



LL.M. in French and European Law

*specialization in Taxation
Law, Business Law and
Compliance*

UCP Law School

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GENERAL PRESENTATION

Presentation of the University and the Law School

Since its creation in 1967, the department of the Val-d'Oise has become 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 (3M, Rover, Clarins, Dassault, Siemens...). The University of Cergy-Pontoise (UCP) was created 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.

UCP is a public Institution and a leading center of teaching and research that welcomes over 1,500 international students from 54 different countries out of a total student body of 17,000. With over 1,000 academic staff, the University offers all levels of undergraduate and post-graduate studies and has been ranked among the 20 best national universities. 144 Degrees are available in all disciplines with the exception of medical studies. The University is divided into 5 departments: Law, Economics and Management, Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, Science and Technology. Exchanges have been developed all over the world with over 135 foreign universities. The University also takes part in the European exchange program and has adopted the ECTS system (European Credit Transfer System) which allows European students to obtain credits in their university for courses taken abroad. UCP has been pointed out as a "Model University" several times by the French government.

The School of Law welcomes over 3,000 students and offers "Licence", Master and Doctorate Degrees. It is a dynamic and prestigious school ranked 3rd in France by the French Ministry of Education and 1st in Paris and suburbs by "*l'Étudiant*", the leading student magazine in France. 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. In 2009 the School was awarded the prestigious Tocqueville-Fulbright chair and welcomed Professor Louis Wolcher during several months. The School has also developed a field of expertise in combined degrees :

- An intensive detailed Master degree in Contracts and Business Law with the major and outstanding business school: ESSEC. This ambitious degree offers students a real specialization and a solid preparation to those who wish to take the Bar Exam or work in major companies.
- A Master degree of combined French and German Law with the University of Düsseldorf. This degree is followed alternatively in both Universities. At the end of the fourth year of their studies students are granted the Baccalaureus/Baccalaurea Legum of the University of Düsseldorf and the Bachelor's degree in Law delivered by UCP.
- A joint Master 2 Legal Advisor (DJCE) UCP/ LL.M. in Business VLS (Vermont Law School USA). Each year 4 selected students graduating from DJCE spend a year at VLS in the LL.M. program. Each year, 4 selected students holding a JD delivered by VLS spend 2 years in the Master program at UCP. Each student is awarded two qualifications: An LL.M. from VLS and a DJCE Master from UCP. Students can sit for the Bar exams in France and New York.
- A joint Master 2 (UCP)/LL.M. (University of Dundee) program. The program is unique and offers two qualifications delivered in two semesters.

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 UCP's 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 7.0

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 spring semester:

- 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

UNIVERSITÉ de Cergy-Pontoise						
LL.M. IN FRENCH AND EUROPEAN LAW <i>taught in English</i> <u>Specialization: Taxation Law, Business Law and Compliance</u> 1 year 			2019 – 2020			
Subjects		Choix	ECTS	COEFF	VH	
1st SEMESTER (30 ECTS)			30	30	124	
U.E 1 Introduction to French & EU Law	2 Courses		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 & EU Law	Choice of 3 Courses among		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 Specialization in Taxation Law, Business Law & Compliance	4 Seminars		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	
2nd SEMESTER (30 ECTS)			30	30	156	
U.E 1 French & EU Law	5 Courses		13	13	80	
	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Europe		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	1 Course		5	5	0	
	Dissertation		5	5		
U.E 3 Specialization in Taxation Law, Business Law & Compliance	4 Seminars within the University Degree		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	
Legend : UE : Teaching Unit - ECTS : European Credit Transfer System - EC : Constituent Elements CLF: Offered at the French Language Center COEFF : Coefficient - VOL : Hour Volume						

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, 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: 6000 Euros
Non-European Students: 6500 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: 210 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.