

**Faculty of Law**

**Admission Regulation English-taught programmes Faculty of  
 Law**

**for the academic year 2025/26**

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**The Teaching and Examination Regulations set out the specific rights and obligations that apply to each degree programme taught at the University of Groningen, for both the students and the degree programme.  
The University-wide section of the Student Charter sets out the rights and obligations that apply to all students.**



## **Section 1 General provisions**

### **Article 1.1 – Applicability**

This Regulation applies to the admission to the English-taught programmes of the Faculty of Law. The definitions of the Teaching and Examination Regulations are equally applicable to this Regulation.

### **Article 1.2 – Admission decisions**

1. The Faculty Board of the Faculty of Law decides with regard to admission to her programmes.
2. The Faculty Board has mandated the admission to the English-taught programmes to the Admissions Board for the English-taught programmes, as appointed by the Faculty Board.
3. The members of the Admissions Board are appointed for a period of two years and can be re-appointed.

### **Article 1.3 – Admissions Board**

1. The Admissions Board for the English-taught bachelor's degree programme, as arranged for in section 2, and the English-taught master's degree programmes, as arranged for in section 3 consists of seven members of the academic staff and, the coordinator of the International Office, one of whom functions as the chairperson. Each member has one deputy. A study adviser for the degree programme (or an equivalent member of Faculty staff) will be the official secretary.
2. The Admissions Board for the English-taught research master's degree programme Legal Research, as arranged for in section 4, consists of the following members:
  - the Director of the Graduate School of Law (chair);
  - the Director of Education (member);
  - a lecturer teaching in the programme (member);
  - a lecturer of the cooperation-partners (advising member);
  - the Education Coordinator of the Research Master (advising member).The latter is also will be the official secretary.
3. The Faculty Board is responsible for appointing members.

### **Article 1.4 – Language requirement for foreign certificates**

Students who have been admitted to a degree programme on the basis of a foreign certificate or degree may be required by the Admissions Board – before registration – to pass an English language test to be administered by an agency stipulated by the Board.



## **Section 2 The bachelor's degree programme International and European Law**

### **Article 2.1 – Intake date and re-registration dates**

1. Admission and (re-)registration in the bachelor's degree programme is only possible per 1 September of each academic year.
2. In addition to this intake date, there are several re-registration dates on which re-registration may take place upon the approval of the Admissions Board. These application dates are: 1 November, 1 February, and 1 April.
3. The Admissions Board only gives permission for re-registration as mentioned in article 2.1.3 if the following three conditions are met:
  - the student has had a previous registration in the programme the student is applying for -re-registration to;
  - the student has, prior to the study break, discussed the student's study plan with the study adviser;
  - the moment of deregistration and re-registration should be a minimum of two blocks
  - there has been no previous bachelor registration within the Faculty in the relevant academic year.

### **Article 2.2 – Admission to the programme**

1. A VWO diploma (with any profile) grants admission to the degree programme, including any foreign degree comparable to a VWO diploma.
2. Students without a VWO certificate are not admitted to the degree programme.
3. An exception to what is determined in Article 2.2.2 is made for students who have successfully completed the first year of the International and European Law from The Hague University of Applied Science.
4. An exception to what is determined in Article 2.2.2 is made for students who have successfully completed a full bachelor's degree programme from a University of Applied Science.
5. An exception to what is determined in Article 2.2.2 is made for students who have successfully completed the first year from a research university programme.



## **Article 2.3 – Language requirement for admission to the bachelor’s degree programme International and European Law**

The requirement of a sufficient command of English (C1-level) can be met by presenting one of the following:

| <b>Language test</b>     | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Listening</b> | <b>Speaking</b> | <b>Reading</b> | <b>Writing</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| IELTS Academic           | 7.0            | 6.0              | 6.0             | 6.0            | 6.0            |
| TOEFL iBT                | 100            | 21               | 21              | 21             | 21             |
| LanguageCert Academic    | 75             | 65               | 65              | 65             | 65             |
| Pearson PTE Academic     | 71             | 54               | 54              | 62             | 62             |
| Cambridge C1 Advanced    | All scores     |                  |                 |                |                |
| Cambridge C2 Proficiency | All scores     |                  |                 |                |                |

## **Article 2.4 – Matching**

1. For registration in the first year of the degree programme it is compulsory to attend the matching activity offered by the degree programme.
2. The matching activity for the bachelor’s degree programme International and European Law consist of the participation in the online LLB matching class, including completion of the online matching class assessments.
3. The results of the online matching class assessment as mentioned in article 2.4.2 lead to a green (positive) or orange (reconsideration) study advice for the student.
4. Not participating in the activities mentioned in article 2.4.2 will block the registration for the bachelor’s degree programme International and European Law.
5. If the matching obligation has been fulfilled, the given study advice mentioned in article 2.4.3 will be valid for the next two consecutive academic years.
6. The matching advice is given within three weeks after the last regular matching activity.

## **Article 2.4 – Admission to the second and third year of the bachelor**

1. Students who have passed the full first year of the bachelor’s degree programme are admissible to the second year of the programme.
2. In deviation of article 2.4.1 students who have passed a minimum of 45 ECTS of the first-year courses and/or who have been granted a positive study advice by the Binding Study Advice Committee are conditionally admissible.
3. The Admissions Board may grant the holder of a certificate, whether or not issued in the Netherlands, exemption from the requirement referred to in Article 2.4.1 if, in the opinion of the Admissions Board, that diploma is at least equivalent to the certificate referred to in Article 2.4.1.



4. The Admissions Board decides the admissibility to the second and third year of the degree programme.
5. Admission to the second- and third-year courses as discussed in articles 2.4.1 and 2.4.2 is granted automatically.

## **Section 3 The Pre-Master's programmes**

### **Article 3.1 – Admission**

1. The Admissions Board as arranged for in Article 1.3.1 decides on admission to the Pre-Master's programmes.
2. Holders of a non-legal Bachelor's degree programme (research university level) can, provided they successfully complete a Pre-Master's programme set by the Faculty Board, be admitted to one of the Master's degree programmes mentioned in Article 4.1.
3. Holders of a Law Bachelor's degree from a University of Applied Science (HBO) or equivalent can, provided they successfully complete a Pre-Master's programme set by or behalf of the Faculty Board, be admitted to one of the Master's degree programmes mentioned in Article 4.1.

### **Article 3.2 – Admission assessment: intake date and application dates**

1. Assessment of admissions may take place throughout the entire year.
2. Applications for admission to one of the Pre-Master's programmes, accompanied by all relevant and required documents, must be submitted to the Admissions Board before 1 May.
3. Only in exceptional cases will the Admissions Board consider an application submitted after the date stated in Article 3.2.2.
4. The Admissions Board will make its decision as quickly as possible, though at the very latest 6 weeks after receipt of all the documents. Admission will be on condition that the candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in Article 3.3 concerning knowledge and skills by the starting date of the programme at the latest, supported by certificates from the degree programmes followed. The written admission statement will include information for the student about the possibility of an appeal to the Board of Appeal for Examinations.
5. The Pre-Master's programmes have one starting moment, namely 1 September each academic year, with the exception of 30 ECTS Pre-Master's programmes. 30 ECTS Pre-Master's programmes also have a starting moment per 1 February each academic year.
6. Re-registration to the Pre-master's programmes is possibly in September each academic year, provided students have successfully completed at least 50 out of the 60 ECTS, or 20



out of the 30 ECTS, including the courses *Law and Legal Skills: the Dutch Example* and the *Research Seminar*.

## **Section 4 The English-taught master's degree programmes**

### **Article 4.1 – Applicability**

This section of the Admission Regulation applies to admission to the following Master's degree programmes:

- a. Energy and Climate Law (ECL; degree programme code 66829);
- b. European Law in a Global Context and Technology Law and Innovation (ELGC and TLI; degree programme code 60688);
- c. Global Criminal Law (GCL; degree programme code 60669);
- d. International Commercial Law (ICL; degree programme code 60603);
- e. Public International Law, Health and Technology Law, and International Human Rights Law (PIL, HTL, and IHRL; degree programme 60856).

### **Article 4.2 – Admission assessment: intake date and application dates**

1. Assessment of admissions may take place throughout the entire year.
2. Applications for admission to one of the degree programmes and a specific track, accompanied by all relevant and required documents, must be submitted to the Admissions Board before 1 May. Candidates who wish to be considered for one of the scholarships offered by the relevant organisations must submit their application at least one month before the closing date for scholarship applications set by those organisations.
3. Only in exceptional cases will the Admissions Board consider an application submitted after the date stated in Article 4.2.2.
4. The Admissions Board will make its decision as quickly as possible, though at the very latest 6 weeks after receipt of all the documents. Admission will be on condition that the candidate has satisfied the requirements set out in Article 4.3 concerning knowledge and skills by the starting date of the degree programme at the latest, supported by certificates from the degree programmes followed. The written admission statement will include information for the student about the possibility of an appeal to the Board of Appeal for Examinations.
5. The master's degree programmes have one starting moment, namely 1 September each academic year.
6. Re-registration to the master's degree programmes is possibly in September each academic year.



### **Article 4.3 – Qualifications and direct admission Master’s degree programmes**

1. Excluding the track Technology Law and Innovation, holders of a degree certificate from the following degree programmes will be admitted to the degree programmes as mentioned in Article 4.1:
  - the UG Bachelor’s degree programme in International and European Law;
  - the UG Bachelor’s degree programme ‘Rechtsgeleerdheid’, track ‘Internationaal en Europees Recht’.
2. Holders of a degree certificate from the following degree programmes will be admitted to the Technology Law and Innovation track within the LLM European Law in a Global Context:
  - the UG Bachelor’s degree programme in International and European Law, Technology Law track;
  - the UG Bachelor’s degree programme ‘Rechtsgeleerdheid’, track ‘IT-recht’.
3. Holders of a degree certificate of the UG Bachelor’s degree programme ‘Rechtsgeleerdheid’, track ‘IT-recht’ will be admitted to the Health and Technology Law track within the LLM Public International Law.

### **Article 4.4 – Qualifications and non-direct admission Master’s degree programmes**

1. Students holding a research university Bachelor of Laws degree from other institutions are admissible provided they can provide proof of a thorough basic knowledge of the field of law covered by the degree programme to the level of a Bachelor’s degree, as specified in Article 4.7.
2. Upon competition of a Pre-Master’s programme determined by the Faculty Board, the students is only admissible to that particular Master’s degree programme.
3. In the absence of a Bachelor’s degree, the Admissions Board shall assess whether the candidate is admissible on the basis of possessing knowledge, understanding and skills at the level of a Bachelor’s degree.
4. Holders of a Bachelor’s degree from the University College Groningen (UCG) can be admitted to the English-taught master programmes, provided they meet the requirements as set out in [Appendix 1](#).

### **Article 4.5 – Selection criteria Master’s degree programmes**

Students who meet the admission requirements as arranged for in Articles 4.3 and 4.4 will be selected for the Master’s degree programme mentioned in Article 4.1 on the basis of assessment of the following additional requirements:

- a. motivation and talent;
- b. level of relevant knowledge of and skills in the methods and techniques used in the relevant field;
- c. general academic level of thinking and working;



- d. a GPA (Grade-point Average of Bachelor degree) of 7/10, 70/100, 3.5/5, 2.75/4 or the equivalent, in level at least the equivalent of a second-class honours degree within the British educational system;
- e. proficiency in the language(s) used in the programme (further arranged for in Article 2.2).

#### **Article 4.6 – Selection by the Admissions Board**

- 1. Bearing in mind the admissions and selection procedure for the degree programme, the Admissions Board shall assess the knowledge and skills of the candidate. In addition to the written proofs of degree programme(s) already followed, the Board may ask experts from within or outside the university to test certain areas of knowledge and skills.
- 2. Only in highly exceptional cases the Admissions Board can decide to take additional factors into consideration for admission if one of the admission requirements is not fully met.
- 3. Admission under the terms of Articles 4.3 and 4.4 grants, in combination with a positive result of the selection assessment as set out in Article 4.5, the right to register for the Master's degree programme.

#### **Article 4.7 – Specific background knowledge**

The requirements for the specific background knowledge as referred to in Article 4.5.1a is as follows:

- a. Energy and Climate Law: basic knowledge of European law and elementary knowledge of public international law;
- b. European Law in a Global Context: basic knowledge of European law;
- c. Global Criminal Law: basic knowledge of criminal law and elementary knowledge of public international law;
- d. Health and Technology Law: basic knowledge of public international law, on a similar level as the UG bachelor course Public International Law, including some elementary human rights law;
- e. International Commercial Law: basic knowledge of private law and elementary knowledge of European and public international law;
- f. International Human Rights Law: knowledge of public international law, on a similar level as the UG bachelor course Public International Law, including some elementary human rights law;
- g. Public International Law: basic knowledge of public international law, on a similar level as the UG bachelor course Public International Law;
- h. Technology Law and Innovation: proven knowledge in the areas of data protection, intellectual property law and IT in the context of law.

#### **Article 4.8 – Language requirements**

The requirement of a sufficient command of English can be met by presenting one of the following:



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| Pearson PTE Academic     | 71             | 54               | 54              | 62             | 70             |
| Cambridge C1 Advanced    | All scores     |                  |                 |                |                |
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## **Section 5 The English-taught master's degree programme Legal Research (Research Master)**

### **Article 5.1 – Admission assessment: times**

Admission to the Master's degree programme Legal Research is subject to one intake moment per academic year: 1 September. Candidates must apply before 1 April (English-taught track) or 1 May (Dutch-taught track).

### **Article 5.2 – Admissibility, selection and admission to the programme**

1. The student who has gone through the admission and selection procedure as referred to in Articles 5.3 and 5.4 and has been deemed admissible and selected by the Admissions Board shall be admitted to the Research Master's programme.
2. In order to be admitted to the Master's degree programme in Legal Research, admissibility to the programme is first determined in accordance with Article 5.3. If admissibility is determined, with or without conditions, the Admissions Board shall assess, based on the selection requirements of the programme in accordance with Article 5.4, whether a student is selected for the programme. If both assessments are positive, a student is admitted to the programme.

### **Article 5.3 – Qualifications and admissibility to the programme**

1. Holders of a Bachelor's degree in Law from a research university are admissible to the programme.
2. A candidate who has the prospect of obtaining a Bachelor's degree from a research university before the actual commencement of the degree programme may apply to the degree programme. In addition to successful selection, the condition for actual admission is that this degree certificate must have been completed by the time the degree programme starts.
3. The Admissions Board may, under certain conditions, admit a candidate who does not hold a Bachelor's degree in Law from a research university to the programme. One of the conditions may be that the candidate has successfully completed a preparatory programme.



## **Article 5.4 – Selection criteria**

1. Those who are admissible to the Master's degree programme Legal Research must go through a selection procedure.
2. The selection is made on the basis of the following criteria:
  - demonstrable sufficient knowledge of the English language;
  - possession of sufficient knowledge, insight and skills for the programme to be a legal researcher;
  - talent for pursuing the degree programme.

## **Article 5.5 – Admissions procedure**

1. A student can request admission by submitting the following documents:
  - a completed application form;
  - a curriculum vitae;
  - an overview of the study results obtained up to that point in their current bachelor's degree programme and/or of any other programme at a research university;
  - a letter in which the student explains why the student wants to participate in this degree programme, based on their own expectations, interests and ambitions;
  - (when requested) written results of previously conducted research, e.g., academic articles;
  - (when requested) other documents which, according to the student, could contribute to a proper image of his/her suitability for participation in the programme.
2. The Admissions Board accepts references of experts in the field who attest in written form and provide the Admissions Board with a useful and reliable picture of the suitability of the student with regard to participation in the programme.
3. The Admissions Board determines, based on the submitted written material, if a student will be invited for an interview with the Admissions Board. If students are not invited for an interview, they will be informed by the Admissions Board, accompanied by a statement of reasons. The Admissions Board can request additional written material (thesis, paper, assignment).
4. For students living abroad, the admissions interview can be preceded by a telephone conversation with one of the members of the Admissions Board. This conversation serves as an advice to the student about the usefulness of travelling to Groningen for the admissions interview.
5. The admissions decision will be sent to students by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at the latest. A rejection will be accompanied by a statement of reasons.

## **Article 5.6 – Language requirements**

The requirement of a sufficient command of English can be met by presenting one of the following:



| <b>Language test</b>     | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Listening</b> | <b>Speaking</b> | <b>Reading</b> | <b>Writing</b> |
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## **Section 6 Hardship clause, deviations and final provisions**

### **Article 6.1 – Hardship clause**

1. The Admissions Board may deviate from what is determined in this Admission Regulation, with the exception of Article 2.2.2, 2.4.4, 3.1, 4.3, 4.4 and 5.3 in situations where the regulation would demonstrably lead to a situation of extreme unfairness, but only in unique personal circumstances that are so unusual that adhering the regulation is unreasonable.
2. Students can lodge an appeal against decisions of the Admissions Board with the Central Portal for the Legal Protection of Student Rights (CLRS).

### **Article 6.2 – Publication**

1. The Faculty Board will duly publish this Regulation and any amendments to this document.
2. Copies of this Admission Regulation are available from the Faculty Office.

### **Article 6.3 – Date of commencement**

This Regulation will take effect on 1 September 2025.

This Regulation was decreed by the Board of the Faculty of Law on 22 April 2025.



## Appendix 1 Admission for UCG students

1. Holders of a Bachelor's degree from the University College Groningen (UCG) can be admitted to the English-taught master programmes without taking a deficiency programme, provided they have successfully completed the following courses:
  - a. Criminal Law (5 ECTS);
  - b. European Law (5 ECTS);
  - c. Fundamentals of Law (5 ECTS);
  - d. International Law (5 ECTS);
  - e. Introduction to Argumentation and Legal Reasoning (5 ECTS);
  - f. Policy and Principles of Private Law (5 ECTS);
  - g. The age of human rights (5 ECTS).Students who have started their degree programme before the academic year 2025/26 are admissible without the course Introduction to Argumentation and Legal Reasoning.
2. In addition, they also have to successfully completed per programme the following courses:
  - a. **For admission to the LLM Energy and Climate Law:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and** [RGBIR50010] Public International Law (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).  
Students are recommended to also follow the course [RGAER70010] Energy and Climate Law for non-Lawyers (10 ECTS). However, this is not required.
  - b. **For admission to the LLM European Law in a Global Context:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).
  - c. **For admission to the LLM Global Criminal Law:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and** [RGPSR50110] Criminal Law **and either** [RGBIR50010] Public International Law (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).
  - d. **For admission to the LLM Health and Technology Law:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and either** [RGBIR50010] Public International Law (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBSP50110] Data Protection and Human Rights (10 ECTS).
  - e. **For admission to the LLM International Commercial Law:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).
  - f. **For admission to the LLM International Human Rights Law**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and either** [RGBIR50010] Public International Law (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).
  - g. **For admission to the LLM Public International Law:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and either** [RGBIR50010] Public International Law (10 ECTS) **or** [RGBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).
  - h. **For admission to the LLM Technology Law and Innovation:**  
[RGP510AD] Law and Legal Skills (10 ECTS) **and** [RGBSP50110] Data Protection



and Human Rights (10 ECTS) **and** [RGBSP50205] European and International IP Law (5 ECTS) **and** [RGBSP50005] IT in the Context of Law (5 ECTS) **and** [RBBEE50110] Law of the European Union (10 ECTS).

