Master's Programme

Law and Technology in Europe - LLM

- Examine the EU's efforts to regulate new digital technologies
- Study the legal response to societal challenges created by AI, Big Data & the Internet of Things
- Pursue a professional career at the intersection of law, regulation and technology
ARE EUROPE’S LAWS FUTURE PROOF?
Technology is everywhere around us, making our lives easier in countless ways. Yet, these inventions, and how society applies them, present new challenges. What are the risks of using digital technologies for the rule of law and values such as accountability, transparency, checks and balances, access to justice, procedural fairness and fundamental rights? Are our laws up to date, or do we need new ones? Are you interested in blockchain, artificial intelligence, automated government decision-making and platform economies, as well as the ramifications of these developments for our society and its underlying values and the rule of law? Do you want to make a contribution to the fields of law and technology? Then we invite you to learn more about this new LLM at Utrecht University.

CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMME
We offer you active learning methods in which your own interests, ambitions, and aims guide your learning experiences. In the Capita Selecta modules you will be trained in the essential skill of how to quickly deepen your knowledge in a current, specialised legal topic. Our new Legal Skills Academy puts skills-teaching in the spotlight, so that by the time you finish your Masters you have not only become proficient in the complexities of law and technology, but you also have the confidence and skills needed to perform as a professional in legal practice. From the very beginning, you will also take part in research and thesis training that prepares you to write your Master’s thesis, the culmination of your LLM programme.

Law and Technology in Europe
This NEW thought-provoking Master’s at Utrecht University dives deep into the fascinating technological and societal developments that are raising new questions at the intersection of law, regulation and technology. As a student on the programme, you will study the EU’s role in regulating the development and use of new digital technologies, and examine whether Europe’s laws are future proof and able to withstand ever-continuing technological innovation and change.

Studying at the cutting edge of where technology and law meet
My time at Utrecht really enlightened me as to how my career in law could be current and relevant to the world I was experiencing online as a young adult. Moreover, it showed me how the law and the modern world can — and do — go hand in hand; how innovation can shape society and impact the lives of people everywhere.

Studying at the cutting edge of where technology and law meet gave me the opportunity to encounter and learn from ambitious, passionate people. I particularly enjoyed the energy fuelling the university’s students and teaching staff, which I think was partly due to the accelerated development of technologies — and the energy required for academia and the law to keep up. This fascinating experience has inspired me to pursue further study and employment opportunities in the technology space. As a graduate, I’m now looking forward to exploring this vast and fast-changing landscape!

Grace Appleford (Australia)
For highly motivated students Utrecht University’s School of Law offers the LLM’s Honours Programme.

Compulsory courses:
- Regulation of Digital Technologies
- Consumers in a Digital Society
- Technology and the Rule of Law
- Digitalisation and Law Enforcement in a Transnational Context
- Capita Selecta
- A Research and Thesis Trajectory

CAREER PROSPECTS
Digital technologies are ubiquitous and play a role in all domains of law. There is a growing need for lawyers with firm knowledge and understanding of the workings of these tools and their impact on the law. Professionals with a Master's in Law and Technology will become the policy- and lawmakers of the future, as well as tomorrow's legal practitioners.

After finishing your studies, you can work as:
- Lawyer, judge, consultant, or policy officer in a national or international government organisation, in business or in a regulatory agency.
- Teacher or researcher in any fields of law related to law and technology.

WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?
Law is in constant motion, changing even as it sets off changes in the world. Every day, lawyers are focused on discovering answers to completely new questions; working with others, they are building tomorrow’s society, today. By progressive innovative, multi-dimensional legal research the School of Law plays an active and significant role in helping to solve the major issues facing our world. Through challenging teaching programmes, the school trains its students to become outstanding lawyers who will take the lead in driving justice and societal change.

A LEADING UNIVERSITY
Established in 1636, the Utrecht University School of Law is one of the oldest law schools in the Netherlands and remains one of the leading centres of excellence of its kind in Europe. Today, our beautiful and historic faculty buildings provide a supportive and inspiring work environment to around 500 lecturers and almost 4,000 students. Many of our alumni hold prestigious positions with leading companies and institutions around the world. The Shanghai Ranking

At Utrecht University, I gained a clear insight into how Europe manages the regulation of big technology firms, and the many challenges this entails. If you’re wondering how the General Data Protection Regulation works, if you want to know more about copyright in the digital age and why it is so important, you’ve come to the right place, with the right teachers.

Guglielmo Finotti (Italy)
2019 ranks Utrecht University as the best research university in the Netherlands and 49th in the world.

**Utrecht and the Netherlands**
Located at the heart of the Netherlands, Utrecht is the ideal place to study international law and build up professional contacts. A thirty minute train ride will bring you to the international legal capital The Hague, where the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, the Permanent Court of Arbitration and many other international institutions are located. Your professors have close links to many of these organisations, enabling you to visit them, see the law in action and listen to eminent guest speakers.

**Admission**
We welcome graduates with a bachelor’s degree in Law or students with a Liberal Arts and Sciences degree and a good basic knowledge of law. Further details on how and when to apply and specific entry and language requirements please visit our website: www.uu.nl/masters/LTE.

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