



LL.M. in French and European Union Law

*specialization in Taxation
Law, Business Law and
Compliance*

CY Law School

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GENERAL PRESENTATION

Presentation of the University and the Law School

Since its creation in 1967, the department of Val-d'Oise has been a dynamic center for economic development. Its privileged geographical situation allows it to benefit from Paris and its western employment zones. Major national and international companies play a predominant role in the local economy. The University of CY Cergy Paris University was founded in 1991 within this dynamic framework. Ideally located west of Paris in the department of Val d'Oise, it is within a short distance from Paris, 30 minutes from The Arc de Triomphe and The Avenue of the Champs-Élysées.

The university's goal is to become one of the world's leading universities and to gain an international reputation for research. Our strategy is based on the qualitative and quantitative recruitment of doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and research lecturers, and we strive to develop strategic alliances and support innovation. Our ambition is to help address the major societal challenges of the 21st century.

CY Cergy Paris Université is renowned for its dynamism and its firm commitment to developing research excellence. It is rooted in its territory and strongly oriented towards the international market. Its goal is to help address the challenges of the 21st century and it is committed to driving societal transition. It is one of the laureate universities of the Investment for the Future Programme. The CY Initiative I-Site is a joint initiative between CY Cergy Paris Université and the ESSEC Business School, and is one of the leading higher education and research sites in the world. Its strong points are a better understanding of the global challenges of a changing world, due primarily to scientific and technological developments, coupled with a radically international approach, at the heart of a top-ranking campus for quality of life. CY Initiative systematically bases its implementation on two drivers: excellence in research and economic development.

The School of Law welcomes over 3,000 students and offers "Licence", Master and Doctorate Degrees. It is a dynamic and prestigious school among the best in the country and ranked several times first in Paris and suburbs by different surveys. The School has developed and multiplied international partnerships and exchanges with foreign universities in Europe, the United States and Australia. At the same time it has also developed bilingual degrees in Anglo-American, English, Spanish and German law.

The School of Law has also developed a field of expertise in emerging topics such as compliance, risk management and social responsibility.

In keeping with its efforts to welcome foreign students and to develop international links, the School of Law has created a national Master Degree program taught in English. This program offers for the very first time to foreign students and professionals who do not speak French the opportunity to acquire an advanced knowledge of French and European Union Law and obtain a national Master's Degree.

Objectives of the LL.M. programs

International exchanges and partnerships have revealed that, for various reasons, foreigners are interested in French and European Union Law. For both students and professionals, knowledge of the French and European Union Law can be crucial for a successful career. Yet a French Law Degree requires a good level in the French language.

For the first time CY Cergy Paris University School of Law offers a unique national degree in French and European Union Law taught in English. It is aimed at graduates from non-French jurisdictions and foreign professionals settled in France or doing business with French partners and eager to acquire a strong background in French and European Union Law.

The program combines a national Master Degree and a specialization University Degree.

In France a national Master Degree is a two-year program awarded 120 credits (ECTS), 60 credits per year.

Applicants with a Juris Doctor, LL.B. or an equivalent recognized qualification will be awarded the first year of the Master program by equivalence and enter the second year of the Master program (Master 2).

Applicants without a recognized qualification are admitted to the program within a University Degree (DU).

Applicants may undertake the two distinct semesters over a period of two different academic years. In addition, students who enrol and succeed in only the first semester will receive a University Certificate.

Classes and seminars are taught by academics and by practising lawyers or other professionals. The advantage of such a combination is to offer students real contacts both inside the School of Law and among the legal community. Some seminars are taught by and within international firms based in Paris.

To ensure quality, the Degree is selective and designed for law students who have a high level of legal studies and a very good level of the English language.

APPLICATION AND SELECTING PROCEDURES

Application Terms

The program is open to graduates (French or foreigners) from non-French jurisdictions and foreign professionals. Applicants are required to hold a recognized undergraduate or postgraduate degree in law according to the academic requirements to seek admission to practice as a lawyer in their home country.

All applicants must fill in and send the LL.M./Master application form available on the School of Law's website and provide all the documents listed on the application form.

Unless approval by the program's Director, or specific cooperation agreement with partner universities, the LL.M. is not open to international or exchange students.

Applicants must enclose all the documents listed in the application form. Incomplete application files will not be examined.

Applicants whose native language is not English must provide original test scores for one of the following standardized English proficiency tests:

TOEFL: minimum score of 600 paper-based or 250 computer-based

IELTS: minimum score of 7

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): Grades A, B

Certificate in Advanced English: Grades A, B

Applicants may download the LL.M./Master application form on the UCP's Website.

Application forms can be downloaded from January 15th and are required to be returned to the LLM Office by May 30th of the same year (unless extensions decided by the School).

Selecting Terms

The selection is competitive and based on an examination of the application form. Entry to the LL.M./Master is restricted to applicants with the requisite level of honours or equivalent grades, class ranks or transcripts. The level of English and the applicant's motivations are important criteria.

The application files are examined on a rolling basis. The application Committee strives to make a decision within two to six weeks after a completed application is received. Consequently, the student who presents a strong application early in the review process stands a better chance of admission. Students are encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

Selected students will receive an admission letter by electronic message and fax or post. Upon reception of the electronic admission message, they must confirm their application and pay 800 Euros within 30 days of the admission letter. This amount will be deducted from the total amount of the tuition fees.

Unless confirmation and payment are received during this period, applicants will be considered as withdrawing from the program and the place will be offered to other applicants.

The remainder of the tuition fees must be paid before August 31st.

Instalments will be due according to the following plan ONLY:

- 800 Euros 30 days after the date of the admission letter
- 1/3rd of the remaining amount on June 15th
- 1/3rd of the remaining amount on July 15th
- Remainder by August 31st

PLEASE NOTE:

For students applying for two semesters beginning with the springsemester:

- 800 Euros 30 days after the date of the admission letter
- Balance determined by dates agreed to by the LL.M. Office

No other instalments will be accepted.

Student cards will be issued on the first week of the first semester and no sooner than two weeks after the last payment.

Any student not fulfilling the payment conditions is automatically excluded from the program.

Any student withdrawing from the program for a well-justified reason must notify the Director at least three months before the seminars start. Students who withdraw based on these conditions are subject to a refund of the tuition fees.

Unless due to unexpected events or force majeure, absent students at the beginning of the academic year or during the semester, who have not informed the Director under the above conditions, are considered as having abandoned the program and are not subject to a refund of the tuition fees and will have to return their student cards.

STUDY PROGRAM



2023-2024



CY CERGY PARIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

LL.M. in French and European Law Taught in English

Specialization : Taxation Law, Business Law and Compliance

M2 TLBL&C

Courses	Choix	COEFF	ECTS	VH
SEMESTER3 (FALL) - 30 ECTS		30	30	184

U.E.1 Introduction to French & European Union Law		6	6	32
Introduction to the French and Civil Law		3	3	16
Introduction to the European Union Law		3	3	16

U.E 2 French & European Union Law		12	12	76
Environmental Law		2	2	16
Criminal Law and Procedure		3	3	20
Contract Law		3	3	20
Tort Law		3	3	20
French Language (CLF)		1	1	

U.E 3 University Degree in Taxation Law, Business Law & Compliance		12	12	76
Corporate Governance & Compliance I		3	3	16
Company Law		3	3	20
International Commercial Law		3	3	20
Intellectual Property		3	3	20

Courses	Choix	COEFF	ECTS	VH
SEMESTER 4 (SPRING) - 30 ECTS		30	30	156

U.E.1 Introduction to French & European Union Law		13	13	80
Business & Human Rights		3	3	20
European Union Law		3	3	20
Labor Law		3	3	20
Antitrust & Competition Law		3	3	20
French Language (CLF)		1	1	

U.E 2 Research Unit		5	5	0
Dissertation		5	5	

U.E 3 University Degree in Taxation Law, Business Law & Compliance		12	12	76
Corporate Governance & Compliance II		3	3	16
Taxation Law		3	3	20
Litigation & Arbitration		3	3	20
Capital Market & Banking		3	3	20

Légende :

UE : Unité d'enseignement - ECTS : Système de Transfert de Crédits Européens - EC : Eléments constitutifs - COEFF : Coefficient - VOL : Volume horaire - SEM : séminaire

STUDY DESCRIPTION

The Semesters ¹

The 1st semester starts mid-September or early October according to the academic calendar. The exams will take place in December. The 2nd semester starts late January or early February according to the academic calendar. The exams will take place in May. The academic calendar changes from one year to another. Students are required to consult the academic calendar for the year in which they are enrolled in order to organise their stay in France. Students must be in France and participate in the pre-LL.M. meeting at least one week before the classes start.

The Courses and Seminars

All classes, lectures, seminars and conferences are compulsory. Unjustified non-attendance will lead to a deduction of marks from the semester's grade (0.5 point per absence).

The classes combine both a theoretic and a practical approach defined by the professors in charge. Students will have to prepare personal work and assignments for each seminar. Personal work and participation are an important component of the classes.

Conferences on specific themes led by lawyers or other invited lecturers may be organized during the seminars.

Students will obtain a grade for each class (class grade) based on personal work and participation.

Each class grade will form 50% of the final grade.

DEGREE CONDITIONS

A final exam is administered at the end of the semester for each class or seminar.

The form of the final exam is in written (unless other instruction given by the professors in charge) and based on a personal paper work. The duration of the exam is 2 or 3 hours.

The exam grade will form 50% of the final grade.

Final grade for each class is obtained by the addition of the class grade and the final exam grade.

To validate one semester, students must obtain an average grade of at least 10 points over 20. To validate the year, students must obtain an average grade of 10 over 20 for each semester.

To validate one semester, 30 ECTS are necessary. To validate the year, 60 ECTS are necessary.

Except justified exemptions, students must validate the first semester before entering into the second semester. Students who enrol in the program may follow the two semesters over a period of two different academic years. A Certificate will be delivered in case of validation of the first semester only.

¹ According to the academic calendar for each year

Students without a recognized equivalent undergraduate or postgraduate qualification are admitted to a University degree in French and European Union Law taught in English.

LEARNING TRIP

Each year a learning trip to Brussels or Luxembourg is organized by the School of Law. Only students with a Schengen Visa can take part in the event. The learning trip includes visits to the European Institutions and various work sessions. Participation is fully recommended.

FRENCH LANGUAGE

LL.M. students follow French classes on top of their main studies throughout the year. The French language classes may be organized at the School of Law during the first semester or by the University's language centre during the two semesters.

Students who obtained a French language certificate (level B2 or superior) from a recognized institution (Alliance française, DELF/DALF) in the 3 years prior to beginning of the master may be exempted from attending French lessons.

TUITION FEES

Reminder: Fees cover tuition only.

University registration fees 243 €, CVEC 100€ books, student activity and medical care insurance (when applicable) must be paid up-front.

National Master Degree and University Degree:

For 2 semesters:

European Students: 7000 Euros

Non-European Students: 7500 Euros

For 2 semesters spring arrival

Staying 2 academic years

Per semester : 3500 Euros

For 1 semester:

European Students: 4000 Euros

Non-European Students: 4500 Euros

French Language Classes:

For Semester: 80 Euros

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

A Step by Step Guidebook for the LL.M./Master program is available on the website and sent to all students admitted to the program.

It includes information on accommodation, student jobs, visa and financing studies in France.

Students must read the Step by Step Guide very carefully, especially with regard to accommodation.

The School of Law is not responsible for late applications to accommodations.