

Eligibility

LLM students enrolled in the LLM on the International law of Human Rights and International Criminal Justice (HR & ICJ LLM Programme).

Application

Students enrolled in the HR & ICJ LLM Programme must submit their Applications to the programme director by October and selected students will work from mid-November until mid-April.

No extra costs are involved other than the tuition fee of the HR & ICJ LLM Programme.

The selection process takes the form of a written assignment and an interview.

Between 12-18 students are selected to participate in the law clinic each year.

Between 10-12 students are selected to participate in the externship component of the programme each year.

Workload

Participants in both the Law Clinic and the Externship programme are required to deliver significant sustained commitment.

For the Duration of the Law Clinic programme (20 weeks), students are expected to work 20 hours per week wherein they will perform extensive legal research, prepare legal memoranda addressing specific topics of interest to the partner organisations and meet tight deadlines.

Students enrolled in the Externship module (20 weeks) with Hague-based international lawyers are expected to work in their legal teams for a minimum of 15 hours per week.

Credits

Law Clinic - 15 ECTS on completion of the programme.

Externship - 7.5 ECTS on completion of the programme.

Faculty

Programme Director:

Prof. dr. Héctor Olásolo (add email)

Programme Coordinator:

Dr. Leo Zwaak

Programme Supervisors:

Enrique Carnero-Rojo,

Diana Contreras

Testimonial

"The Utrecht Law Clinic Programme has fulfilled my desire to balance my theoretical studies with practical application. By working on court-related projects I had the opportunity to contribute to the development of international justice and not just study it from afar" - Carolyn Bys, J.D. Lewis Clark Law School. LLM candidate in International Human Rights and Criminal Justice.

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In the dynamic and highly competitive field of international law, practical skills and experience are an invaluable asset to graduate students who wish to pursue a career in international organisations.

The Utrecht Law Clinic enhances learning, nurtures practical skills and effectively introduces students to the demands of being an international lawyer.

Participation in the Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to conduct pro bono legal services on assignments commissioned by the Hague-based international judicial institutions, as well as to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

In doing so, students gain first-hand knowledge of the institutions, acquire in-depth understanding of the particular field of law and develop a range of valuable skills pertaining to legal research, analysis, drafting, communication and time management.

In short, the Utrecht Law Clinic offers the student unique access to the relevant institutions and persons whereby the student gains first-hand knowledge and experience of institutional dynamics in preparation for a promising career in international law.

Skills Training

The Programme is designed to provide students with the required skills for their future law careers.

Introductory sessions introduce the students to the particular field of law and the institution they will be working with. These sessions entail extensive reading and critical debate with fellow students and their academic supervisors. The students also receive instruction in the law and procedure of the judicial institution for which they will carry out work.

Throughout the Programme, practitioners from the Hague-based international courts and tribunals will meet with the students each month to instruct them on practical skills pertaining to effective legal research, memorandum drafting, strategy, oral advocacy and legal ethics.

The Result

The result is that students develop practical legal skills, enhance their knowledge of international law, international criminal law and human rights law, and contribute to the work of the international courts and tribunals.

Externship Programme

The Utrecht School of Law also offers an Externship Programme that enables a select number of students to extern with defence and victims Legal teams that are practicing before the Hague-based international courts and tribunals. The programme is geared towards the development of strong Legal research skills and drafting and advocacy skills.

Students following this course also participate in the Skills Training component of the Law Clinic.

Requirements to participate in the Externship programme are similar to those for the Law Clinic Programme. Students earn 7.5 ECTS on completion of the Externship Programme.

Academic Partners

The Law Clinic and Externship Programmes are supported by following organisations:

- *Willem Pompe Institute , Utrecht University*
- *Netherlands Institute for Human Rights (SIM), Utrecht University*
- *Utrecht Law Faculty*
- *T.M.C Asser Instituut, The Hague*



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