LL.M. in European and International Trade & Investment Law (Master 2)

FULL-TIME STUDY

Master 2 under a partnership agreement with the University Lumière Lyon 2 - International Trade and Investment Law track

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The core courses of this full-year program cover the major negotiated European and Global Trade and Investment Agreements and their interaction with the WTO, with a particular focus on the European Union.

Academics from different jurisdictions but also experts from the WTO, the EU and from major law firms and companies will bring students to a high level of understanding in this fast-evolving and job-rich legal area.

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LL.M. IN EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW

PRESENTATION

Topics include regional trade agreements (NAFTA, USMCA, CAFTA, CETA, CPTPP etc…), international and European trade law, trade and development, TRIPs agreement, trade preferences, international banking regulations, international customs practices, bilateral investment treaties and dispute resolution.

This LL.M. is entirely taught in English by experts, legal practitioners and lecturers from several

jurisdictions. Professors have a practical approach to teaching focusing on tutorials, group work, students' presentations and Moot arbitration.

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- **Lyon Track** : Two semesters in Lyon (from September to May). Successful students will be awarded a French Master 2 of European and International Trade and Investment Law (French Official Master 2 degree) and a LL.M. degree from Lyon Catholic University.

- **St John's Track** : One semester in Lyon (from September to December) and one semester in New-York, at our partner University, St John's University (from January to May). At the end of both semesters, successful students will be awarded a Master of European and International Trade and Investment law (French official Master 2 degree) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) by St John's University (New- York).

- **St John's Track – New York Bar Option** : One semester in Lyon (from September to December) and one semester in New-York, at our partner university, St John's University (from January to May).
  At the end of both semesters, successful students will be awarded an LL.M. (French official Master 2 degree) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) by St John's University (New-York). Students following the St John's Track have the opportunity to prepare for the New York Bar.
  Students may decide to stay for another semester at St John's University to prepare for the New York Bar exam after having successfully completed the St John's Track. Dual LL.M. students would have to enrol in at least 12 credits during the autumn semester at St John's University.
  St John's University would charge a preferential rate for the second semester of coursework.

The core courses of this LL.M. programme cover the WTO agreements, the EU major external trade agreements and their interaction with the EU Single Market. Various courses are also dedicated to International Investment Treaties and the Trade Disputes settlement mechanisms.

In an increasingly international legal market, UCLy offers the opportunity to our students to study in France, allowing them to gain valuable legal and language skills, as well as experience of other cultures thanks to the multinational dimension of our classes.

Objectives

The European Union (EU) is the world's largest single market area. UCLy offers the opportunity to our students to study in France, allowing them to gain valuable knowledge about the EU legal order and, thanks to the proximity to Geneva and Brussels, to be exposed to legal experts coming from the WTO, the European Union but also other stakeholders, as the EU Court of Justice .

An important and increasing share of world's imports and exports is ruled by free and preferential trade agreements, making them central to the business activity of international companies and States. Lawyers who are specialized in this area will therefore have a valuable expertise into the legal market. The curriculum covers extensively trade in goods, services, trade and intellectual property, taxation of international trade, customs law and foreign direct investments.

Vidéo interview

Partnerships

The St. John's University School of Law – Université Catholique de Lyon offer a Dual Diploma : St. John's LL.M. in Transnational Legal Practice & UCLy's LL.M. in European and International Trade and Investment Law.
In partnership with Saint John's University Law School of New York (USA).

Why choose this exciting double diploma? click here!

ADMISSION

Publics

Entry requirements

Applicants are required to have an undergraduate degree in law (a French Licence, a LL.B. or equivalent) and a Postgraduate degreeand in any event at least 4 years of undergraduate studies. Acceptance of applicants with other types of diplomas will be determined by the Admission Committee which may also take into account relevant professional experience.

English Proficiency Requirements

The program requires that applicants possess a good level of English language proficiency. Therefore we only accept applicants with a minimum IELTS Score of 6.5 (online test accepted), a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 90, a CAE score of 58 or a DUOLINGO (internet based

accepted) score of 120, will be considered.

We might also consider without a test applicants with an experience establishing the command of the English Language.

Nonetheless, results of a test is mandatory for St John's Track and NY Bar Track applicants except for natives of Canada, UK, New-Zealand and Australia.

French Proficiency Requirements

You do not need to speak French to come to UCLy! There are no particular requirements regarding French language. Classes are taught entirely in English. Free French language classes can be offered to interested students.

Application

Application procedure

All applications are considered every year starting from October for the following intake.

Applicants should receive an answer from the Admission Committee within a month.

Foreign students (Non-EU) affected by the "Etudes en France procedure" (for the list of the concerned countries go to Campus France.

Should be mindful that they must follow the Campus France process (Etudes en France) **in addition** to our admission process.

Applications deadline: May 2025

All the documents that should be uploaded during the online application process should be IN ENGLISH regardless of the instructions on the application platform. If translated, the original and translated document should be uploaded together.

Apply Here

Should you encounter any difficulty, please contact us at: llm@univ-catholyon.fr

Documents for application

- A cover letter in English,
- A Curriculum-Vitae in English,
- A copy of your diplomas and transcripts in English,
- A copy of your passport
- A copy of the English language certificate where applicable (if you are not a native speaker),
- Two letters of reference in English (academic or professional reference as the case may be),
- Any documents you deem necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mentoring

Our students benefit from a mentoring system. Our staff will also help you with your administrative papers and provide you with guidance for your internship search.

International Mooting Competition

UCLy students have participated to various Mooting Competition (i.e. ELSA Moot, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot and ICC Commercial Mediation Moot Competition).

French classes

Students can study French while studying at UCLy. French classes as a foreign language courses are proposed free of charge.

Accommodation for our students

Our accommodation department will help you in finding a suitable accommodation for your stay in Lyon, Depending on the kind of accommodation you are looking for (there are university accommodation outside campus) and your budget (ideal rent etc…), our accommodation department will help you with your research and the renting process. See our Accommodation webpage

Members of our accommodation department can help you throughout the process in several languages. They speak French, English, Spanish or Italian. You can contact them by email (service.logement@univ-catholyon.fr)

Extra-Curricular activities for students

Lyon truly is great, regardless of what anyone likes to do. There are plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities such as skiing, fishing, climbing or taking leisure nature walks.

There are many restaurants proposing a wide spectrum of food specialties (French, Italian, Thai, Japanese, Indian etc…). You will even find a few new Michelin stars if you are a gourmet, several parks in the city, museums, theaters and ruins. If you are looking for original options, these include an ostrich farm, visiting the wineries where typical wines are produced (Bourgogne wines, Cotes du Rhone wines) or visiting the museum of dolls.

Our students usually take advantage of the central location of Lyon. Students travel to nearby locations for example: skiing resorts (Chamonix, Méribel, les 2 Alpes, Alpe Huez etc…); Lake Miribel offers a great swimming beach in summer, there are hiking and trekking site in the region, and a particle accelerator near Geneva that nerds can visit by asking a permit from the government. Switzerland and Italy are a bus ride away for less than 10 euros, and for 15 euros or so, Belgium, Paris, Spain or Greece. You can fly to European cities and other regions from Lyon airport

- Enrique from Venezuela (Promotion 2017-2018) highly recommends the Light Festival, which takes place every year on 8th December.
- Julie from France (Promotion 2017-2018) suggests cultural visits in Lyon, which is a former Roman city, famous for its silk trade and a strong cultural heritage. She enjoyed travelling to other cities or other countries.
- Jens went to the Parc de la Tête d'or for sporting activities and enjoyed cinemas at Confluence center in Lyon.

Conferences

Students can attend international conferences on a variety of topics:

- International Symposium – International Arbitration In The context of Global Trade and Investments in November 2017 at UCLy
- International Symposium – Smart Contracts & Blockchain technologies in May 2018 at UCLy (see our Symposium page)
- International Symposium – Multinational Corporations (and other International Economic Entities) Facing Human Rights Violations on 14th February 2019 at UCLy (see our website: International Symposium)
- International Symposium – Judicial Control of Arbitral Awards: Scope, Vacation, and Public Policy on 26th and 27th April 2019 at UCLy

Students can also attend conferences given by visiting scholars and practitioners on a variety of topics (i.e. EU Legislation on Data Protection, European Union, Digitalization and the law, Common law etc…).

Some general tourist promotion links:
lyon-france
visiterlyon

Examples of specific clubs/activities:
lyonkayak
peche69
tripadvisor

CARREER OPPORTUNITIES

Why should I enroll?

The program is designed for students aiming at international trade, customs, and investment positions in companies, law-firms and international organizations. Students aiming at qualifying as lawyers and working as in-house lawyers would benefit from this knowledge. This LL.M. is designed to meet the need of companies which do business/trade at international level and invest abroad.Recent graduates have joined law firms (either for internships or job opportunities) or international organizations (see what our past students have done).

This Master 2/LL.M. will give you an added value to your curriculum vitae. You will have contacts with practitioners and experts from international organizations and prestigious law firms in several jurisdictions. You will also develop a valuable network with other students coming from various parts of the world.

Study visits are an integral part of the program. In recent years, students visited the WTO and WIPO on study visits.

TUITION FEE

Tuition fee

- For Lyon Track:

Home/European Economic Area Students : 9 500 EUR
Non-European Economic Area Students : 11 000 EUR

- St John’s Track (New York):

For all: 20 500 EUR

Admisnitrative fees: the administrative fees may change every year. The administrative fees for the 2021-2022 academic year were: 556 EUR (443 EUR State Exam registration and 113 EUR University fees).

Changes may occur in the above information.

Calculate your tuition fee

INFORMATION

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Opportunity to prepare for the New York Bar

2 differend tracks : Lyon track and St John's track

Program delivered in English

What did they do after the LL.M. progam? Students' feedback

Quentin

FROM FRANCE – ST JOHN'S TRACK –NEW YORK BAR PATHWAY (PROMOTION 2017-2018)

Quentin joined a law firm in New York after passing the New York Bar.

He said that "*pursuing the Dual LLM Degree has by far been my most rewarding university experience, both personally and academically, the class structure at both St. John's and UCLy played an instrumental role in understanding even the most complex matters*." Quentin explained why he took the New York Bar exam. He insisted on the international marketability. He added that taking "*the New York Bar is the last step of a long international academic background. It was a new challenge, which should not, however, be undertaken lightly. This is definitely an extra qualification and a legitimacy when it comes to employment*."

Jens

FROM GERMANY – ST JOHN'S TRACK (PROMOTION 2016-2017)

Jens chose this program as it fitted it résumé. He wanted to specialize in trade and corporate in Germany. He said that this program gave him 'the chance to have a deeper look' at those issues. He also added that 'international law firms appreciate' the fact that students have studied abroad.

He's now doing an internship at the United Nations in New York. He said that "from a career

perspective, I was always interested in the cross border aspect of law and the LL.M. program at the UCLy certainly opened those doors for me. Right now I am working at the United Nations as a legal trainee, which had everything to do with my international academic experiences."

Ginalin

FROM THE PHILIPPINES – ST JOHN'S TRACK (PROMOTION 2016-2017)

Ginalin is now one of the joint ventures and acquisitions lawyer for Asia and the Pacific at the Global Legal Network of a large global IT and consulting firm in their Manila headquarters. She said that 'thanks to UCLy and SJU as my learnings from our LLM courses really came in handy and made my transition from banking law to contract law, much easier'.

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PROGRAM DETAILED

LYON TRACK

FIRST SEMESTER

- EU Free Trade Agreements
- EU Business Law
- EU Customs Law
- Evolution of WTO & International Trade
- Trade in Goods & Trade in Services
- International Investment Agreements
- GDPR & Third Countries

30 ECTS

SECOND SEMESTER

- Trade and Intellectual Property Rights
- Public Procurements and International Trade Rules
- Taxation of International Transasctions
- Resolution of International Investments Disputes
- FTA and Trade Remedies
- Dissertation or Internship
- Individual or Group Project

30 ECTS

ST JOHN'S TRACK

FIRST SEMESTER

- EU Customs Law
- EU Business Law
- International Investment Agreements
- Survey of International Trade Law
- Trade in Goods
- Trade in Services

30 ECTS

SECOND SEMESTER (JANUARY TO MAY, IN ST JOHN’S UNIVERSITY)

- Business Organization (elective)
- Legal Writing (elective)
- Mergers & Acquisitions (elective)
- International Business Transactions (elective)
- International Commercial Arbitration (elective)
- International Finance (elective)
- International Litigation & Dispute Resolution (elective)
- Securities Regulation (elective)
- Transactions in Emerging Markets (elective)

30 ECTS

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