



UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam Law School  
Amsterdam Business School

Master Law & Finance



Master's 2020-2021

## Law & Finance

How can banks and states become too-big-to-fail? Why do companies need financial lawyers to produce self-driving cars? These are questions about the relevance of law for finance, i.e. Law & Finance. Attending this Master, not only will you learn to answer such questions, but also why they matter to you both as individuals and as members of the society.

### Background

The LLM in Law & Finance at the UvA is a joint initiative of the Amsterdam Law School and the Amsterdam Business School. Because it is taught by two distinct Faculties, this Master's programme is the only one of its kind anywhere in the world. It provides a truly interdisciplinary education at the crossroads of law, economics, and finance. In the course of the programme, students gain a quantitative understanding of finance, along with an in-depth understanding of financial and corporate law and its economic implications. Our lecturers are leading academics who participate in the Amsterdam Center for Law & Economics, a world-class research institute in this field. Students who train with them pursue their ultimate goal of becoming legal professionals in the world of modern finance. Because this Master's programme draws students from across the globe, students learn in a truly international and intercultural environment.

### Admission and selection requirements

We have a selective programme with the following entry requirements:

- An academic background in law (i.e. at least 60 EC in law courses)
- English proficiency (for international students)
- Basic mathematics proficiency (please note that we administer an online test); and
- A clear-cut letter of motivation, as well as a C.V. (in English).

Please visit the website for more detailed information on the entry requirements: [uva.nl/llm-law-finance](http://uva.nl/llm-law-finance) under 'Application and admission'.

### Study programme\*

Our curriculum consists of the following courses:

- Accounting and Financial Reporting (3 EC)
- Business Organisations and Corporate Finance Law (6 EC)
- Financial Economics and Quantitative Methods (3 EC)
- Foundations of Finance and Corporate Governance (6 EC)
- Securities and Markets Regulation (6 EC)
- Institutional Aspects of EU Financial and Monetary Law and Regulation (3 EC)
- Finance: Capital Structure and Corporate Reorganisation (6 EC)
- Prudential Regulation of Banks and Shadow Banks (6 EC)
- Financial Risk and the Law: Derivatives and Collateral (6 EC)
- Insolvency Law and Corporate Finance (3 EC)
- Master's thesis (12 EC in total)

\*The study programme in 2020-2021 may differ from the current programme. We refer prospective students to [coursecatalogue.uva.nl](http://coursecatalogue.uva.nl) (available from Mid-May).

More information: [uva.nl/llm-law-finance](http://uva.nl/llm-law-finance)



### Career prospects

The Master's in Law & Finance is one of only a handful of degree programmes to address the worldwide demand for financial legal specialists. Graduates of this LLM programme typically find employment as:

- Lawyers in the corporate/transactional and financial practices of law firms
- Legal and compliance experts in the financial industry (including banks, insurance companies, and pension funds)
- Legal Counsel at in-house legal departments of multinational corporations and/or international organisations
- Legal and compliance officers for financial supervisory authorities
- Consultants to organisations including but not limited to think-tanks, accounting firms, and proxy advisors that require legal and financial expertise
- Academic researchers in law and finance.

### Facts & figures

Degree	LLM in Law & Finance
Mode	full-time, 1 year
Credits	60 ECTS
Statutory tuition fees (2019-2020)	full-time: € 2,083,- For non-EEA students or for second Dutch degree programmes check our website
Language	English
Start	September
Application deadline	Visit our website <a href="http://uva.nl/llm-law-finance">uva.nl/llm-law-finance</a>
Application deadline	1 April 2020 (all students)

### 'Civiel effect'

Pursuant to the *Convenant inzake het civiel effect*, graduates who have completed the Master's in Law & Finance in addition to a full Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law qualify for admission to the Dutch bar and judiciary (the so-called '*civiel effect*' of the Master).

### Amsterdam Law and Finance Association (ALFA)

ALFA, the study association affiliated with the Master's in Law & Finance programme, offers a platform that allows students to get better acquainted with the world of law and finance. It organises guest lectures, events, and ALFA company visits. For more information, please visit our website [amsterdamlawandfinance.nl](http://amsterdamlawandfinance.nl).

### Contact

For general questions regarding our programme:  
✉ [lawfinance-fdr@uva.nl](mailto:lawfinance-fdr@uva.nl)

For any questions related to admissions:  
🌐 [uva.nl/llm-law-finance](http://uva.nl/llm-law-finance) (go to 'Programme contacts')

We also have a Facebook page:

📘 [facebook.com/groups/uvalawfinance](https://facebook.com/groups/uvalawfinance)

### Rafailia Gkilla, student Law & Finance (2018-2019)



“My participation in the Master programme in Law & Finance validated the expectations I had, as a law student, to familiarize with basic financial concepts, as well as with modern economic

issues and topics underlying financial law. The mix of law and finance gave me the opportunity to think, as a lawyer, 'out of the box'. Moreover, the financial knowledge I gained has boosted my confidence to confront the 'fear' every lawyer has when asked to work with numbers! Most importantly, this Master programme opened new career opportunities for me, increasing my understanding on how the business world and the financial system work”

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