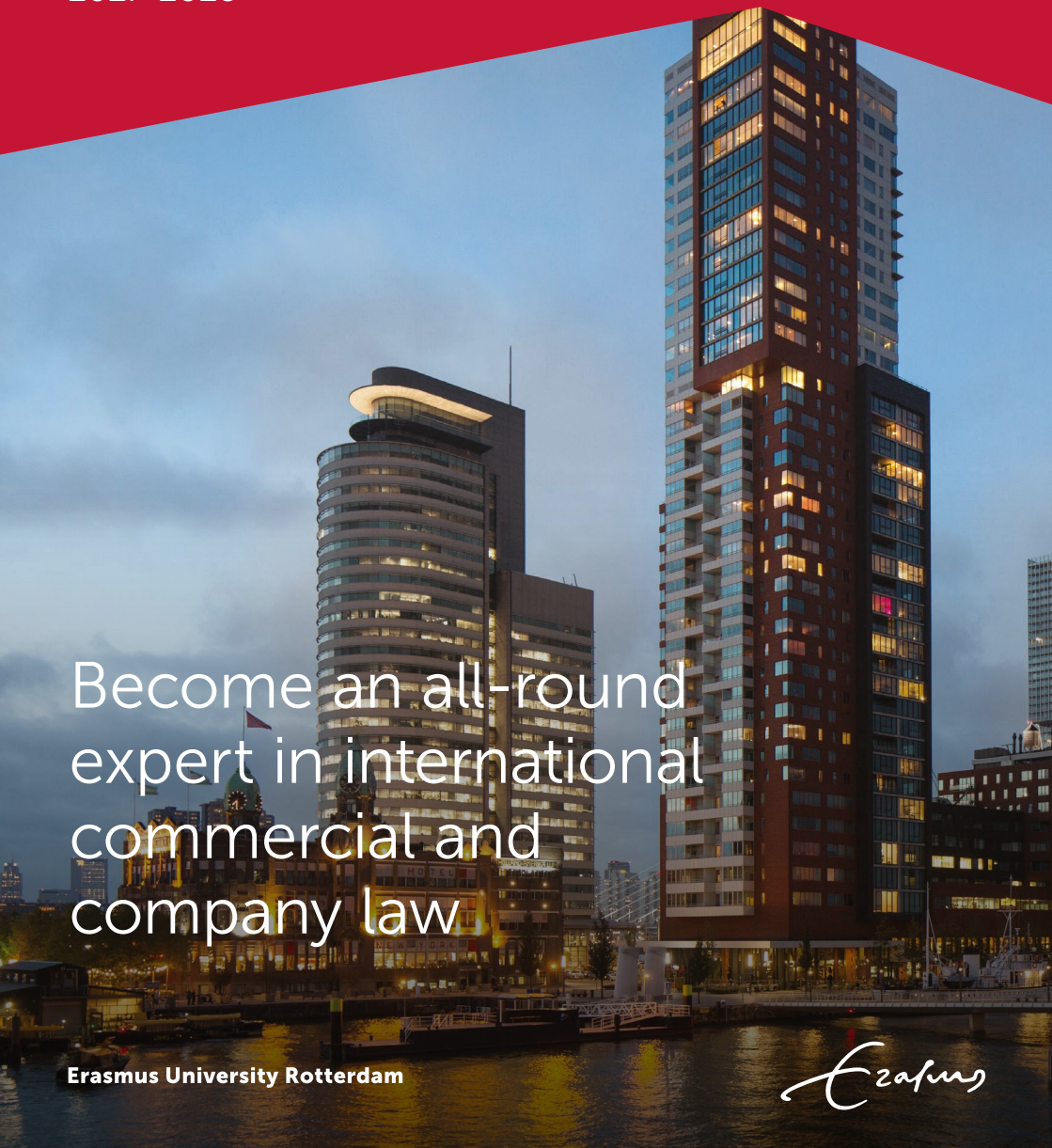
Erasmus
School of
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LL.M. Commercial and Company Law

2027-2028



Become an all-round expert in international commercial and company law

Erasmus University Rotterdam

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Prof. Dr. Frank Smeele, professor of Commercial Law

What does this programme have to offer you?

- The LL.M. programme Commercial and Company Law provides you with a unique combination of specialist courses in the field of company and commercial law, and with general courses in European and comparative private law;
- You get educated by our excellent teaching staff. Our staff members have a solid (international) academic background as well as a wealth of experience from commercial and legal practise;
- You study in one of the leading commercial centre and largest ports of Europe, which means you will often go “on-site” to see how things work in practice.

The LL.M. programme in Commercial and Company Law provides you with a thorough understanding of the legal aspects of doing business in an international setting.

During the specialisation Commercial and Company Law attention is given to the influence of European Union Law. The unique combination of Commercial and international Company law gives the student a comprehensive overview of both fields of law.

Career perspective

Graduates will find employment in law firms or law courts, in the academic and business world or in various other sectors of the economy where issues related to business companies and commercial relations play an important part. As a graduate you will have extensive knowledge in commercial and company Law, you will have the skills to do business in an international setting and you will be able to apply different perspectives.

Admission requirements

Bachelor law degree + English language proficiency

Bachelor degree University College (legal track) + English language proficiency

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Curriculum Commercial and Company Law

Block	Course	EC
1	Research and Writing Skills (Commercial and Company Law)	12
2	International Corporate Governance	5
	Intellectual Property Law	5
3	Company Law and Restructuring	10
4	Commercial Law	5
	Elective (Intellectual Property Rights or European Private International Law)	5
5	Carriage of Goods	5
	Master Thesis	13

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“As a PhD candidate at Erasmus School of Law I worked on a book project about the identity of the carrier. After graduating in 1998 I was asked to stay, but I wanted to gain experience in legal practice first. Thus I became an attorney – and later a partner - at Van Traa. But Erasmus University asked me to come back. After a period of combining academia and legal practice, I became a full professor in 2007.”

“We pay attention to trends”



Prof. Dr. Frank Smeele

“Company law has to do with the organisation of businesses. How are the relations between the employers, shareholders, financial institutions, et cetera, and how is the company being governed? We look at the legal aspects, but consider social, psychological and economic factors as well. We pay attention to actual trends, like the fact that companies are getting more international and have a shorter life cycle.”

“A lot of our former students have jobs as an attorney or an in-house council. But there is also the possibility of becoming a civil servant or a researcher. Many alumni have found employment in this area, students who came from abroad as well. So Rotterdam might be a great place to start your career!”

EU
70%
30%
non-EU

62
students
started in 2026





Apply before
1 July 2027

Start
September 2027

Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact the master coordinator, Petra van der Kooij, via **mastercl@law.eur.nl**.

Questions about admission?

- For Dutch students, please contact Eddie van Roon via **masterinstroom@law.eur.nl**;
- For international students, please contact André van der Schee via **informationdesk.llm@law.eur.nl**.

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