

# 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.



### 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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"With its focus on the theory of public law and democracy while at the same time not losing track of practical and current questions, the LL.M. offers a very unique program that enriches the LL.M. landscape."

"The teaching by highly-motivated and talented professors from all over the world brings a huge amount of expertise and diversity that leads to an impressive high-level quality of teaching. This quality of teaching was higher than I have ever experienced before during my studies in Germany and France."

"The LL.M. with its focus on democracy is an absolutely unique program that equips its students with an in-depth understanding of democracy, public and constitutional law as well as politics that is extremely valuable for everyone pursuing a career in the field of democracy and public law. It enables future academic researchers to discover their fields of interests and gain a broad but at the same time deep understanding of public law and democracy to e.g. prepare for a PhD."

SCAN  
FOR FULL  
PROGRAMME  
DETAILS



## APPLICATION: October 2023 Intake

Application Deadline: 31 October 2023

APPLICATION PORTAL  
[candidatures.u-paris2.fr/en](https://candidatures.u-paris2.fr/en)

## PARIS CAMPUS

### Recruitment team

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