

# Online LL.M. Digital Law and Technology (University Diploma)

FULL-TIME STUDY

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*Law diploma for post-graduate students, exclusively taught in English, online, full-time or part-time study possible.*

The LL.M. Digital Law and Technology is designed to give students a deep understanding of the legal issues and challenges brought by the digital transformation of our economy and the regulation of the innovations it implies. They will study four modules to be chosen among the eight teaching modules proposed: data protection and privacy, intellectual property protection, contract law applied to the digital economy, ethics and regulation of artificial intelligence, cybercrime and cybersecurity, the regulation of the Internet, protection of the individual: in the work place and in a personal capacity and digital assets.

You will find a description of each of these modules under the program page below (scroll down).

Entirely taught online and in English, this diploma can be studied full time or part-time, 'à la carte', for professionals wishing to develop their expertise.

**The Online LL.M Digital Law and Technology is a fully inclusive program. Our Health Department is available to help students and learners with all aspects of their learning. <https://www.ucl.fr/en/student-life/health-division/>**

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digital  
transformation

4

angles of study to  
choose amongst: IP,  
privacy, internet  
contracts, AI,  
cybercrime/cyberse  
curity and  
regulation of the  
Internet

20

students maximum  
per class

OVERALL PRESENTATION

## ONLINE LL.M. DIGITAL LAW AND

# TECHNOLOGY

## PRESENTATION

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### NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The LL.M Digital Law and Technology is growing again! We are opening two new modules for registration from September 2026 (if registration numbers allow). The two new modules reflect two hot topics, very different in nature, but both equally deserving of being explored from a legal perspective:

- **New Module 1: Digitalisation of the economy and protection of the individual : in the workplace and in a personal capacity**

**This new module will be composed of two courses. The first one will focus on the impact that digitalization of the economy has had and is having on the workplace. From the gig or platform economy, to the impact of the AI Act on the workplace, the course will explore** how pervasive the changes to work have been as prompted by information technology. The course will focus on EU law with examples also drawn from the UK and North America.

The second course will focus on the ways in which EU law attempts to protect people's health when they go online. This course will explore and critically assess how EU law is evolving in an attempt to protect people's health from risks that arise from modern online lifestyles.

- **New Module 2: Digital assets - web-3.0, blockchain, cryptoassets, tokenization, trade documents**

**This modules is composed of two courses. The first course** will introduce students to the legal foundations of digital assets within the broader context of Web 3.0 and the evolving digital economy. It will examine how blockchain and distributed ledger technologies (DLT) challenge and reshape traditional legal concepts, regulatory frameworks and institutional arrangements. The course will adopt a global and comparative perspective, reflecting the transnational nature of digital assets and the diverse legal backgrounds of the student cohort.

**The second course will** build on the foundations established in Digital Assets Law I by focusing on the private law, commercial law, and cross-border dimensions of digital assets. It will examine how digital assets interact with core legal concepts such as ownership, possession, control, transfer, and enforceability and how these concepts are being reinterpreted in a technologically mediated environment. The module will adopt a comparative and transnational approach, reflecting the inherently cross-border character of digital asset activity

A fuller description of each module proposed and each course is available under the Program page below – please scroll down.

# Objectives

Digital technology has permeated all aspects of our economy and created legal challenges and opportunities along the way. Traditional legal topics such as intellectual property and contract law have had to adapt to new types of products and new relationships with new actors. Technological innovations also call for regulation, seeking to protect our fundamental values while not stifling progress and the economic benefits of such innovations.

The LLM Digital law and technology proposes a post graduate university program that will provide the knowledge required by lawyers to participate in the digital economy. This is a growing area of practice, and the skills required are sought after both in private practice and in the industry.

The LLM will explore the impact of the digital transformation of our economy. Student will choose four angles of study among the following eight subjects: intellectual property, contract law, data protection and privacy law, regulation of artificial intelligence, cybercrime and cybersecurity, the regulation of the internet and its actors, protection of the individuals: at work in the private sphere and digital assets.

Students will gain a deep understanding of the core issues pertaining to these topics through a combination of recorded lectures, group discussions on a moderated online forum, personal reading and group exercises coupled with an assessment regime tailored to online learning.

Students will develop useful skills in legal research, reasoning, legal drafting and contract negotiation. These skills are highly sought after by employers.

# Organisation

Full-time students will study four topics per semester over the course of 10 months and will be required to write a dissertation on a topic of their choosing (approved by their tutor).

The program is taught entirely remotely and mostly asynchronously, allowing students to pursue a professional activity in parallel.

Students will be granted access to our dedicated online teaching platform as well as an online library to pursue their research. Teaching material is released on our platform at regular intervals in accordance with our timetable. Regular online assessments are organized twice a semester per course and can be completed remotely.

Students will need computer access as well as a good internet connection to access teaching material and participate in the program.

It is also possible to study part-time either over a two-year period and/or by differing the completion of the dissertation to the following academic year.

Students who choose the part-time formula will need to indicate the subjects they wish to study (between one and three subjects per semester) at the time of applying. The dissertation can only be started once the student has started studying all four modules.

Click on the tabs above for more information on the program and admission information.

## PROGRAM

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### FULL-TIME STUDY

Choose four modules among the eight modules proposed. Please note however that you cannot mix and match the courses between the semesters and the modules. Accordingly, for example, if you choose module 1, you will study GDPR in the first semester and e-privacy in the second semester. As you choose a module and not a course, you cannot choose to study GDPR in the first semester for instance and Cybersecurity in the second semester. The choice is made at module level.

- Module 1: [GDPR \(Semester 1\)](#) and [E-privacy \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 2: [Introduction to IP \(Semester 1\)](#) and [IP applied to Digital \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 3: [Digital contracts 1 \(Semester 1\)](#) and [Digital contracts 2 \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 4: [Ethics of AI \(Semester 1\)](#) and [the regulation of AI \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 5: [Cybercrime \(Semester 1\)](#) and [Cybersecurity \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 6: [Regulation of the Internet: content regulation \(Semester 1\)](#) and [Regulation of platforms \(Semester 2\)](#)
- Module 7: [Digital assets law : Digital Assets Law I: Web 3.0, Blockchain, and Crypto-Asset Regulation \(Semester 1\)](#) and [Digital Assets Law II: Private Law, Trade Documents, Tokenisation, and Cross-Border Issues](#)
- Module 8: [Digital Economy and protection of the individual: Labour law and digital economy \(Semester 1\)](#) and [Online Lifestyles and Health Protection in Europe \(Semester 2\)](#)

Please note that the opening of the modules' classes will be dependent upon a sufficient number of students registering for those classes. We reserve the right to withdraw those classes once the application process has completed. If we cannot open a module due to insufficient students interest we will contact those who had expressed an interest and propose an alternative module.

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### PART-TIME STUDY

Students may choose to follow the LLM part time. The LLM can be completed **over a maximum of 36 months**. In that period students will need to have followed and validated all four modules and the compulsory dissertation.

You can organize your studying as you see fit: you choose the number of modules you follow each year (between 1 and 3 modules). The dissertation module can only be followed in the last year of your study.

**Click on the tabs above for more information on the admission information.**

## **ADMISSION**

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This LLM program is open to all students that already have an undergraduate law degree or other degree with a dominant legal content or an equivalent international qualification.

- Exceptionally, we may consider applicants where a comparable academic level has been achieved through other graduate studies and where work or experience has made them a suitable candidate for the LLM. International students are very much welcome on the course.
- The Admission Committee will review your credentials and relevant professional experience on a case-by-case basis.
- English language requirements:
  - International students should have the appropriate level of English proficiency.
  - Students should have a minimum IELTS Score of 6.5, a minimum TOEFL IBT score of 90 or CAE score of 58. The Admission Committee may consider any experience establishing the command of the English Language.
  - If you have studied in English previously, or if you work in English on a daily basis, we will be able to take this into account to assess your level in English and a language certificate may not be necessary. Please indicate why you think you are sufficiently proficient in English in your cover letter.
  - You do not need to speak French to study on this diploma as all classes are taught in English! There are no particular requirements regarding French language.
    - There is only one intake every university year starting in September.
    - The admission process opens in April and concludes in June every year. Please refer to the application page for further detail.

## **Application**

Applications for the online LLM will open on **6th April 2026** and will close at the latest on **15th June 2026**.

Application will be made exclusively via our online portal. A link to the online portal will be displayed and be accessible below **from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

**[YOU CAN APPLY HERE FOR REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027](#)**

Your completed application will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee which shall endeavor to review it within four weeks of submission. A formal decision will be sent to you by the Faculty or Department.

Should you encounter any technical difficulty in the application process, please contact us at: **llmdigital@univ-catholyon.fr**

## Documents for application

In order to complete the application process, you will need to submit the following documents:

- A cover letter in English, the applicant shall explain the reasons why he/she wishes to join the diploma and what he/she expects to gain in these studies. These two points should be addressed.
- An up-to-date and complete Curriculum-Vitae in English,
- A copy of your diplomas and transcripts (and an English translation if necessary),
- A copy of your passport
- A copy of the English language certificate if applicable (if you are not a native speaker or if you have not previously studied or worked in English),
- One letter of reference in English (academic or professional reference as the case may be), and any other document you might consider relevant to include.

Complete applications require the submission of ALL the documents listed above and the payment of the application fee. If there is a document missing or if the fees are not paid this may delay the review of your application.

We will make offer of places on an on-going basis until all places have been filled. We recommend that you apply as early as possible to secure a place. The application process will close on 15th June 2026. Applications may close early if all places have been allocated before then.

Applications from students with special needs are welcome. If you have any special need, please let us know when you apply so that we can liaise with our health team and discuss and implement any adjustment required.

## Tuition fee

The fees for the academic year 2026-2027 are as follows.

Full time tuition fees:

**Home/European Economic Area Students:** 6500 EUR

**Non-European Economic Area Students:** 6500 EUR

Part time tuition fees:

- 1,500 EUR per module studied

- 500 EUR dissertation fee

Administrative fees:

- 85 EUR to candidate on the platform
- 55 EUR for access to the online library fee

It is the same overall cost whether you are studying full time or part time as you will be studying four teaching modules overall plus the dissertation.

There are no scholarships, financial aid, or tuition waivers available for this program.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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The program is designed for students who have a strong interest in digital and information technology and who are aiming to work in that sector for either companies, law-firms or public institutions.

Students aiming to pursue a career in private practice or as in-house lawyers would benefit from this program. This LL.M. is designed to meet the needs of companies which provide and/or use digital services or products in all sectors of the economy.

This course would be relevant to practitioners in private practice in particular those that intend to work for law firms with an IT and privacy department, or act as in-house counsel in digital corporations, compliance officers, data protection officers, or those wishing to pursue careers in policy and regulation.

*Please note that the LL.M. is a post graduate University Diploma and not a French Master's Degree, as such it is not a qualifying diploma for the purpose of sitting the French Bar exam. Foreign students should check their local regulations for recognition of the diploma in their jurisdiction if the diploma is to be used to access a regulated profession.*

## THE LL.M IN NUMBERS

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### Cohort of 2024-2025:

**Number of nationalities:** 23 nationalities

**Full time students:** 17

**Part time students:** 13

**Rate of completion:** 83.4%

**Rate of successful completion:** 100%

## CONTACT

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## Advantages

**Gain in  
expertise and  
knowledge on  
digital law**

**Develop  
competences  
highly in  
demand in the  
technology  
sector**

**Full time or a la  
carte diploma**

DISCOVER THE  
**PROGRAM**  
**DETAILED**

**LL.M. COURSES**

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SEMESTER 1

If you choose to study full-time, you will study each semester four topics to be chosen among the eight courses proposed:

- Ethics and artificial intelligence  
[Learn more](#)
- Regulation of Content  
[Learn more](#)
- Cybercrime  
[Learn more](#)
- Introduction to intellectual property law  
[Learn more](#)
- Digital Contracts 1 : [Learn more](#)
- **NEW 2026 - Labour law and the Digital Economy** : [Learn more](#)
- **NEW 2026 - Digital Assets I** : [Learn more](#)
- GDPR  
[Learn more](#)

SEMESTER 2

- Regulation of artificial intelligence  
[Learn more](#)
- Digital Contracts 2 : [Learn more](#)
- Intellectual property law applied to the digital world  
[Learn More](#)
- Regulation of platforms  
[Learn more](#)

- Cybersecurity  
[Learn more](#)
- **NEW 2026 - Online Lifestyles and Health Protection in Europe** : [Learn more](#)
- **NEW 2026 - Digital Assets II** : [Learn more](#)
- Private life and the digitalisation of the economy  
[Learn more](#)

Dissertation of 15000 words to be completed by the end of the second semester. It is also possible to delay the completion of the dissertation until the following semester or the following year.

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