PANTHÉON-ASSAS
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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.

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FACULTY



Prof. Paul DALY
Professor of Public Law
(University Research Chair in Administrative Law Governance)
University of Ottawa

Teaching subject: *Foundations of Public Law*



Vanessa MACDONNELL
Associate Professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law and Co-Director of the uOttawa Public Law Centre

Teaching subject: *Comparative constitutional Law*



Prof. David WOMERSLEY
Thomas Warton Professor of English Literature; Professorial Fellow, St Catherine's College, Oxford

Teaching subject: *Political & Constitutional History*



Dr. Mélanie HEARD
Doctor in political science and Executive Director of the Institute for Democracy in Health (IPDS)

Teaching subject: *Contemporary Governance & Democratic Practice*

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 ingeneering. 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

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

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Founded in the 13th century in the heart of Paris, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University is France's first law university (Le Figaro Étudiant 2025), and the second-oldest faculty of law in the world.

PANTHÉON-ASSAS UNIVERSITÉ PARIS

Key facts:

- 2,200 teachers-researchers
- 23,000 students (including 4,000 international students)
- 17 sites and 3 campuses around the world: Paris, Mauritius and Singapore

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

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Ian GOOD
LL.M. Public Law and Democracy 2025 - Paris

"The LL.M. in Public Law and Democracy is a phenomenal and one-of-a-kind program that provides the opportunity to engage deeply with foundations of law and democratic governments. The program is taught by excellent scholars and professors at the cutting edge of their respective fields and provide both a breadth and depth to the overall program. The other students are also highly accomplished and provided for strong academic discussion during and outside of class. Ultimately, I fully recommend the program to anyone considering it."



Katharina KOPPELMANN-LØKÅS
LL.M. Public Law and Democracy 2026 - Paris

"I previously completed a master's in international law at the University of Amsterdam, but I wanted to broaden my knowledge of the political aspects of law. The LL.M. in Public Law and Democracy at Assas was the perfect next step. What particularly attracted me was the opportunity to learn from guest lecturers from around the world, each bringing their own expertise and experiences. Combined with the diverse nationalities and perspectives within the classroom, this creates stimulating discussions and a unique learning environment. I would recommend this programme to anyone interested in the political and philosophical questions surrounding law and democracy."



Joana ZGHAIB
LL.M. Public Law and Democracy 2024 - Paris

"There is no better place to explore Public Law and Democracy than at Paris-Panthéon-Assas Université. The LL.M., offered with the Institut Michel Villey, provides a unique blend of public law, legal theory, and the study of democracy. As a practicing lawyer, I realized how much more there was to learn, and this program opened numerous doors for me, especially in international law. The connections I made and the community we built are a source of pride. This LL.M. has been more than an academic pursuit, and I encourage you to join this exceptional journey."

APPLICATION: **October Intake**
Application Deadline: 30 September

APPLICATION PORTAL
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