

I am Hannah, I am 22 years old, and I'm originally from Ireland. I completed my undergraduate studies and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Law from University College Cork. My interest in European Law originated from my time in my undergraduate degree as board member and Chairperson of the UCC Europa Society. After graduating, I spent some time working in an Irish-based law firm, before concluding that I was not done with formal research and education. Leiden was my first choice when deciding to pursue my master's degree as I knew that I wanted to go abroad and had my heart set on the Netherlands. When I learned that I could begin studying European Law as part of the February intake, I knew that I was ready to grasp this opportunity.



If you are like me, with different areas of legal interest then the European Law LL.M. programme in Leiden could be a great next step for you. The optional modules further secured my interest, as not every area of European Law could be studied in my undergraduate degree, such as Union in The World about the Union's external policies. Leiden University is a brilliant place to study as an international student. The reputation of the University is reflected through the attentive, passionate nature of the lecturers. The KOG building is not just intriguing from a historical perspective. It also has some amazing facilities, a beautiful library and plenty of places to source a coffee (the iced coffee is a favourite of mine).

I can speak three languages but dabble in a few more: I am a native English speaker, fluent in Irish and proficient in German. I have recently started a Dutch course with the University, this is a wonderful way to understand the local culture and people more whilst meeting students studying in different faculties. If languages are not in your area of interest do not fret, most people here speak English extremely well.

When I am not studying, I try to make the most out of Leiden being a beautiful and well-connected location by enjoying trips to the beaches of Noordwijk, Katwijk and Scheveningen. There are additionally beautiful parks, buildings, and a lovely atmosphere throughout Leiden. If you fancy leaving Leiden for a while, getting to Amsterdam or The Hague is very accessible by train with Leiden Centraal station being only a 10-minute walk from the law faculty.

I am delighted to be a student ambassador and I am always here (and happy) to help prospective students with any of their queries about the LL.M. or the University life here in general.

If you'd like to know more, don't hesitate to reach out on h.b.alcock@umail.leidenuniv.nl.