study adviser deems it necessary, draw up an individual study plan. The student should report this within 14 days of when the circumstances occur.
4. In exceptional cases, where applying the rules concerning the negative study advice would result in the student being disproportionately disadvantaged or in considerable unfairness, the Faculty Board may depart from the set regulations in favour of the student.

CHAPTER 13 – EXAMINATIONS

Article 76: Degree; certificate

1. The Board of Examiners decides once a month on the awarding of the master's certificate and the degree granted.

2. The Board of Examiners issues a certificate as proof that the master's examination has been completed successfully. The certificate is signed by the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners and the Dean. The certificate is awarded in public unless the Board of Examiners decides otherwise in exceptional cases.
3. Those students who have successfully completed the master's examination are awarded the Master of Laws (LLM) degree with the name of the master's programme added to it.
4. The examinee is also presented with a separate list of grades, as well as a diploma supplement when the certificate is awarded.
5. A student who is entitled to a certificate may request, stating grounds, that the Board of Examiners refrain from awarding it for the time being. Any such request must be submitted at least one month before the final examination component has been taken. The Board of Examiners will always grant the request - for a period to be determined - if the student:
 - has been selected by the faculty for an extracurricular internship or an extracurricular exchange, or;
 - holds or will hold a board position for which he or she will be awarded financial support from the Financial Support Fund for at least nine months, or;
 - holds or will hold an INKOM board position.

The Board of Examiners may also grant the request if not doing so would result in considerable unfairness;

6. The Board of Examiners may award the Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude title in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Instructions and Guidelines.

Article 77: Grade Point Average

1. The Board of Examiners may provide students with a certificate confirming their Grade Point Average if they submit a reasoned request to that effect (for example, for a master's programme registration). The Grade Point Average is indicated only on the transcript, not on the official grade list.
2. The GPA equals the weighted average of all final numerical grades on the students' Master's grade transcript. The weighting is based on the ECTS credits of the programme components of the programme.
3. The GPA is calculated as $(\text{numerical grade} * \text{EC}) + (\text{numerical grade} * \text{EC}) + \dots / \text{total EC}$.
4. Excluded from the GPA calculation are programme components that are awarded a pass or fail and programme components that are awarded with a No Grade (NG).

Article 78: Civil Effect

Annex 4 lists the cases in which students are eligible for a statement of civil effect.

Article 79: Certificate Honours (Research Track) programme

1. If the Honours Programme as referred to in Article 56 has been successfully completed, a certificate stating this shall be issued in addition to the certificate referred to in Article 76.
2. To obtain this certificate the student must successfully complete the requirements of the regular master's examination and the components of the Honours Programme.
3. The Honours Programme Coordinator determines whether the student has fulfilled all the specific requirements of the honours programme.

Article 80: Right of appeal

On all decisions of the Board of Examiners communicated to the student to which an appeal is possible, the student is informed of the possibility of appeal to the Examination Appeals Board ex Article 7.61 WHW (which provision is included in these regulations) and the time limit within which this appeal must be lodged.

Article 81: Free programme

A request for approval of a free program as referred to in Article 7.3j of the WHW must be submitted to the Board of Examiners in a motivated written form.

CHAPTER 14 – FINAL PROVISIONS AND IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

Article 82: Mandate

1. A staff member of the Education Office may be authorised to exercise the powers of the Faculty Board and the Director of Studies as specified in these Regulations.
2. The Board of Examiners may authorise its Chairperson or one or more of its other members to exercise its powers as specified in these Regulations.
3. The Board of Admissions referred to in Article 72 has been authorised by the Faculty Board to make decisions on its behalf with regard to the admission of candidates to the master's programmes referred to in these Regulations.
4. The Faculty Board authorises the Dean to issue decisions concerning whether or not a student has met the study progress standard as referred to in Article 53. The Dean will sign the letters concerned and in the absence of the Dean, the Education portfolio holder will be authorised to do so. Hearings may be held on behalf of the Faculty Board. Hearings and appeal proceedings, if any, concerning failure to meet the study progress standard may be conducted by (a member of) the MoMi committee on behalf of the Faculty Board.

Article 83: Amendment

1. The Faculty Board lays down amendments to these Regulations by means of a separate decision after having heard the Director of Studies and the competent advisory body, i.e. Faculty Council or the relevant Programme Committees.
2. In derogation from paragraph 1, the Faculty Board may, in consultation with the Director of Studies and after consultation with the coordinator of the master's programme concerned, decide to extend the programme by adding, at a later stage, a course to be given by a guest lecturer.
3. None of the amendments made will have application to the present academic year unless it can be reasonably assumed that any such amendments will not adversely affect the students' interests.

Article 84: Evaluation

The Faculty Board is responsible for conducting a regular evaluation of the study programme and will always consider, for the purposes of monitoring and, where necessary, adjusting the study load, the resultant claim on students' time.

Article 85: Hardship clause

1. The Board of Examiners, the Director of Studies or the Faculty Board or its mandate is authorised to depart from these Regulations in favour of the student, if application of these Regulations would result in inequitable consequences of a predominant nature. This applies for the Board of Examiners for those matters in which the Board of Examiners is authorized in accordance with the WHW. The same applies to the Director of Studies for the exercise of their competences pursuant to the Faculty Regulations.
2. There are inequitable consequences of a predominant nature if the strict application of the Regulations leads to consequences that were not foreseen by the author of these Regulations and that are so disadvantageous for the student concerned that they could never have been intended by the author of these Regulations.
3. Personal circumstances do not play part in determining the existence of inequitable consequences of a predominant nature.
4. In so far as application of the hardship clause concerns admission, the Faculty Board will make a decision based on the advice of the Board of Admissions.

Article 86: Unforeseen cases

The Faculty Board will make a decision in cases not provided for by these Regulations.

Article 87: Entry into effect

These Regulations will enter into effect on 1 September 2024 and expire on 1 September 2025.

Adopted by the Faculty Board on Februari 27th, 2024.

ANNEXES to the 2024-2025 Education and Examination Regulations for the master's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law

ANNEX 1 – TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENT

The following transitional arrangement form part of the 2024-2025 Education and Examination Regulations for the master's programmes of Maastricht University's Faculty of Law.

1. If a course is no longer offered owing a change in the composition of a master's programme or specialisation, students will no longer be entitled to the education and assessment of this course unless stipulated otherwise in the supplementary transitional arrangements.
2. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 1, students are entitled to graduate under the following conditions, on the basis of the requirements which were in force for the student considering their date of admission, at the start of their studies:
 - the student obtained at least 18 credits from the old programme or specialisation before the start date of the new programme or specialisation; if the change means a specialisation option is no longer offered, a provision may be included in a supplementary transitional arrangement stipulating that fewer than 18 credits are required;
 - the student graduates by taking a maximum of two additional assessment opportunities for each course that had not yet been passed;
 - the student graduates within six calendar years of starting the programme.
3. Without prejudice to the previous paragraphs, supplementary transitional arrangements may be included afterwards.
4. In cases not provided for by the transitional arrangements, students may submit a request to the Director of Studies for an adapted programme. The Director of Studies will make a decision about the request after discussing it with the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners and after seeking advice from the programme coordinator.
5. As of academic year 2024/2025 the following programme components are no longer offered and assessed:
 - Family Law in Europe (PRI4009)
 - Overheid in Opdrachten I (PUB4025)
 - Overheid in Opdrachten II (PUB 4026)
 - International and European Tax Law (TAX4002)

ANNEX 1A – OVERLAPPING COURSES

Table of partially overlapping courses which cannot be used simultaneously within a programme.

International criminal humanitarian law	International criminal law
International criminal humanitarian law	International humanitarian law
European company law	European company law
International and European environmental law	European environmental law
Psychology and law	Rechtspsychologie en forensisch bewijs
Rechtspsychologie en bewijs	Rechtspsychologie en forensisch bewijs
Forensic psychopathology	Forensisch psychopathologie
Criminological perspectives	Capita selecta criminology
Forensic DNA-research	Forensisch DNA-onderzoek
Criminalistics	Criminalistiek
Evidence	Bewijs in strafzaken
Effective criminal defence	Verdediging in strafzaken
Verdediging in strafzaken	Verdediging en rechtsmiddelen in strafzaken
Organisational crime	Organisatiecriminologie
Criminalistiek en forensisch- DNA	Forensisch DNA-onderzoek
Criminalistiek en forensisch- DNA	Criminalistiek
Sancties	Strafrechtelijke sancties
Actueel bestuursrecht	Verdieping bestuurs(proces)recht
Bestuursprocesrecht	Verdieping bestuurs(proces)recht
Decentraal bestuur	Marktregulering, toezicht en decentralisatie / Openbaar bestuur
Tax policy in the international context	Global tax policy and governance
Tax policy in the European Union	Tax policy in the international context
Tax policy in the European Union	Global tax policy and governance
Advanced international law	International law and globalisation / Public international law
Market law, risk regulation and governance: European and global challenges	Internal market law and governance
Europees en nationaal constitutioneel recht	European and national constitutional law
International arbitration and economic dispute resolution	International commercial and economic dispute resolution / International commercial dispute resolution
Comparative corporate taxation	Fundamentals of international taxation
Advocaat en ethos	The good lawyer
Verdieping Strafprocesrecht	Advanced Criminal Procedure
International supply chain taxation	Advanced customs law
Global tax policy	Global tax policy and sustainable governance
Transfer pricing and attribution of profit	Transfer pricing
International tax planning and fiscal ethics	Responsible international tax planning, compliance and administration
Fiscaal concernrecht	Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting
International and European tax law	International business taxation

International and European tax law	European corporate taxation
Europese en Nederlandse vennootschapsbelasting	European corporate taxation
European Labour Law and Social Security	Europeanising Sociaal Recht

ANNEX 2 – LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

(Explanation to Article 24)

Master Nederlands Recht:

De keuze voor de taal van het onderwijs is in lijn met de UM Gedragscode Voertaal conform WHW artikel 7.2.

Vanwege het specifieke karakter en profiel van de Master Nederlands Recht, wordt het onderwijs primair gegeven en getoetst in het Nederlands. Dit garandeert de kwaliteit van het onderwijs omdat:

- het onderwerp van het programma een typisch Nederlandse focus heeft. In alle specialisaties (Privaatrecht, Handels- en Ondernemingsrecht, Strafrecht en Staats- en Bestuursrecht) ligt de focus immers op het nationale recht. Daarbij kan worden gedacht aan onderwerpen als het verbintenissenrecht, de onrechtmatige (overheids)daad en het strafproces, en;
- de opleiding voorbereidt op de Nederlandse arbeidsmarkt. Daarbij kan onder meer worden gedacht aan de togaberoepen, aan juridische beroepen binnen het bedrijfsleven en bij de (de)centrale overheid.

Ten behoeve van de kwaliteit van het onderwijs is Engels de instructietaal, indien het onderwijs betreft in het kader van een gastcollege dat door een anderstalige docent gegeven wordt en indien het onderwijsmateriaal in het Engels is (zoals literatuur en jurisprudentie).

Master Fiscaal Recht:

De keuze voor de taal van het onderwijs is in lijn met de UM Gedragscode Voertaal conform WHW artikel 7.2.

Vanwege het specifieke karakter en profiel van de specialisatie Directe belastingen en de specialisatie Indirecte belastingen, wordt het onderwijs grotendeels gegeven en getoetst in het Nederlands. Dit garandeert de kwaliteit van het onderwijs omdat:

- het onderwerp van het programma een typisch Nederlandse focus heeft. Daarnaast richt de opleiding zich binnen de parameters van het Civiel Effect covenant op het Nederlandse recht, met inbegrip van het Internationale en Europese recht en de doorwerking daarvan in de Nederlandse rechtsorde. Tevens richt de opleiding zich binnen de parameters van de Nederlandse Orde van belastingadviseurs.
- het onderwerp van het programma een typisch Nederlandse focus heeft, maar ook Engelstalige blokken kent vanwege de internationale en Europese invloed op belastingwetgeving. De inrichting van het belastingrecht kent een sterk nationaal karakter, vandaar dat het merendeel van de blokken in het Nederlands wordt gegeven. Een voorbeeld is de inkomstenbelasting, en;
- de opleiding voorbereidt op de Nederlandse arbeidsmarkt. De specialisatie Directe belastingen en de specialisatie Indirecte belastingen zijn onderdeel van het totaal aan kwalificaties dat noodzakelijk is om toe te treden tot de gereguleerde traditioneel fiscaalrechtelijke beroepen zoals belastingadviseur en belastinginspecteur. Daarnaast is het gezien het civiel effect ook mogelijk advocaat, officier van justitie of rechter te worden.

De specialisatie Tax and Technology wordt deels in het Engels en deels in Nederlands aangeboden. Dit garandeert de kwaliteit van het onderwijs omdat:

- het onderwerp van de specialisatie een internationale focus heeft: technologie is niet aan landsgrenzen gebonden en de beste wetenschappelijke bronnen zijn in het Engels beschikbaar, en;
- de specialisatie aan de UM gerealiseerd is in samenwerking met de Vrije Universiteit en Tilburg University (UvT) en de specialisatie ook open staat voor internationale studenten van de UM (Master International and European Tax Law) de Vrije Universiteit en Tilburg University.

Master Recht en Arbeid:

De keuze voor de taal van het onderwijs is in lijn met de UM Gedragscode Voertaal conform WHW artikel 7.2.

Vanwege het specifieke karakter en profiel van de Master Recht en Arbeid wordt het onderwijs gegeven en getoetst in het Nederlands. Dit garandeert de kwaliteit van het onderwijs omdat:

- het onderwerp van het programma heeft een typisch Nederlandse focus. De opleiding richt zich op het (Nederlandse) recht, dat de Nederlandse arbeidsmarkt beheerst, en;
- de opleiding voorbereidt op de Nederlandse arbeidsmarkt [Advocatuur, personeelsafdelingen, lokale overheden].

Ten behoeve van de kwaliteit van het onderwijs is Engels de taal van instructie indien het onderwijs betreft in het kader van een gastcollege door een anderstalige docent gegeven wordt en indien het onderwijsmateriaal in het Engels is (zoals handboeken).

Master Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (Nederlandse track en English Track):

De keuze voor de taal van het onderwijs is in lijn met de UM Gedragscode Voertaal conform WHW artikel 7.2.

De master Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (FCR) wordt zowel in een Nederlandse als in een Engelse variant (onder de naam Forensics, Criminology and Law; afgekort als FCL) aangeboden. De gekozen structuur van de master FCR/FCL garandeert dat studenten in ruime mate kennis en inzicht verwerven in een aantal criminaliteitsfenomenen, de (strafrechts)pleging en de daarop inwerkende invloed vanuit diverse forensische disciplines. Dat geldt voor beide tracks en bijbehorende specialisaties. In beginsel komen dan ook dezelfde thema's in beide tracks aan bod. De literatuur in een aantal blokken kent ook een groot aantal overeenkomsten. Zeker als het gaat om het duiden van belangrijke ontwikkelingen in de sfeer van de rechtspsychologie, criminologie, criminalistiek etc., wordt voor wat betreft de te bestuderen literatuur veelvuldig gebruik gemaakt van Engelse teksten.

Vanwege het specifieke karakter en profiel van de Master FCR, wordt het onderwijs in de Nederlandse track het onderwijs primair gegeven en getoetst in het Nederlands. Dit garandeert de kwaliteit van het onderwijs omdat:

- de Nederlandse track voortdurend een brug slaat naar de betekenis van die ontwikkelingen voor het Nederlandse strafprocesrecht, en;

- deze track een variëteit aan studenten (juristen en niet-juristen) aantrekt die bovenal een werkplek in Nederland ambiëren.

Dat er naast een Nederlandstalige track ook een bloeiende Engelstalige track is ontstaan heeft een aantal specifieke redenen:

- De specifieke behoefte onder niet-Nederlandse studenten om dit interdisciplinaire programma ook te kunnen volgen;
- De mogelijkheden die een Engelstalig programma biedt om niet alleen in te zoomen op één rechtsstelsel, maar om in plaats daarvan rechtsvergelijking centraal te stellen;
- De internationale samenstelling van de academische gemeenschap en de staf;
- Het feit dat de opleiding voorbereidt voor de Nederlandse en internationale arbeidsmarkt.

Master European Law School:

The choice for the language of instruction of the programme is in line with the UM Code of Conduct for Language in accordance with the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) art. 7.2.

Because of the specific educational nature and profile of the European Law School Master's Programme, teaching and examinations are conducted in English. This guarantees the quality of education, because:

- the content of the programme has an international orientation and focuses on EU law;
- the academic community is internationally oriented and the staff is international. The international classroom of the European Law School contains over 65 nationalities (68 now). Staff members come from different countries as well. With over 40% of international staff, this is a truly international working environment. Students and staff work together on research projects (such as MARBLE (for bachelor students) and PREMIUM (for master students)). Teaching staff all have teaching qualifications (BKO) and most staff members hold a PhD degree;
- the labour market demand is internationally oriented. Most European Law School graduates end up working for European Institutions, or in companies around the European institutions, international organisations or non-governmental organisations;
- the student intake and current population is internationally diverse and English is the common language;
- most materials are available in English and English is the common language used.

Master Globalisation and Law:

The choice for the language of instruction of the programme is in line with the UM Code of Conduct for Language in accordance with the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) art. 7.2.

Because of the specific educational nature and profile of the Master's Programme Globalisation and Law, teaching and examinations are conducted in English. This guarantees the quality of education, because:

- the content of the programme has an international orientation and focus (the overall topic is international law; the handbooks and other relevant materials are in the main published in the English language);

- the academic community is internationally oriented and the staff is international (given the overall topic of the programme (international law) many, if not the majority of the faculty involved in the courses are foreigners);
- the labour market demand is internationally oriented (e.g. international organisations; NGOs engaged in transnational action; international law-firms);
- the student intake and current population is internationally diverse and English is the common language. (85% of the students are foreigners).

Master International Laws:

The choice for the language of instruction of the programme is in line with the UM Code of Conduct for Language in accordance with the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) art. 7.2.

Because of the specific educational nature and profile of the International Laws Master's Programme, teaching and examinations are conducted in English. This guarantees the quality of education, because:

- the content of the programme has an international orientation and focuses on international law, EU law and the interaction between international cq. European law and national law;
- the academic community is internationally oriented and the staff is international (given the overall topic of the programme (international and European law) many, if not the majority of the faculty involved in the courses are foreigners);
- the labour market demand is internationally oriented (e.g. European Institutions, international organisations; NGOs engaged in transnational action; international law-firms);
- the student intake and current population is internationally diverse and English is the common language;
- most materials are available in English and English is the common language used.

Master International and European Tax Law:

The choice for the language of instruction of the programme is in line with the UM Code of Conduct for Language in accordance with the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (WHW) art. 7.2.

Because of the specific educational nature and profile of the International and European Tax Law Master's programme and its specialisations Tax and Technology, and Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation, teaching and examinations are conducted in English. This guarantees the quality of education, because:

- The content of the programme has an international and European orientation and focus. For example: internationally operating companies and cross border workers.
- The academic community is internationally oriented and the staff is partly international.
- The labour market demand is internationally oriented (English speaking) alumni. Many of the students find a job abroad at international tax law firms.
- The student intake and current population is internationally diverse and English is the common language. 10% Dutch, 90% non-Dutch.

ANNEX 3 – DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMMES

(Further elaboration of Article 47(3))

Bijlage 3a – Dual Degree programme with Università Bocconi (Milan)

A dual degree programme is offered in collaboration with Università Bocconi. The programme has a limited number of places. The home university selects which students can participate in the programme.

1. Students with Maastricht University as their home university
 - a. Registration for the Dual Degree programme with Università Bocconi is open to first-year students from the two-year master's programme International Laws.
 - b. Selections are made based on study progress and motivation. If more suitable students register than the number of places available, lots will be drawn for candidates to qualify for conditional placement. A conditional placement will be converted into a definite placement at the end of the academic year if students have earned all 60 credits belonging to the first course year.
 - c. Students with a definite placement do the LLM Law of Internet Technology or another LLM approved by the Director of Studies in Milan with the status of exchange student. Part of the Italian programme (48 credits) is also used for the mandatory study abroad component (Article 26) in the Master in International Laws.
 - d. To conclude both programmes, a separate thesis must be written for both programmes, which meets the requirements of that programme. The thesis completed at Università Bocconi cannot be included in the elective (as described in Article 26) in the International Laws master's programme.
 - e. Student who complete the programme with good results, are awarded the Master of Laws (LLM) degree in International Laws by Maastricht University and the LLM in Law of Internet Technology by Università Bocconi.
2. Students with Bocconi as their home university
 - a. The selected students follow the general programme or the specialization European Public Law or the specialisation European Business Law of the master's programme European Law School, including the concluding thesis, as an exchange student.

In contrast to the provisions in Article 53(2), the electives for this programme as listed in Article 40, Article 41 and Article 42 cannot be filled in with a 'study abroad' period.
 - b. To conclude both programmes, a separate thesis must be written for both programmes, which meets the requirements of that programme. The thesis completed at Università Bocconi cannot be included in the elective (Article 35) in the European Law School master's programme.
 - c. Students who complete the programme with good results, are awarded the Laurea Magistrale in Giusrisprudenza by Università Bocconi and the Master of Laws (LLM) in European Law School by Maastricht University.

Bijlage 3b – Dual Degree programme with Universität Zürich

A dual degree programme is offered in collaboration with Universität Zürich. The number of places on the programme is limited. The home university selects the students who take part in the programme.

1. Students with home university Maastricht University
 - a. Application for the Dual Degree programme with Universität Zürich is open to first-year students from the two-year master's programme International Laws.
 - b. Selection takes place on the basis of study progress and motivation. If more suitable students apply, a draw will take place to determine who is eligible for a conditional placement. The conditional placement will be converted into a definite placement if all 60 credits that belong to the first academic year have been completed with a sufficient score at the end of the academic year.
 - c. The permanently placed students will follow an LLM at Universität Zürich. Students must enrol at Universität Zürich as regular students and pay the corresponding tuition fees at Universität Zürich in addition to their regular registration at Maastricht University. Part of the Swiss programme (48 credits) will also be incorporated as a foreign study requirement (as described in Art 34.2) in the International Law master's programme.
 - d. To conclude, a separate thesis must be written for both programmes, which meets the requirements of that programme. The thesis completed at Universität Zürich cannot be included in the elective (as described in Art. 34.2) in the Master's programme International Laws.
 - e. Upon successful completion of the programme, the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) in International Laws will be awarded by Maastricht University and an LLM by the Universität Zürich.
2. Students with home university Universität Zürich:
 - a. The selected students follow as exchange students the programme of the European Law School (general programme or a specialisation) including the final thesis. Students must register as regular students and pay tuition fees at Maastricht University in addition to their registration at Universität Zürich.
 - b. To conclude, students must write a separate thesis for both programmes, which meets the requirements of that programme. The thesis completed at Universität Zürich cannot be included as an elective (Article 39 up to and including Article 42) in the European Law School master's programme.
 - c. Upon successful completion of the programme, an LLM will be awarded by Universität Zürich and the degree of Master of Laws (LLM) in European Law School by Maastricht University.

ANNEX 4 – CIVIL EFFECT

The cases in which students are eligible for a statement of civil effect are listed below.

CIVIL EFFECT	
for students with a diploma from Maastricht University for the bachelor's programmes in Rechtsgeleerdheid / Fiscaal recht and a successfully completed premaster Rechten from Maastricht University (together with hbo-rechten) together with one of the following master's programmes.	
Master	civiel effect
Nederlands recht algemeen programma	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
Nederlands recht specialisatie Privaatrecht	Ja
Nederlands recht specialisatie Handels- en ondernemingsrecht	Ja
Nederlands recht specialisatie Staats- en bestuursrecht	Ja
Recht en Arbeid specialisatie Arbeid en Gezondheid	Ja
Recht en Arbeid specialisatie Arbeid en Onderneming	Ja
Forensica, Criminologie en Rechtspleging (NL track)	Ja
Forensica, Criminology and Law (ENG track)	provided at least TWO of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview are passed
Fiscaal recht specialisatie Directe belastingen	Ja
Fiscaal recht specialisatie Indirecte belastingen	Ja
Fiscaal recht specialisatie Tax and Technology	Ja
IETL algemeen programma	Ja
IETL specialisatie Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation	Ja
IETL specialisatie Tax and Technology	Ja
ELS Algemeen programma	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
ELS specialisatie European Business Law	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
ELS Specialisatie European Public Law	Ja

ELS Specialisatie Law of Sustainable Europe	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
GaL specialisatie Human Rights	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
GAL specialisatie Corporate and Commercial Law	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
GAL specialisatie International Trade and Investment Law	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
GAL algemeen programma	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
ILs	provided at least one of the courses listed at the bottom of this overview is passed
<p>Courses as referred to in the second column above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bewijs in strafzaken (CRI4003) • Civiele rechtspleging (MET4001) • Europeanisering Sociaal Recht (PUB4027) • Europees en nationaal constitutioneel recht (PUB4021) OR European and National Constitutional Law (PUB4023) • European Criminal Law (CRI4007) • Geschillen in de onderneming (PUB4019) • Insolventierecht (PRI4010) • International Criminal Law (CRI4023) • Ondernemingsrecht (PRI4007) • Overheid en privaatrecht (PUB4012) • Sociale zekerheid I (PUB4018) • Sociale zekerheid II ((PUB4001) • Arbeidsrecht II (PUB4015) • Gezondheidsrecht I (LAW4001) • Gezondheidsrecht II (LAW4002) • Verdieping strafprocesrecht (CRI4002) 	

The following applies for students with other previous education:

- a) Students who have completed a **law** bachelor's degree at **another Dutch research university** need to request a statement from the faculty in question that specifies which civil effect requirements they still need to meet. This statement must be submitted to the Board of Examiners, which will then assess which requirements the student still needs to meet to qualify for a civil effect statement. The abovementioned requirements for the master's programmes are the minimum requirements. Where necessary, they are expanded with other components, possibly also at a bachelor's level.
- b) Students who have completed an accredited **hbo-Rechten** bachelor's degree (Nederlands Recht variant) plus a premaster Rechten at another Dutch Faculty, need to request a statement from the faculty in question that specifies which civil effect requirements they still need to be fulfilled. This statement needs to be submitted to the Board of Examiners, which will then assess which requirements the student still needs to meet to qualify for a civil effect statement. The abovementioned requirements for the master's programmes are the minimum requirements; where

necessary, they are expanded with other components, possibly also at a bachelor's level.

- c) Students with a **different previous education** are not eligible for a civil effect statement.