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1. Why choosing an LLM Educational Program

With 303 partner universities in 64 countries all over the world, Luiss is committed to continuing its global development to provide students the chance to immerse themselves in a rich environment that complements a high-quality education.

Luiss has an extensive network of partners, allowing students to spend study periods abroad not only for credits but, in this case, to obtain a double degree, one issued by Luiss University and another one released by the partner university, after spending one year of study abroad.

Our longstanding relationships with both top European and internationally renowned institutions guarantee well-developed programs, allowing students to focus completely on their academic and cultural experience. Through these programs, students not only receive two certificates in two years, but internationalize their résumés and widen their personal, academic and professional perspectives while experiencing different cultural contexts and laying the groundwork for an international network of peers.

Despite the uncertain situation caused by the ongoing health emergency, Luiss has moved together with its Partners to ensure that students have the opportunity to carry out their educational program.

2. LLM Educational Programs

LLM Educational programs are dedicated to those ambitious students who are willing to get the most of their academic experience, by achieving two full Master’s Degrees from world-class universities. LLM students profit from unique program combinations, which entail spending the last year of the Single Cycle Master’s Degree in Law in a top-partner university, giving them the challenging opportunity to benefit from two different contexts, in terms of academic, cultural, and working experience, as an outstanding added value which will enrich them for their entire life.

Each LLM program is characterized by a unique focus, offering to selected students the chance to deepen a specific area – such as Corporate Law, International Development Law and Human Rights, European Law and Global Affairs, Criminal Law – to enrich their curriculum.

Program	Eligible Students
New York, USA	
LLM Educational Program with Fordham School of Law	4 th year of the single-cycle Master’s Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
Washington, USA	
LLM Educational Program with Washington College of Law	4 th year of the single-cycle Master’s Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)



Program	Eligible Students
LLM Educational Program with the University of Richmond	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Richmond, USA</i>	
LLM Educational Program with the University of California - Hastings College of the Law	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>San Francisco, USA</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Temple University Beasley School of Law	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Philadelphia, USA</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Warwick University	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Coventry, UK</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Durham University	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Durham, UK</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Utrecht University	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Utrecht, The Netherlands</i>	
LLM Educational Program with University of Glasgow	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Glasgow, UK</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Radboud University	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Nijmegen, The Netherlands</i>	
LLM Educational Program with Suffolk University School of Law	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
<i>Boston, USA</i>	



Program	Eligible Students
LLM Educational Program with Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
Paris, France	
LLM Educational Program with King's College London	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
London, UK	
LLM Educational Program with KU Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
Leuven, Belgium	
LLM Educational Program with Queen Mary University of London	4 th year of the single-cycle Master's Degree in Law – selected majors (see dedicated document)
London, UK	

3. Application timelines

Candidates can apply to LLM programs during their 4th year of the Single Cycle Master's Degree in Law. Our calls for applications are generally published in mid-December. Students need to pay attention to the timelines for the application in order not to miss the deadlines.

4. General Rules

Students participating to LLM programs abroad have a unique opportunity to boost their career, broaden their horizons and represent Luiss University around the world. For this reason, they have to show respect and consideration for the host university and, in general, for the country they stay in. They have to bring prestige to the reputation of their home university by observing the values and principles proper to Luiss University, such as honesty, fairness and integrity.

Furthermore, students are reminded to always **refer to the call for applications**, the **study plan** and all the other official documentation related to their double degree program for any specific information and, when in doubt, to contact the International Development Office. As regards the study plan, students are required to read and understand the study plan in all its rules so as to organize their study and exams in the best possible way.

During the mobility, selected students are strongly recommended to **frequently check their mailbox**, as the International Development Office will send them all the information via email, including possible documentation to complete, deadlines and other relevant info.



With respect to **tuition fees**, in some cases students will be required to pay additional fees at the partner university: in this case the details of the fee, timings and included services are duly described in the page dedicated to the program.

The participation in an LLM program will provide additional points to the Final Grade of the Master's Degree, according to [Luiss rules](#).

Lastly, every **withdrawal from the program** received after the established deadline needs to be motivated by the student via written notification and will be transferred to the Vice Rector for Teaching who will evaluate its motivations with the Dean of the Department and the Director of Teaching, Research and Employability.

Depending on the specific case and respective motivation provided, the Graduation Commission could be informed of those refusals deemed not properly motivated.

Please note that due to Brexit and its end of the transition period starting from 1 January 2021, students applying to UK destinations, may have to bear expenses related to student visa and healthcare surcharge as part of the visa application.

5. Requirements for LLM Educational Programs

Every LLM program entails a series of specific pre-requirements that students need to possess in order to apply. On a general level, the minimum requirements for all calls for applications are the following:

- Being enrolled in the Single-Cycle Master's Degree in Law and major indicated in the respective call for application;
- Having passed a minimum number of exams among core courses;
- Possessing a high weighted average grade;
- Possessing a high level of English, to be certified by an international certificate (TOEFL, IELTS, Cambridge).

All students must check the specific requirements for the program they wish to apply for on the dedicated call for applications.

6. Selection process

6.1. Application

All interested students have to apply within the deadline indicated in the relevant call.

Luiss students are required to apply online, through their web self-service.

Eligible students are allowed to apply to a maximum of five (5) LLM Programs among those included in the Call for Applications and will rank the programs according to their preferences at the moment of application. Please note that this preference is completely binding and cannot be changed after the application has been correctly submitted.

Students will be selected for only one LLM Program within their list of preferences and will be removed



from the selection procedures of the other LLM Programs.

Students who are not selected for any LLM Program can remain in the waiting list of more than one LLM Program. If they are recalled from the waiting list of any program (regardless of their preference) and they confirm their participation, they will be subsequently removed from the other waiting lists.

Please consider the following rules:

- Check that you are compliant with all the pre-requirements listed in the call before applying;
- Follow carefully the deadlines and the list of required documents– all applications that are not compliant with all the points listed in the call or have been submitted after the deadline, will not be considered.
- Follow all the instructions indicated in the appendix “Application Instructions”, published in every program’s webpage;
- Upload all the documents required following the rules and verbiage indicated;
- When your application is completed, print the application receipt.
- If you have any doubt or question, make sure to contact the International Development Office far in advance, so to ensure you have enough time to collect the needed documents and certificates and to upload them in the online system. The sooner you ask for help to the International Development Office, the easier it will be for the staff to help you out and allow you to complete your application successfully.

6.2. Selection of candidates

The candidates will be ranked on the basis of their academic performance score, composed by:

- Credits earned;
- Weighted average grade;
- English language proficiency (and respective certificates provided).

Possible previous international mobility experiences, internships, and knowledge of other foreign languages can represent a plus. For some LLM programs, an interview is also required as part of the selection process. The interview, carried out in English and/or in Italian, aims at evaluating the motivation, the academic background and all previous academic and professional experiences of the student.

The selection follows a 3-step process:

- **Step 1:** The eligible candidates will be ranked after the analysis of their academic performance (credits and weighted average grade, each weighting 55% and 45%)
- **Step 2:** An interview will focus on the motivation, the academic background and the previous international or professional experiences
- **Step 3:** The partner Universities, analyzing the Luiss Commission ranking and the candidates’ dossiers, has the right to confirm the final ranking.



Once the results are published, the selected candidates will have to confirm their participation to the program within the timeframe indicated in the call, through written notification. In case of refusal, the International Development Office will contact students from the waiting list.

7. How to prepare for your experience abroad

7.1. International is a mindset!

An LLM Educational program is indeed a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, however such an experience could lead to some initial issues and concerns. Lingual misunderstandings, cultural differences and bureaucratic fulfillments could cause some difficulties during the first days and weeks of your stay, but they represent a natural part of adapting to a new environment, new university, new city and new friends. At the end of the day, all of these chores and setbacks will turn into flexibility, resilience and ability to get out of your comfort zone.

According to years of experience and feedbacks from Luiss students that have participated to an LLM program, the best attitude to start your journey with is having an open mind, keep it cool and face all possible problems and difficulties positively. All outgoing students can rely on the International Development Office and on their Academic Coordinators for the entire period of their mobility, and for all the pre-arrival and after-mobility fulfillments. Furthermore, dedicated staff in all partner universities will be glad to help you with any doubt or issue as well.

Students are recommended to do some pre-departure research on the customs and traditions of the country they're travelling to, looking for information and tips about the city, and so on, to facilitate things and to start approaching to a new exciting environment.

7.2. Travel insurance and documentation

Students are recommended not to forget their European Health Card (tessera sanitaria europea) when travelling in the European Union. For non-EU countries, students will need to purchase a travel insurance policy, covering them for all possible medical expenses during their period abroad.

We recommend students to verify, depending on the countries they're travelling to, the requirements of the insurance policy and to ask for recommendations to the host university, in order to get the option that better fits their needs.

7.3. Luiss requirements during your mobility

During the mobility program, each selected student needs to keep the International Development Office updated on the mobility, in order to promptly receive help in case of need and to let the Luiss staff keep track of the important aspects of the student's experience. Students are also required to register on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' website dedicated to Italian citizens abroad: www.dovesiamonelmondo.it.



8. Contacts

An academic coordinator is envisaged for each program, who ensures the adequacy of the study plan while abroad and who can provide support and advice as regards the thesis.

Program	Academic Coordinator
LLM Educational Program with Fordham School of Law	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with the University of Richmond	Prof.ssa Barbara De Donno
LLM Educational Program with American University	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Temple University	Prof.ssa Barbara De Donno
LLM Educational Program with the University of California – Hastings College of the Law	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Utrecht University	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with the University of Glasgow	Prof. Maurizio Bellacosa Prof. Antonio Gullo
LLM Educational Program with Radboud University	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Suffolk University	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Université Paris II Panthéon - Assas	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Durham University	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with the University of Warwick	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with King’s College London	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with KU Leuven (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)	Prof. Daniele Gallo
LLM Educational Program with Queen Mary University of London	Prof. Daniele Gallo

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