

GRADING AND EXAM POLICIES

Course Grading policy

1. Courses are graded out of 20.
2. All courses which are co-taught are weighted 50/50 between both components, except International Law of IP, IT and Data Protection which is weighted 1/3 (J. Cabay) and 2/3 (B. Van Asbroeck) and International Litigation and Arbitration which is weighted 1/3 each professor/component.

Exam Retake and LL.M. Paper and Presentation Policy

3. Students who have not obtained a passing grade of 10 for one or more core LL.M. courses in the **first (fall) semester** must retake the exam for the failed course(s) at the end of February or early March.
4. Students who have not obtained a passing grade of 10 for one or more core LL.M. courses in the **second (spring) semester** may retake the exam for the failed course(s) in late June (before graduation) or choose to waive the chance to retake the exam for the failed course subject to the application of the rules in point (11) below.
5. In case of a retake as mentioned in points (3) and/or (4), the results of the second exam sitting will be the final results for the course (not the higher or average of the two exam results).
6. Subject to the application of the rules in point (11) below, students who have not obtained a passing grade of 10 in an optional course have the opportunity to retake the exam for such optional course but are not required to do so. The timing and conditions of retakes is scheduled by the faculty of law. Every effort will be made to ensure that any retakes can be completed by the end of June.
7. Students must retake all component exams for the LL.M. course for which they have not obtained the grade of 10.
8. By way of exception, the rule in point (7) does not apply for some courses, for which a student with a course grade below 10 will only be allowed to retake the component for which (s)he receives below 10. Example: if a student receives 7 for component A and 11 for component B and opts for a retake, (s)he may retake only component A. The course(s) for which this exception applies is (are) announced before 30 November for the first semester courses and before 31 March for the second semester courses. In this case the course grade will be the average of (i) the grade for a component not retaken and (ii) the new grade for any component retaken.

9. Students who do not receive a passing grade of 10 or more on the LL.M. Paper and Presentation, in exceptional circumstances, subject to the decision of the jury and to the payment of an additional fee of EUR 500, may be allowed to resubmit a Paper and Presentation on the same or a different topic for January of the following academic year. A student who does not receive a passing grade of 10 or more on the resubmission will have no further opportunity to revise and resubmit the Paper and Presentation.

LL.M. Jury and Award Policy

10. The LL.M. Jury composed of all the professors of the core LL.M. courses has full authority to determine whether a student will be awarded the LL.M. in International Business Law, and any applicable honors.
11. Subject to this general authority of the LL.M. Jury, the following guidelines are used by the Jury:
 - 11.1. The Passing Grade is 10/20.
 - 11.2. The LL.M. will be awarded in principle to a student who has obtained at least the Passing Grade for the LL.M. Paper and Presentation and for all the courses (LL.M. core courses and optional courses, as applicable).
 - 11.3. Subject to the final decision of the Jury, the LL.M. may be awarded to a student who has obtained i) at least the Passing Grade on the LL.M. Paper and Presentation and ii) no more than 3 points in total below 10/20 in LL.M. core courses and optional courses, as applicable (for example, a "7" in one course with no other grades below "10", or 3 courses with a grade of "9" with no other grades below "10", or a grade of "9" and a grade of "8" with no other grades below "10").
12. The average LL.M. GPA is reported out of 20 points and is weighted according to credits so the LL.M. Paper and Presentation (10 ECTS) grade will be multiplied by 2 for purposes of the average. The Internship is Pass/Fail and the results will not form a part of the GPA.
13. The LL.M. will be awarded with the following honors:
 - 13.1. "Summa Cum Laude" when the average is 17.5 or above
 - 13.2. "Magna Cum Laude" when the average is 15.5 or above
 - 13.3. "Cum Laude" when the average is 13.5 or above
 - 13.4. "With Honors" when the average is 12 or above
 - 13.5. "Pass" when the average is above 10

LL.M. Prizes

14. The Jury awards two LL.M. prizes:

- 14.1. A prize is awarded to the best student of the LL.M. class (Valedictorian) (250 EUR)
- 14.2. A prize is awarded for the best LL.M. Paper and Presentation, based on the written paper and the oral defense (200 EUR)