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# LL.M. International Arbitration

2027-2028

Give yourself a head start in the field of international dispute resolution

Erasmus University Rotterdam

# “You will learn about resolution of business disputes at an international level, both from the legal counsel’s and from the arbitrators’ perspective.”

Prof. Dr. Frank Smeele, professor of Commercial Law

## What does this LL.M. programme have to offer you?

- The LL.M programme International Arbitration provides its graduates with a unique set of international arbitration skills;
- You will study in one of the leading commercial centres and largest ports of Europe, which means you will often go “on-site” to see how things work in practice. These will include visits to leading arbitral institutions such as the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Netherlands Arbitration Institute.

Our LL.M. programme in International Arbitration distinguishes itself from other dispute resolution LL.M. programmes by including courses that focus on procedural aspects of international arbitration, but also by giving the students thorough education in substantive law underlying international transactions.

### Practice

Based in the port of Rotterdam, this programme educates legal professionals that are to become well versed in international commercial and investment arbitration.

Due to its position in the centre of a large trade hub and in the vicinity of leading arbitral institutions, the programme offers students many opportunities for exploration of trade in practice by combining the theory that is taught with on-site workshops.

### Career perspective

Graduates will have acquired advanced, specialised legal training and will be qualified to work in multinational legal environments, for example as in-house legal counsel or as an attorney in arbitration and litigation practice.

Positions of our graduates:

- Lawyer or attorney in the legal practice;
- Business lawyer or legal adviser at (international) companies;
- Civil servant, for example at the European Commission;
- Academic teacher or researcher.

### Admission requirements

Bachelor law degree + English language proficiency

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### Curriculum LL.M. International Arbitration

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| 1 | Research and Writing Skills | 12 |
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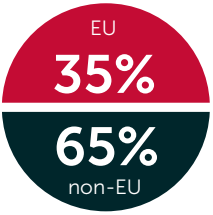
## “Erasmus School of Law has a long and strong tradition when it comes to arbitration law.”

Prof. Dr. Gerard Meijer

“Erasmus School of Law has a long and strong tradition when it comes to arbitration law. This is why I very much like to form part of the academic staff in Rotterdam and to teach arbitration in Rotterdam. The founder of Erasmus School of Law, Professor Pieter Sanders, was a true innovator and promotor for International Arbitration. He was one of the principal drafters of the successful New York Convention (United Nations, New York, 1958). After I graduated in 1990, I first worked on my PhD and other publications on arbitration at Erasmus School of Law. In 2000, I was admitted to the Amsterdam Bar. In 2006, I became partner, first at NautaDutilh and later at Linklaters. Also in my latter capacity, I embrace the International Arbitration Master (as part of the Commercial Law Master Programme) at Erasmus School of Law in Rotterdam. I am very proud that, in 2020, we developed the International Arbitration Master at Erasmus School of Law. I am also proud that Linklaters is now the sponsor of the Willem C. Vis Moot Team of the Erasmus University.”

**Prof. Dr. Gerard Meijer** is widely recognised as a leading international arbitration practitioner and as one of the leading figures in the Netherlands for arbitration. He is individually ranked in numerous legal directories, such as Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 (editions 2004-2024), including being listed in the Hall of Fame in the Legal 500 ranking. Gerard is praised by clients for his “excellent knowledge of international arbitration and Dutch arbitration law” and is admired by clients who are “struck by how much he knows, how well he knows it and how good he is as an advocate.” Gerard is also a member of the Arbitration Commission of the ICC and is president of the Netherlands Arbitration Institute (NAI).

## The International Arbitration Class of 2025



Apply before
**1 July 2027**

Start
**September 2027**

## Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact the master coördinator, Petra van der Kooij, via **mastercl@law.eur.nl**.

Questions about admission?

- For Dutch students, please contact Eddie van Roon via **masterinstroom@law.eur.nl**;
- For international students, please contact André van der Schee via **informationdesk.llm@law.eur.nl**.

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