Erasmus
School of
Law

Law and Technology
Governance, AI & Legal Tech



New Legal Thinking

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Will you become the tech-savvy lawyer in a rapidly digitising society?

What does this programme have to offer you?

This Master's programme is for you if you want to contribute to developing a responsible digital society and a future ready legal profession.
This Master's programme is innovative and challenging with a shortened academic year. The latter means that you will finish the academic year earlier, but also that you will have a slightly higher study load during the year than in other Master's programmes. In addition to the themes listed below, important elements of this Master's programme include:

- A strong focus on legal professional ethics, ethics of technology and AI, and critical reflection;
- A strong focus on legal practice. This includes close collaboration with top international (legal) firms;
- A design-based approach to problem-solving and the development of innovations within society and the legal practice itself;
- The delivery of a Master Piece. The Master Piece consists of three components, including the design of a legal innovation, the presentation of the innovation to partners from legal practice and the writing of a legal-doctrinal essay.

This is a Dutch-language Master's programme, but parts are taught in English. The themes and questions addressed in the Master's programme are divided into five focus areas, in addition to the first course, the research practicum.

Governance and regulation of technology

You will understand the most critical legal frameworks surrounding digital technology and become familiar with the most important regulatory issues, such as market regulation and data protection.

Law and data

You will become familiar with the legal approaches to economic value creation with data, including data ownership and intellectual property rights to software and other digital products.

Legal professional ethics

You will be introduced to (professional) ethical issues raised by technology, Legal Tech and Legal AI (personal integrity). You will also delve into the legal framework and practical issues surrounding data and cybersecurity (system integrity).

AI, democracy & fundamental rights

You will develop a conceptual framework for understanding, critiquing and guiding the influence of technology on democracies and fundamental rights.

Practical & skilled

You will understand how basic digital technologies work and be able to act effectively as a partner in the development and introduction of Legal Tech applications. You will be able to understand and apply design as a methodology to legal problem-solving.

Career prospects

As a graduate of the Master's programme in Law & Technology, you will have specialised in the impact of technology on law and in law . You will meet the civil law requirements that give you access to the legal profession and the judiciary. Examples of your future field include: Lawyer or legal service provider for online markets and services, Compliance and GDPR lawyer, Legal Technology developer. Or, for example, a Legal Tech consultant or advisor, a Legal Innovation lawyer, or a corporate lawyer at a Tech company. However, you could also consider a role as civil servant at the Dutch Data Protection Authority (AP) or a legislative lawyer.

Admission requirements

For the detailed admission requirements, see the webpage below.

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Master's programme in Law & Technology

Block	Course name
1	Research and Writing Skills **12 EC** Start Master Piece
2	Platform Regulation & Digital Governance **10 EC** Reflection on the courses for the Master Piece and continuation of the Master Piece design process
3	Law and Data **5 EC** AI, Public Law & Fundamental Rights **5 EC**
4	Elective – 1 course from the elective courses offered with the master programme. **5EC** Continuation of the Master Piece. Further theoretical aspects of Legal Tech and Completion of legal essay.
5	Critical Perspectives on Technology and Innovation **5 EC** Completion of the Master Piece: Technical, Ethical and legal specifications of a legal Tech Tool

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"Predicting the success of a court case using artificial intelligence seems ideal. Having an AI-driven robot make large numbers of decisions in public administration or the judiciary is another example. The promises of data-driven technology hold a golden future for the legal domain. Lawyers must, of course, ask themselves whether this is legally permissible. Moreover, it is essential to consider the question: is such far-reaching digitisation appropriate for society and the legal profession, as we want it to be in a democratic constitutional state? And above all, let us take a sober approach to the technical possibilities. What can be achieved at a reasonable cost, both in terms of money and ecological footprint? These are the types of questions you will tackle in the Master's programme in Law & Technology: governance, AI and Legal Tech".

"In the Master's programme, we ask questions such as: What are the ideas about regulating technological developments and in what ways has regulation already taken place? How should online platforms deal with intellectual property (IP), and what about data protection on social media such as TikTok? We also consider the ethical aspects of technological developments and reflect together on the professional ethics of technology. What new tasks and responsibilities does a lawyer have in a world where self-learning algorithms make decisions and chatbots seem to be the experts of the future? If these questions appeal to you, then this Master's programme is a perfect fit for you".



Prof. Evert Stamhuis LLM
Professor of Law and Innovation

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students commenced in 2026





Application deadline Students from Dutch universities **20 August 2027**

Application deadline (non-EEA) **1 August 2027**

Application deadline (EEA) **1 July 2027**

Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the Master's coordinator, Petra van der Kooij and Academic Coordinator Cees Zweistra at **masterlt@law.eur.nl**

For questions about registration and admission requirements, please get in touch with Kim Alias-Wijngaard, **masterinstroom@law.eur.nl.**

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