


# FACULTY OF LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

A leading school in the heart of Europe.





## Modernity steeped in tradition.

We are proud to present the Ghent Faculty of Law and Criminology, a vibrant international centre of academic excellence, serving all fields of law and the criminological sciences. Firmly rooted in Europe's heartland, we stand for education and research that is both pluralistic and socially engaged, the embodiment of Ghent University's motto: 'dare to think'.

This brochure provides a brief overview of a faculty which, for over two centuries, has led the way academically, serving a world that is constantly in flux. Our school is diverse and cosmopolitan, a biotope of academic innovation in the midst of one of Europe's most enchanting historic cities. You

are warmly invited to explore our thriving community of students and researchers from across the globe. We look forward to welcoming you in Ghent!



Prof. dr. Michel Tison  
Dean





45,000  
students

90  
departments

founded in  
1817

# DARE TO THINK

Founded in 1817, Ghent University is an inclusive and pluralistic university. It offers a broad spectrum of high-quality, research-based educational programmes in all scientific fields.



**6,000**  
foreign students every year

**69<sup>th</sup>**  
in the 2017  
ARWU ranking

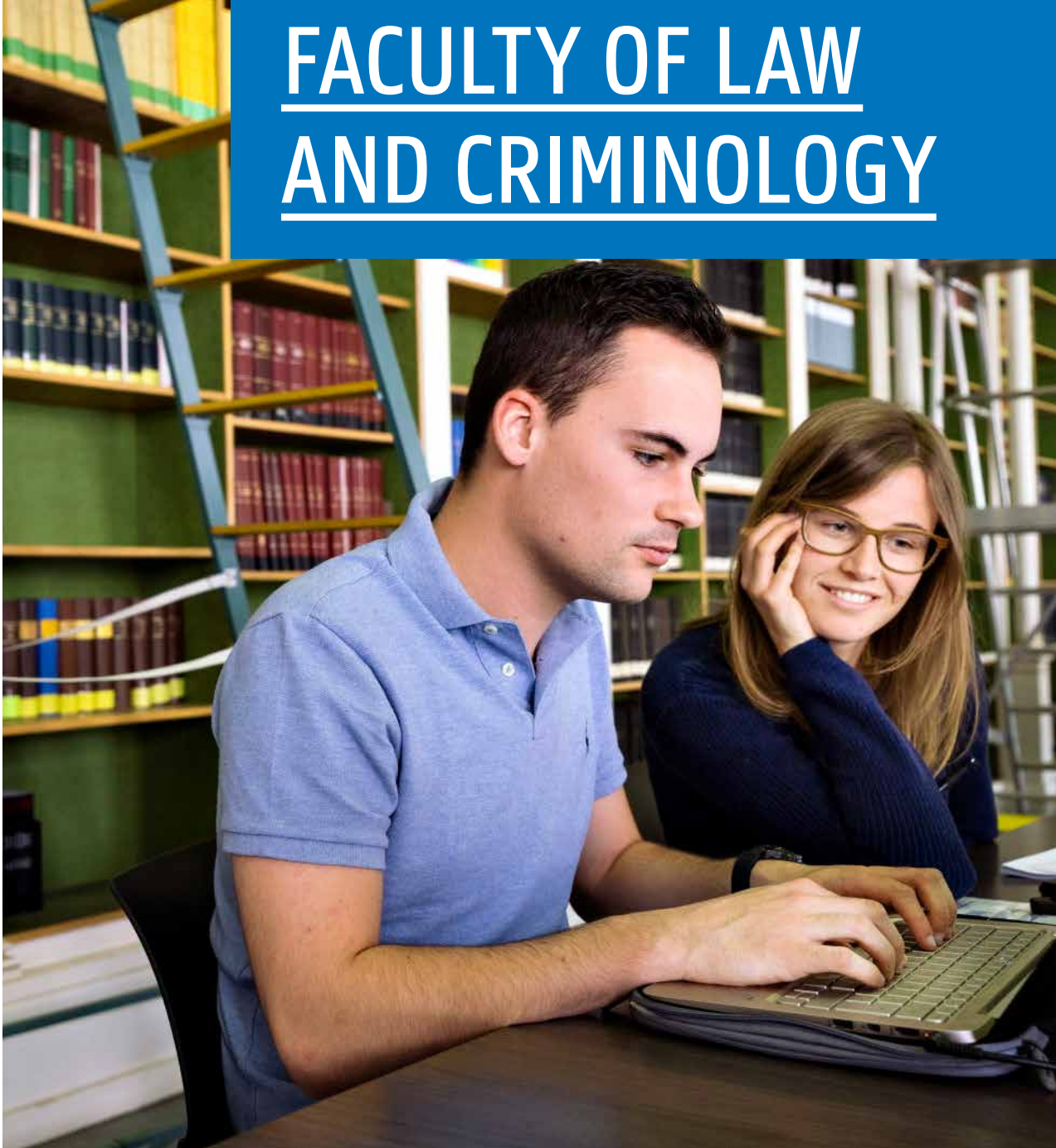
**11**  
faculties

Internationally oriented, Ghent University is an enterprising university focussed on critical thinking and the potential application of its research to society and the economy.

As a top 100 institute of higher learning and one of Belgium's most prominent universities, Ghent University is a highly reputed centre of learning with global reach.

It prides itself on its international perspective and research-based education, grounded in an environment that promotes curiosity and encourages students to transcend boundaries. Above all, Ghent University strives to be relevant, making a positive impact on the ever-evolving global scene.

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# HEART

A top-level school for law and criminological science, we offer a full array of educational, research, and clinical programmes to Belgian and international students alike.

With more than sixty master level courses taught in English, five English language international LLM programmes, a broad selection of moot courts, research master's programmes, and a host of foreign exchange students, we are a significant hub of diversity.

Our values are intellectual inquiry, cultural open-mindedness, and research excellence. **Our mission is 'to form competent, independent, critical and versatile students who dare to communicate, who demonstrate societal commitment and who have respect for diversity.'**

We embrace the societal and economic importance of education and research. Many of our alumni have become leaders in business, politics, public service, the arts, and in the various legal and criminological professions, both here in Belgium and at an international level.



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DEGREE PROGRAMMES



175

PHD STUDENTS



4,500

STUDENTS



73

PROFESSORS



185

RESEARCHERS







**OPENING MINDS,  
INSPIRING LEADERS,  
PURSUING EXCELLENCE.**

# REACH

## FULL-SERVICE AND HIGH-LEVEL



105

EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS  
WITH PARTNERING  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS



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INTERNATIONAL  
MOOT COURT  
PROGRAMMES



5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ADVANCED  
MASTER DEGREES



72

MASTER AND ADVANCED  
MASTER COURSES AVAILABLE  
IN ENGLISH



77

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED  
AMONG OUR INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS IN 2018



33

NATIONALITIES  
AMONG OUR  
RESEARCH STAFF

Academic teaching and research at Ghent covers every field of law and the criminological sciences. For each discipline, domestic, European and international issues are covered by our expertise.

We have been one of the foremost law schools in Belgium and Europe for over 200 years. Our educational programme in criminology is one of Europe's largest and is characterized by its multidisciplinary approach.

A wide selection of English language courses, in com-

bination with several LLM degrees, specialised centres and excellent research facilities, make us an ideal home for international students, exchange students, visiting researchers, and guest professors alike.

The tremendous variety of courses and degrees allow students to tailor their experience to their needs and interests, either as part of their basic degree or in a specialised advanced master. LLM degrees also allow students to focus on research and writing, often in connection with potential PhD work.



International students intermingle with domestic and exchange students, creating a truly multinational atmosphere. Admission for exchange and international students is selective, ensuring a quality student body.

# BIOTOPE





# BEYOND KNOWLEDGE

We believe in applied education that, while ensuring profound theoretical knowledge, also delivers high-potential professionals who are ready for 'the real world'.

Students are offered the chance to participate in several moot court programmes and clinics. Internships and job fairs provide opportunities to

learn from practice. Skills in research, writing and presenting are honed throughout.

LLM students are prepped for an international career path through a comprehensive 'skills for lawyers' programme, including contract drafting, arbitration and negotiation, and sessions with practicing professionals.

# SKILLS



Our school is a forum for intellectual debate, combining cutting-edge expertise with attention to developments in society.





# TRADITION

## ... AND MODERNITY

Our campus offers all the trappings and infrastructure of a traditional academic home for the legal and criminological professions, within the broader context of a large and historical university.

Our library is top-notch and holds, inter alia, one of the biggest collections of European Union law in the world.

The student experience @Ghent is fully 21st century, equipped with all the tools of a digital, connected campus.

Educational innovation and experimentation are nurtured, as is seminar-style debate, which helps guarantee a dynamic, personal and interactive student experience.

We pepper the student experience with cross-disciplinary learning, honours programmes, internships, moots, clinics and skills development.



### OUR LIBRARY



1817

START  
COLLECTION



158,829

COMPLETE  
COLLECTION



1,083

SUBSCRIPTIONS  
TO LEGAL JOURNALS



17,170

BOOKS ON  
EU LAW

... AND COUNTING



Networks, conferences, seminars, lectures and other academic initiatives turn our school into a permanent hive of intellectual activity and nourishment.



# EXCELLENCE

## STRENGTHS & CENTRES



We are home to internationally renowned research centres, such as in European Union law, in human rights law, business law, environmental law, and in criminal law and criminology.

Our faculty includes renowned experts with a prominent presence in the international scientific community, in official bodies, public service, consultancy, or in legal practice.

We ensure that education and research are tightly linked, while emphasising their economic and societal relevance.



# EXPERIENCE



Our classrooms and study spaces are equipped to allow for an interactive and collaborative study experience.



Our campuses are true oases for student life.





Our recreational facilities cater to every taste.



You will not need more than a (rental) bike to get around.

# INTERNATIONAL

105

**EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS**  
with international partner schools  
in 2018

We partner with top universities from around the world, forging a global student and faculty body with a transnational perspective.

64

**INTERNATIONAL  
PHD PROJECTS**  
in 2018

Visiting scholars and professors flow in and out continuously, attracted by research facilities and lively international networks. PhD students can rely on the support of our doctoral school.





# 30

## COUNTRIES

represented in our LLM class of 2018-2019

Highly ranked LLM programmes offer a wide range of choice: European and International Law, International Business Law, or European Union Law.



# 525

## LLM ALUMNI

in 2018

A global alumni association keeps LLMs in touch with Ghent University and each other for life.

# 100+

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

every year

Exchange students benefit from a broad selection of courses available in English, and from the breathtaking city of Ghent.

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## MASTER AND ADVANCED MASTER COURSES

available in English

Research excellence is the foundation of our MSc in Maritime Science, the European Master in Law and Economics, and a research Master in European and International Criminology.

We host a number of summer programmes and other international initiatives over the course of each summer.



# GHENT



Called 'Europe's best kept secret' (*Lonely Planet*) and rated 'the most authentic historic city in the world' (*National Geographic*), Ghent is a truly stunning location, only half an hour's train ride away from the EU decision-making bodies in Brussels.

Ghent's history as a rich commercial port and as the second biggest city north of the Alps between the 13th and 15th century has left behind a large and well preserved medieval centre that seduces tourists and students alike.

Throughout its long existence Ghent has always been a commercial gateway and a political capital. Today Ghent is the third largest city in Belgium. It is a vibrant and walkable city that combines the cultural life and amenities of a modern capital with a unique medieval heritage.



**259,570**  
INHABITANTS

**620**  
PUBS  
AND BARS

**56**  
LARGE AND SMALL  
PUBLIC SQUARES

**74,000**  
STUDENTS

**51**  
HECTARES OF  
PEDESTRIAN ZONE

**734**  
RESTAURANTS

**23**  
MUSEUMS

**2**  
MIEVEAL CASTLES

**74**  
PUBLIC  
PARKS

**20**  
FOUNTAINS



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LLM programmes: [www.law.ugent.be/llm/](http://www.law.ugent.be/llm/)  
LLM in Maritime Science: [www.maritimescience.ugent.be/](http://www.maritimescience.ugent.be/)  
Law & Economics: <https://emle.org/>  
Doctoral Schools: [www.ugent.be/doctoralschools/en](http://www.ugent.be/doctoralschools/en)  
Research centres: [www.ugent.be/re/en/research/research-centres/overview.htm](http://www.ugent.be/re/en/research/research-centres/overview.htm)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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