



# LL.M. Public Law and Democracy

— PARIS —

A one of its kind LL.M. program on the theory and practice of law and democracy. The LL.M. will offer the highest quality of teaching in small group seminars provided by leading French and international scholars.

The program will benefit from a partnership with Institut Michel Villey, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University leading research center in jurisprudence and constitutional law.



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### Dual Expertise

The program is taught by Paris-Panthéon Assas academics and invited professors with highly regarded international reputations



### Worldwide Recognition

Awarded by Paris-Panthéon-Assas University, France's first law university



### Taught in English

All classes within the LL.M. program are taught in English



### Career Opportunities

Students are equipped with a diverse set of skills and knowledge of several legal systems

## TEACHING – The LL.M. is a year-long, full time, program –

The curriculum is based on ten courses (24h each), for a **total of 240 hours**. All courses are mandatory. There are no optional courses.

**FACULTY:** Law and political science professors and lecturers from Panthéon-Assas University. Visiting faculty from major universities worldwide (Oxford, LSE, Penn Law...).

### UNIT 1: Theories of justice and political power

- Theories of democracy (ancient and modern)
- Introduction to political thought
- Reading seminar in political philosophy
- Foundations of public law

### UNIT 2: Constitutionalism

- Political and constitutional history
- Comparative constitutional law
- Constitutional theory
- International Law and democracy

### UNIT 3: Democracy & governance

- Contemporary Governance and democratic practice
- Current problems of democratic societies

### CHAIR OF DEMOCRACY

A short course or series of lectures delivered every year by an expert or personality of international standing.

## FACULTY FEATURES:



**Prof. Timothy ENDICOTT**  
Vinerian Professor of English  
Law, All souls College, Oxford  
University

Teaching subject: Inaugural Lecture –  
*Aristocratic elements in a democratic  
constitution*



**Prof. Conor GEARTY**  
Professor of Human Rights Law,  
LSE Law School

Teaching subject: *Chair of Democracy*



**Dr. Amnon LEV**  
Associate professor, Head of Centre  
Cand.jur. et phil., PhD, University  
of Copenhagen

Teaching subject: *Introduction to  
political thought*



**Prof. Christoph MÖLLERS**  
Professor of Public Law and  
Jurisprudence, Faculty of Law,  
Humboldt-University Berlin /  
Permanent Fellow at the Institute  
for Advanced Study Berlin /  
Member of the Board of Trustees

Teaching subject: *Foundations of public law*

## GOALS

To provide international students with a set of courses at the crossroads of public law, legal theory and the theory of democracy. The aim is to foster a new generation of scholars and leaders in the field of law and democratic government, and provide them with the theoretical baggage and the skills to approach modern problems of democratic governance and democratic reform.

## CAREER AND PROSPECTS

- International students aiming at acquiring a professional expertise in the field of democratic practice and democratic engineering. They will later work for NGOs, governmental bodies;
- International organizations;
- Students wishing to embrace an academic career and to read for a PhD.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**A maximum of 20 students will be accepted every year.**

### ADMISSION IS OPEN:

- to foreign students with at least a second year of U.S. law school (as part of an exchange between their university and Paris-Panthéon-Assas University);
- to students having completed a JD or any other legal degree in their home country with at least 4 years of studies, amounting to 240 ECTS credits.
- Exceptionally, to students with a degree amounting to 180 ECTS credits if this is justified by the legal curriculum in their country of origin.

Every year, the LL.M. will also be accessible to a maximum of 5 French students having already completed a "M2" degree, amounting to 300 ECTS credits.

Admission will be based on written applications. If the admission panel thinks it necessary, an oral examination will be possible.

### TUITION FEES

- €10,000 (including university fees)
- Exchange students (American universities): €5,000



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## DEAN OF THE LL.M.

**Prof. Denis BARANGER**  
Professor of Public Law  
Director of Studies of the LL.M. course  
Paris-Panthéon-Assas University

## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

[www.u-paris2.fr/en](http://www.u-paris2.fr/en) | [www.assas-international.com](http://www.assas-international.com)

Paris-Panthéon-Assas University is one of the oldest universities in France, and was part of the University of Paris, formerly known as "La Sorbonne".

It is also France's first law university (Le Figaro Étudiant 2023), and the second-oldest faculty of law in the world.

### Key facts:

- Founded in the 13<sup>th</sup> century in the heart of Paris
- 2,200 teachers-researchers
- 23,000 students (including 4,000 international students)
- 17 sites and 4 international campuses: Dubai, Mauritius, Paris and Singapore

Assas International was created by Paris-Panthéon-Assas University in 2011 to develop and promote its international programmes.



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Paris campus  
2023-2024

"There is no better place to explore Public Law and Democracy than at Paris-Panthéon-Assas Université! The LL.M. program, offered in partnership with the Institut Michel Villey, provides a unique blend of public law, legal theory, and the study of democracy. As someone who was already practicing law, I realized there was still so much to learn about the intricate concepts of governance, democracy, and their broader implications. This program has opened numerous doors for me, as well as invaluable insights and opportunities, more specifically in international law.

I'm deeply grateful for having had the chance to study at one of Europe's most renowned legal institutions. Being surrounded by students with impressive academic and professional backgrounds pushed me to be better in every way. Throughout my time in this LL.M., I was privileged to learn from leading French and international scholars who not only imparted knowledge but also inspired us. The connections I made and the community we built are sources of pride for me. This LL.M. has been more than an academic pursuit. I encourage you to join this exceptional journey."

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FOR FULL  
PROGRAMME  
DETAILS



APPLICATION: **October 2025 Intake**

Application Deadline: **30 September 2025**

APPLICATION PORTAL  
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