



International Justice (BA)



This major explores challenges to justice and the rule of law in a globalizing and pluralistic society. These include the realization of human rights, climate justice, ending impunity for war crimes and economic and political integration. While international law and institutions serve as the starting point for many key issues, the International Justice major focuses also on national and regional legal orders as well as relevant transnational and local norms and actors. Moreover, the major analyzes how norms, laws and institutions operate in practice through comparative and interdisciplinary approaches that combine legal research with socio-legal and other approaches from the social sciences.

This major might be for you if you are interested in the following questions:

- ▶ Why are the commitments of the Paris Climate Accord not being implemented?
- ▶ How can a society transition out of protracted conflict and move towards sustainable peace?
- ▶ Who is liable if a fully autonomous weapon (e.g. a drone) commits mass atrocity?

“The most rewarding part of following this major has been being taught about law and politics by lecturers who are renowned to be specialists in their respective fields. Visiting their current or previous jobs at international courts or international organisations has clearly added a new dimension to the way I approach my coursework. I also had a great opportunity to assist in a project through a research clinic, which was conducted for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.”

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	Core tracks International Justice		
	International Law	Human Rights and Society	Statehood and Integration
	Core courses		
100-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principles of Public International Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Sociolegal Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereignty & Statehood
200-level <i>Example Methodology course: Advocacy and Litigation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Environmental Law • International Dispute Settlement • International Humanitarian Law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security and Rights • International & Regional Human Rights • Law, Culture and Society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure and Functioning of the EU • Constitutions and Constitutionalism
300-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Security and Collective Action • International Criminal Law • Law of the Sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Migration and Refugee Law • Making Human Rights Work: Transitional Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparative Legal & Economic Integration • History and Theory of International Norms and Institutions • Foreign Relations Law
400-level	Capstone thesis		

What does the future hold?

Students who completed this major have embarked on careers as practicing lawyers as well as in research, policy and advocacy (e.g. at (inter-)governmental organizations, development agencies, think tanks and NGOs). For Dutch-speaking students, the major can be combined with an LLB degree at Leiden Law School in the framework of our double degree programme.

Graduate Studies

- ▶ LLM in International Law at University of Oxford
- ▶ LLM Human Rights at University of Essex, UK
- ▶ PHD Law of the Sea at Arctic University, Norway

Careers

- ▶ Law Firms
- ▶ Human Rights NGO's
- ▶ Government