

PALLAS

LL.M. in European Business Law

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The PALLAS LLM European Business Law

What Pallas gives you

Lecturers from all over the world who are first class in their own field of expertise

Small group teaching which guarantees a personal approach

Lectures at international law firms and companies

Excursion to Brussels and Luxembourg; during the trip lectures will be held by EU representatives and judges of the courts visited

A diploma that is recognised by all universities of the PALLAS Consortium

Good modern housing on an attractive campus with both UK and international students

Excellent sports facilities on campus

Access to a large and active alumni network

What is Pallas?

PALLAS is a joint venture of nine universities from seven European countries. The responsibility as Host University has been assumed first by the University of Nijmegen, Netherlands, now by the University of Essex in Colchester, UK. The format has consistently been maintained through the years with a strong emphasis on teaching to small numbers of students, with active participation in class. Workshops are an integral part of the curriculum.

Our lecturers are carefully selected on the basis of a combination of solid academic credentials and practical experience. They include persons from all over Europe, drawn from first rank universities, major corporations, as well as the European institutions. The performance of our lecturers is reviewed annually, notably in the light of students' evaluations of each topic.

Whilst the regular venue of the lectures is the University of Essex, throughout the year a number of lectures are hosted by major law firms and corporations in London. Moreover, in early spring a visit to Brussels and Luxembourg is organised, where we are hosted by law firms as well as by the European Commission and the Court of Justice.



The Bridge to European Legal Practice

A Unique Programme

The PALLAS curriculum is organised around eight major subjects, with two subjects being taught in parallel within a 'block' of some six weeks (see table). Each of the eight subjects is coordinated and actively supervised by dedicated professors in constant liaison with the Academic Director who is responsible for the overall quality of the course.

The eight subjects have been chosen to respond to the daily needs of legal advisers in the business field, not only at the European level but also internationally. Each course provides the students with knowledge of the main legal systems in Europe, their characteristics, advantages, and drawbacks. The combination of a strongly comparative and problem-based approach with intensive teaching by leading experts in the field is what makes PALLAS unique. The cross-cultural dimension constitutes a crucial premium over what is currently taught in traditional LL.M.s.

Exams, Dissertation and Graduation

Exams in each of the eight subjects making up the curriculum are taken some ten days after the last lecture of the 'block' concerned. A final dissertation has to be prepared for submission in August with a dissertation supervisor agreed upon by the Academic Director. Graduation requires a pass at least for all subjects and the dissertation. The Graduation ceremony takes place early October. Prizes are awarded for the best dissertation (*The Lord Slynn of Hadley award*) and for the best results overall (*The HRH Princess Margriet of The Netherlands award*).



Coordination and Support

Another distinguishing factor of PALLAS is the regular and direct involvement of the PALLAS Academic Director, Professor Martijn van Empel. Prof. van Empel combines an academic track record of more than 25 years (with appointments at universities in The Netherlands and Italy) with legal practice in the field of EU law. As Academic Director he is not only responsible for overall coordination, but moreover is committed to keep a close personal contact with each student individually throughout their PALLAS year. On this basis he is also in a position to offer them advice and possibly support in their job application process.



Accommodation at ESSEX - A major asset

All PALLAS students who apply in good time will be offered accommodation at Essex. Set in over 200 acres of attractive parkland, the Essex University campus has a plentiful range of superior modern accommodation all within walking distance of the academic departments and campus facilities. Shops, banks and restaurants, an excellent range of sporting and leisure facilities are part of the very active student life on campus. There is also a University Theatre, an Exhibition Gallery, and an extensive programme of musical and dramatic events. *At about an hour's distance from London the Essex campus offers students the ideal combination of affordable housing with a world city within easy reach.*



Alumni / PALS

The PALLAS students (PALS) become a close-knit group during their studies; many remain in touch with each other and reunions are organised. The annual PALLAS trip to Brussels includes a reception with PALS working there. A PALS association has been set up, with a centralised database of email addresses updated continuously. At PALLAS we are proud to see how well our alumni have done professionally. We encourage prospective PALLAS students to contact one or more PALS with a view to learn from their experience, before actually deciding to register with PALLAS. Upon request, email addresses will be given for that purpose.

The PALLAS Curriculum

TOPICS

1. **Contracts in Europe**
2. **International Trade and Dispute Settlement**
3. **Company Law**
4. **International/European Taxation**
5. **Competition Law**
6. **Intellectual Property**
7. **Banking and Capital Markets**
8. **Environment Protection and Business Activities**

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Testimonials

Pauline Dijon, 2005-6, France, TMF-Group, Amsterdam

What I could say today is that being a member of the LL.M. PALLAS programme has undoubtedly been a unique and worthwhile experience. Thanks to the programme I have not only developed a broad range of skills in many legal fields but also became familiar with a greater variety of teaching modes compared to what I was used to at home. Moreover the quality of the programme combined with regular meetings with lawyers, professionals and academics from all over Europe certainly gives students the opportunities to have direct contact with potential and future employers. I could not do better than advise candidates to apply for the programme. I personally found everything I was looking for: a high-level education with a European dimension, an excellent and varied teaching (not anonymously spread), friendships and fun!

Tomas Chobola, 2004-5, Czech Republic, White and Case, Prague

The Programme is very well structured. I would like to show great appreciation to the selection of the teachers who, in my view, represent an elite formation of profound experts from the respective fields of law.

Ossi Niiranen, 2003-4, Finland, Clifford Chance, Brussels

I can safely say that I have not regretted choosing PALLAS. The combination of talented lecturers and visits to major Law firms (Clifford Chance and Freshfields to name but a few) are something arguably unique to PALLAS and will, without a doubt, make the PALLAS experience even more beneficial for one's growth, both academically and career wise, than I had expected.

Caleb Raywood, 1995-6, United Kingdom, Vice-President and Regional Counsel MasterCard, Dubai

I am now enjoying my third career post PALLAS, having moved from barrister to solicitor to in-house counsel. The PALLAS materials have accompanied me each step of the way and even now I occasionally dip into them for guidance. But the PALLAS' legacy is far more than simply taking away knowledge; it is the training to take a holistic view, analysing issues from all perspectives whether that of an adversary in court, the other side of a transaction, regulators of an industry or stakeholders in a business. Not only that, it is the ability to resolve problems while recognising the various national, cultural and jurisprudential themes encountered along the way which make the role of an international lawyer such a challenging vocation.

Admission Requirements

High quality is the hallmark of the PALLAS Consortium. Therefore admission is selective.

An applicant to the LL.M. in European Business Law programme must have completed a law degree with high academic standing from a recognised university. Because of the great variety of systems of legal education, the PALLAS Managerial Board reserves the right to decide which degrees or diplomas give access to the programme. By way of exception law-school students in their final year with outstanding academic results will be admitted.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee for the PALLAS LLM Course is £8,000 for EU students and £10,000 for non EU students. For subsequent years fees are subject to possible alterations (see Pallas website). The costs of the various trips are included in the overall fee of the programme.

Scholarships

The PALLAS website www.pallas-llm.org offers suggestions for sources of financial help.





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“Everything I was looking for in higher education”



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