
Master of Laws (LLM) & Advanced Program

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES





Deusto Law School

A dynamic Academic Institution

About us

Deusto Law School is a medium-sized Law School embodied at the **University of Deusto**. Deusto historical reputation stands from training leaders in its well-known **Jesuit educational system** with a solid background originated from its **undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing educational programs**.

«We envision our School to be that place where students discover Law while acquiring a strong grounding in social values naming justice, equality and solidarity. For this purpose, we have a large Faculty team conformed by lecturers and practicing professionals in the field of law, judiciary or business consultancy, who contribute to creating an atmosphere of academic and collaborative work both through theoretical and practical classes.»



Gema Tomás, Dean

Our motto: Tradition and Innovation

Over time we reached excellence in teaching and research. Starting with a traditional method, we currently offer the most innovative programs; based on vanguard talent and insights set on a global horizon: **Tradition & Innovation**.

Excellent Teaching Quality

Deusto is an **officially accredited institution** and a dynamic organization recognized by both regional and national official Quality Agencies for Excellence in Teaching (UNIBASQ and ANECA); and also by a rigorous internal quality control system (AUDIT). This last distinction has been obtained through our **own teaching model, in which tutors play a key role helping students** to correctly develop the academic and professional competences envisaged for each degree. Indeed, this is most highly valued by Deusto Law School students.



7.10:1 Student to Faculty ratio



2,000 law students

Experience in training future lawyers

Since its **foundation in 1886**, being the oldest law school in Spain, Deusto Law School, has gained a solid reputation because of the high quality of its study plans, academic staff and student body.

Every year, our School provides 2,000 students with a comprehensive background, professional and personal development and high quality teaching, both at an undergraduate and postgraduate level. Many generations of top legal practitioners from Deusto Law School demonstrate this excellence.

Our aim consists on training qualified legal professionals, capable of working towards change and societal improvement, contributing to build a fairer and more human, political, economic and social environment. Hence, our efforts to encourage students to become responsible and critical individuals, with attitudes of public service and solidarity, respectful to others, educated for peace and committed to dignity and human rights.



70 full-time faculty



60 visiting lecturers



250 visiting legal practitioners

Why taking this International Program at Deusto Law School?

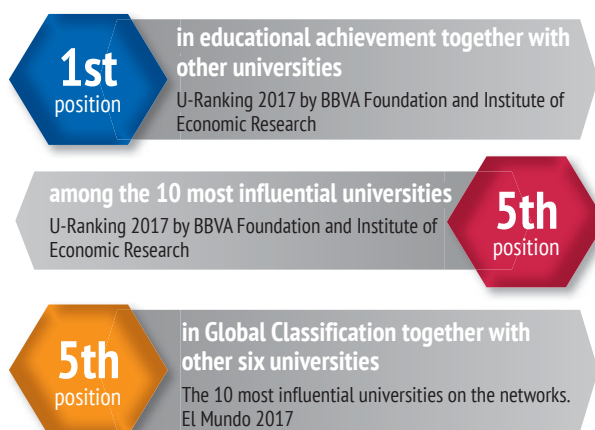
Excellence position in Rankings

Deusto is attaining a solid reputation for its **excellence and reputation in teaching** and scholarship as it is clearly reflected in rankings. Our institutional goal of **transparency** is being publicly recognized and **Deusto Law School is ranked 3rd in the Spanish Universities listing. Business Law** is quoted as one of our most outstanding quality areas.

DEUSTO LAW SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY OF DEUSTO



Pioneering School in European Studies

Deusto has been pioneer in the educational area of European Studies. Deusto Law School set up the first European Studies Institute in 1979 and also innovated by incorporating specific education in the field of European integration to the curriculum of Law courses. As a result, Deusto Law School has been acknowledged by the European Commission with numerous strategic Jean Monnet actions.

Open to the world

The University of Deusto is focused on excellence in education, achieving a **significant position of international leadership for decades**. Deusto offers **mobility exchanges for education, research** and **specialized courses** in leading Universities all over the world.

+ 300 International mobility agreements

Deusto participates in **Erasmus Internship Programs** and **SICUE**, enabling students, lecturers and researchers to develop activities and education stays for learning & research abroad.

+1.400 International incoming students every year

Deusto has been recognized with the distinction award of **Campus of International Excellence (ARISTOS CAMPUS MUNDUS)** committed to socially responsible and sustainable innovation: including the strategic aggregation of Deusto, Comillas Pontifical University and Universitat Ramon Llull. It is also member of the advanced strategic aggregation shaped with Georgetown University, Boston College and Fordham University.



Long Tradition in International Legal Education

Following this statement **Deusto Law School works closely with many law school networks and academic groups worldwide.**

Our Faculty members are active scholars and researchers leading **international networks and research projects** becoming increasingly relevant in the fields of International Law, Human Rights and European Law. Naming some of the organizations in which we participate: European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization (EIUC), Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI), European Law Faculties Association (ELFA), Association of International Law and International Relations (AEPDIRI), International Centre of Research and Information of the Public, Social & Cooperative Economy (CIRIEC) and European Network for Clinical Legal Education (ENCLE), among others.





Master of Laws (LLM) in International Legal Studies

The Master of Laws (LLM) at the University of Deusto focuses on **International Law**, the most significant legal area in our globalized world, providing students with the best **skills, practice and concepts** for this complex field. Students can drive their learning towards their preferences, by freely choosing from different courses offered or rather following a track of specialization.

Two Tracks of Specialization

- **Transnational Law & Trade**
- **Public International Law**

Dissertation

- The LLM Program includes a **compulsory Dissertation about a topic of student's choice (10,000 words) related to either Transnational Law & Trade or Public International Law**.
- The Dissertation is supervised by Faculty members; and so, students receive methodological support with tutorial sessions to improve their legal research skills. It will be defended in front of an academic jury.

Flexibility

- Students enjoy flexibility to decide the time to enroll in the program. They can start in the Fall Semester (September - December) or the Winter Semester (January - March).
- The program offers flexibility to choose learning a language. Although LLM Program is designed in English, as current lingua franca within the international legal framework; students may follow up to 18 ECTS in Spanish during the Fall Semester.

Academic Profile

- Graduates in International Relations, Political Sciences, Sociology and Business Administration and Management with international background.
- Graduates in Law of foreign Universities.

*It is possible to take courses with a total of 18 ECTS in **Spanish** during the Fall Semester.*



"Deusto is founding member of the European Inter-University Center for Human Rights and Democratization, the most relevant global network of centers of excellence on International Law and Human Rights. Additionally, Deusto is member of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI) and our Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights is a well-known international landmark. As part of these networks, our students can benefit from academic exchanges with Universities from the US, Russia, China, Australia, South Africa, Latin America and the European Union."

Felipe Gómez Isa

Professor of Public International Law
LLM Public International Law Academic Director
National Director of European Master in Human Rights & Democratization (EMA)

Curriculum

The program, which consists of 60 ECTS, offers two itineraries of specialization, which are obtained according to the choice of the following offered subjects:

Semester	Transnational Law and Trade Courses	ECTS
F	Constitutional Law and Comparative Legal Systems*	6
F	Political and Economic Integration of the European Union	6
F	European Contract Law*	6
F	International Trade Law*	6
W	European Competition Law	6
W	European Economic Constitutionalism	6
W	How to make Business in Europe	6
W	International Organization and Transnational Law	6
W	Regulation, Public procurement and International Trade	6
F/W	Dissertation	6

Semester	Public International Law Courses	ECTS
F	Constitutional Law and Comparative Legal Systems*	6
F	Political and Economic Integration of the European Union	6
F	Biomedicine and Law	6
F	International Protection of Human Rights*	6
W	Environmental law and EU policies on Sustainable Development	6
W	Law and Diversity in a Global Context	6
W	Migration, Asylum and Refugee Law	6
W	Transitional Justice & International Criminal Law	6
W	Transparency, Public Accountability and International Tax Law	6
F/W	Dissertation	6

Participants can also freely choose the subjects according to their interests without any need of following the tracks.

*Courses also offered in Spanish.

Characteristics



Modality
Compulsory attendance



Number of courses
10 (5 per Semester)



Duration
8 months in two semesters.
Fall semester (September-December) and Winter semester (January-March)



Calendar
From September to March



Number of Credits
60 ECTS



Language
English/Spanish



Schedule
9.00-14.00 h



"The Deusto Law School is founding member of the Deusto Law Network, an European Network that includes some of the most prestigious European Universities. Deusto also coordinates the Excellence Network in Constitutional Justice and Judicial Dialogue (funded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness) and participates in the Academic Network of Defense of Competition Law."

Luis Gordillo

Professor of Constitutional Law
Transnational Law & Trade Academic Director
Jean Monnet Module Coordinator: Economic Constitution of the EU





Advanced Program in International Legal Studies

This is an **intensive course** offered by Deusto Law School **during ten weeks** with the same option of specialization. Students can drive their learning towards their preferences, by freely choosing from different courses offered or rather following a track of specialization.

Two Tracks of Specialization

- Transnational Law & Trade
- Public International Law

Academic Profile

- Graduates in Law or in any other field with international background such as International Relations, Political Sciences, Sociology and Business Administration and Management. (Spanish and non-Spanish Universities)



"As pioneering the European Law studies in Spain, Deusto Law School has been home for several generations of European lawyers. A distinct European legal reasoning is -more than ever- required today in order to thrive in a business environment which is heavily influenced by the EU law-making. Thanks to our innovative teaching and learning methodology, our students quickly become familiar with EU institutions, processes and procedures, learning the substance through case-solving and experiencing."



María Luisa Sánchez Barrueco

Senior Lecturer in EU Law

Jean Monnet Module Coordinator: Students' Awareness of Public Integrity and Accountability in the European Union

Curriculum

The program, which consists of **30 ECTS**, offers two itineraries of specialization:

Transnational Law and Trade Courses	ECTS
European Competition Law	6
European Economic Constitutionalism	6
How to make Business in Europe	6
International Organizations and Transnational Law	6
Regulation, Public Procurement and International Trade	6

Public International Law Courses	ECTS
Environmental Law and EU Policies on Sustainable Development	6
Law and Diversity in a Global Context	6
Migration, Asylum and Refugee Law	6
Transitional justice and International Criminal Law	6
Transparency, Public Accountability and International Tax Law	6

Participants can also freely choose the subjects according to their interests without any need of following these tracks.

Possibility of credits recognition in compatible studies

If the student has obtained the Advanced Program in International Legal Studies, he/she can apply for the **admission of Master of Laws (LLM)** considering that the applicant fulfills with the requirements for these postgraduate studies.

Characteristics



Modality
Compulsory attendance



Number of courses
5



Duration
10 weeks



Calendar
From January to March
(Winter semester)



Number of Credits
30 ECTS



Language
English



Schedule
From 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

"The University of Deusto pioneered the introduction of European Union (EU) Law studies in Spain. A renowned team of leading scholars based at the Deusto Law School offers a wide range of expertise in many areas of EU Law. Courses provide the opportunity to develop knowledge of EU law, but also professional skills, such as legal argumentation and practical analysis. Through a challenging academic program, Deusto Law School trains students to become excellent jurists who can take the lead in addressing legal and societal changes."



Beatriz Pérez de las Heras
Professor of European Law
Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence coordinator. Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies on European Integration





Highlights

Learning Model

Teaching is blended with **small group seminars** and **outdoors activities** such as **visits to legal institutions, the Bilbao Bar Association and the Courthouse.**

Learning Outcomes

- To deeply analyze the international legal reality in relation to current difficulties
- To establish contact with Professionals boosting a direct and applied relationship to the international reality.

Faculty Members

Deusto Law School has a very **long tradition in teaching and research on International Legal Studies** and Faculty members are recognised around the world for their outstanding academic excellence. Deusto Law School counts as well **with practitioners from the business field, law offices** and the cooperation of different **bodies and institutions** making possible to perfectly combine academic knowledge with international expertise.

Helping legal writing and speaking skills

During the learning process, special training is offered to any student who wants to improve their competence in **Legal English Language Writing and Speaking** including preparation to apply for **TOLES exam.**



"In the current context all professional performance transcends the State borders. Consequently, a systemic analysis of the forms of generation of international obligations is necessarily imposed bearing in mind the new forms of production of International Law, called soft Law, and its impact. We offer an educational environment whose purpose is to provide with those knowledge, skills and strategies necessary to operate in an increasingly internationalized legal world."



Joana Abrisketa
Professor of International Law
Transnational Law Department Director

Legal Clinic and Social Justice

Opened in 2015, our **Legal Clinic** is the place to acquire **solid training with an ethical perspective focused on social justice**. The Legal Clinic provides support for local social entities and some NGOs within a Learning-Service environment. Students enrolled in the Clinic projects get hands-on learning experience with the invaluable help of **pro-bono lawyers**.

Legal Clinic Projects

Pro-Bono Program is open to LLM and Advanced Program students who can enroll in one of our Legal Clinics:

Immigration and Refugees
Development Projects for Women
Human Trafficking
Housing Law
Assistance in Prison Projects
Ombudsman Assistance
Assistance to the Elderly

Research

LLM and Advanced program students have the opportunity to participate in one of our five research groups and collaborate with Deusto lecturers in cutting-edge legal research and international projects. Our School is formed by excellent researchers (Ramon y Cajal, European Co-fund) and Deusto research activities show outstanding achievements through international competitive research projects (FP7, H2020, ERASMUS+).

Research groups:

Transnational & Competition Law
Human Rights
Social Innovation
Tax and Cooperative Law
European & Social Integration

Institutes:



Centre

Institute of Cooperative Studies was founded in 1984. It organizes courses and seminars throughout the academic year.



Centre

Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights was founded in 1997 with the main purpose of working for a human rights culture.

"Studying European Law is an essential contribution for any international lawyer professional profile as the EU is influencing global regulation in areas as development, environment or business through its law and practice. On the one side, these studies allow to know the legal particularities of one of the most important actors and business areas in the world. On the other side, having the EU the highest developed process of economic integration, its legal achievements can be used as a model to be transposed to other regions."



Laura Gómez Urquijo

Professor of Economics of the EU
Jean Monnet Chair. EU Economic and Legal Integration for People
Economics and Management Department Director





Career Opportunities

Studying an LLM or Advanced Program in Deusto offers additional interesting opportunities for an international career.

Internships

A close connection between Deusto Law School and the most representative institutions such as the Bar Association and outstanding companies implies diversity and quality in our internships.

Deusto **LLM and Advanced Program students can do (not compulsory in curriculum) an internship of 150 hours** in companies, legal offices, Bodies or Institutions of the international field (not included in the academic curriculum of the Program). The minimum duration of the stage would be the equivalent to 6 ECTS.

300 internships every year in companies, consultancy and legal firms provide Law students with the skills and knowledge necessary to get a better job.

Optional abroad extension

Deusto Law School offers the possibility of **enrolling an International Program in a foreign country's institution**, such as the Washington College of Law or the University of Political Science and Law in China.

Exchange programs for research are offered in leading Universities from all over the world. Students interested in this option should check with the Director of the Program.

"Our increasingly interrelated and globalized world needs new professionals who are able to actively interact with people from all over the world using 21st century tools. Our times call for professionals with the ambition to change the world and wise enough to do so in a manner which is both realistic and humanistic. I see Deusto as a very up-to-date platform to learn, to meet people, and to gain opportunities to take part in this wonderful challenge: building a better world while enjoying the journey, and at the same time proud of our profession, our legacy and our life."



Mikel Mancisidor

Visiting Professor of Public International Law
Vice President of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, CESCR (United Nations). Adjunct Professor in Washington College of Law, American University (Washington D. C.) and in Institut International des Droits de l'Homme René Cassin (Strasbourg)

Strengthen your international career

Companies (Commerce; Strategy or Outsourcing; Regulatory or International Compliance; Consultancy, Competition Law)

Public Administration (External Action; External Institutional and personal Representation; Transparency and Public Accountability Departments)

International Organizations, Human Rights and Development Agencies.

NGOs with international projection; Anti-discrimination and Equality Bodies; Refugee Services, Asylum and Immigration

Observatories; Think Tanks and International Lobbyists

Diplomacy, International Policy and Security and Strategy Departments.

Continuing professional development & Alumni

Every year Deusto Law School organizes direct meetings **between employers and alumni** who are looking for their **first job opportunity** or a **change of employment** to improve their professional career.

Deusto founded the first **School of Legal Practice in Spain in 1965**, which comprises a very extensive legal network.

Deusto Law Alumni

The **Deusto Law Alumni Association** helps to build solid networks while organizing a range of courses and events to enhance professional careers.



ELSA

ELSA are the initials of the **European Law Student's Association**, conformed by a group of law students who organize conferences, moot courts, or trial practice workshops. With an international vision, they offer to their partners the opportunity to accede to international practices, summer schools within different countries of Europe or to take part as observers in international organizations.



The European Law Students' Association



"Globalized markets need globalized approaches to commercial problems. Only transnational teams can help develop the multicultural skills that are needed in the new trade schemes that we are experiencing."

María Pilar Canedo

Professor of Private International Law

Jean Monnet Chair

European Union on Transnational Trade Law

Member of the Council of National Commission on Markets and Competition





Bilbao Campus

The **Bilbao Campus** was declared a **Site of Historical interest in 2002**. It is formed by several architecturally valuable buildings surrounded by green areas to enjoy a lovely campus life. The Campus is located in front of the **Guggenheim Museum in the heart of city life** divided by the Bilbao river.

Highlighting some of the Campus most distinctive features are its central staircase, the Library (currently the Salón de Grados), the Gothic Chapel and the Main Hall.







It is located in the most cosmopolitan area of Bilbao, beside the river and surrounded by avant garde buildings boasting signatures of the **world's most prestigious architects**.

Students find it easy to fit into Bilbao everyday life, especially once they realize that it takes only 20 minutes to reach the **beach** by Metro and they can enjoy a wide variety of outdoor activities in the also nearby mountains that surround the city.

University life stretches beyond classrooms and Deusto enables students to **share life experiences** and meet other members of the Deusto community.

We offer a wide variety of experiences to professionally and personally grow and enjoy. Students may find **theater, drawing, debates, concerts, mountain outings, international volunteering camps, Basque dance, photography, and many other activities**.

Some activities may be **recognised for credit**.

 Solidarity	 Health
 Arts	 Technology
 Culture	 Communication



A Challenging City: Bilbao

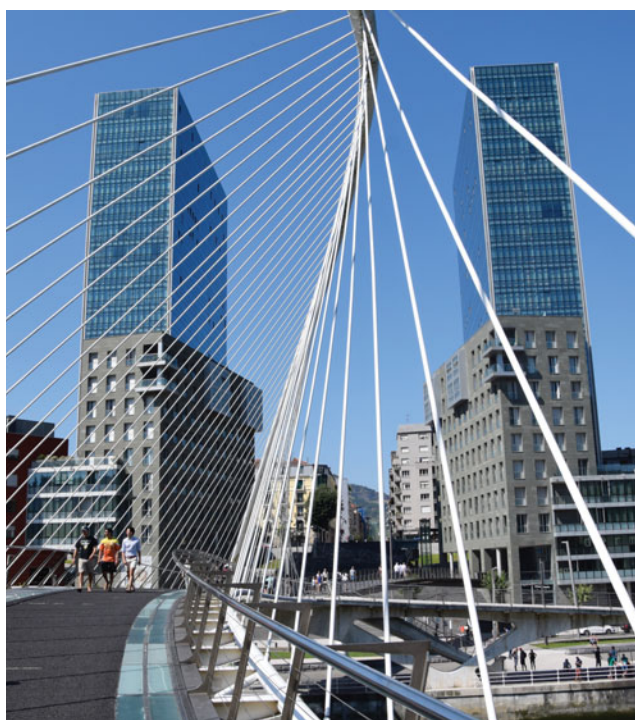
Enjoying education in outstanding cities

Deusto Law School is located in the **Bilbao Campus**. Some Law programs are also offered at the **San Sebastian Campus** such as the Joint Degree in Law & Business Administration; and the Joint Degree in Law & Communication.

Bilbao is a seaport, financial and economic hub which the **Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2017 (GTCI)** highlights among the world's best cities for its **talent management**. Bilbao has been named **European City of the Year in the 2018 Urbanism Awards**. Bilbao is praised for its transformation into an outstanding university, museum and business city.

Deusto Law School location could not be more interesting as it is just in front of the emblematic Bilbao **Guggenheim Museum**, **Iberdrola Tower** and close to **Euskalduna Performing Arts Centre** as well as other outstanding infrastructures which are making up the «new Bilbao».

Bilbao Campus is only two Tram-stops from the **Basque Country Courthouse**, the **Bar Association** and the **Business city center**. This privileged proximity to the city's legal hub makes Deusto Law School especially attractive when it comes to applying International Law principles, knowledge and practice among an extensive network of international professionals and legal practitioners.





LLM and Advanced Program Requirements

Academic Profile

LLM Candidates:

- Graduates in International Relations, Political Sciences, Sociology and Business Administration and Management with international background.
- Graduates in Law of foreign Universities.

Advanced Program Candidates:

- Graduates in Law or in any other field with international background such as International Relations, Political Sciences, Sociology and Business Administration and Management.

Admission Requirements

- To certificate at least a B2 level of English language or equivalent. For taking courses in Spanish, certificate at least a B2 level or equivalent.
- Academic records and cv will be taken into account.

Bar Exam:

This LLM Program does not qualify to sit the Bar Exam, which is officially regulated in Spain by Act 34/2006. Another LLM Program must be followed for such a purpose.

Personal Orientation

An **Open Session** is organized during the **first week of September** in which LLM Academic Coordinators introduce the courses so that students may decide which fit them best.

"The internationalization of the Deusto Law School has been focused into two main areas: The first one is referred to the inclusion of the international dimension in the academic offer of the School, by means of the incorporation of a number of courses in English at undergraduate level, as well as throughout the implementation of different programs designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The second one is linked to the different international mobility actions developed in our School thanks to the more than 70 mobility agreements signed within the framework of the Erasmus+, Erasmus Internships, Bilateral or Deusto's mobility programs."



Emilio Armaza

Professor of Criminal Law. Researcher Ramón y Cajal
International Relations Coordinator



Accommodation

Deusto students benefit from a wide variety of accommodation offerings.

On-campus accommodation

Deusto Accommodation Service aims to help students through the whole process of finding accommodation in Bilbao.

The Student Residence Hall (**Colegio Mayor Deusto**) offers top-quality accommodation facilities for students, researchers and lecturers in 300 individual rooms.
colegiomayor@deusto.es

Off-campus accommodation

There are other options available to students such as shared flats, homestays, apartments for teachers and researchers or family accommodation. Our personal advisory service may assist students with more information about private accommodation.

For further information about accommodation please send an email to:

Bilbao campus: acogida@deusto.es

Student assistance

Mobility

The International Relations Office helps students and professors in mobility programs (ERASMUS, ERASMUS Mundus External Cooperation Window).

Please check our website

www.relint.deusto.es

Language facilities

The Language Centre offers special programs to learn English, German, French, Chinese, Basque or Spanish for foreign students (summer courses, small groups). Deusto Law School provides unique tools to train for a successful International legal career (Legal English Skills, TOLES exam preparation).

Centro Internacional de Español (CIDE)

Centro Internacional de Español (CIDE) offers a wide range of Spanish courses for specific purposes, combined with other subjects and specific training for teachers.



+1,500 International students every year

Financial aid

We are committed to ensuring that the lack of economic means is not a deterrent for students to study at this University.

Please see more information on our website or contact us in: **becas@deusto.es** or **law@deusto.es**



1:7 students with financial aid.





Admission Process

Application deadlines

Applications for admission start on January and end on May every year.

Please visit our website.



What supporting documents must be submitted

- Application form duly completed (It is available from **www.masteradmission.deusto.es** or it can be collected from General Secretariat of the University of Deusto).
- **A valid ID card.** A photocopy. Passport, only for foreign students (for EU citizens, the ID card is also valid). If your date and place of birth do not appear on your identity card, you must provide proof of these personal details as this information will be shown on your degree certificate.
- **Motivation letter:** two pages (maximum 800 words) outlining your motivation, your potential to study successfully at postgraduate level and future professional interests.
- **Curriculum Vitae**, with a photocopy of the relevant supporting documents.
- **Certification of competence in a foreign language (and/or Spanish) required in the programme**, if applicable. A photocopy.
- **Academic transcript** of BA, BSc, Licenciatura, Engineering, Diploma, Technical Engineering degree certificate or equivalent. A photocopy. UD graduates are exempt from submitting this document.
- **Degree certificates issued by foreign universities:** **Certificate** issued by the university or competent body, **accrediting** that the degree certificate obtained is **valid for access to Master's programmes** in the country where it was issued. A photocopy.

All the required supporting documents must be submitted or sent by post mail to:

**General Secretariat (Postgraduate Studies)
University of Deusto**

Avda. de las Universidades, 24
48007 Bilbao (Spain)

Do not hesitate to contact us:

law@deusto.es

Admission process

1. Complete and submit the application form for admission.
2. If the Admissions Committee deems it appropriate, applicants will be interviewed by the programme directors.
Interviews may be held in person, on the phone or via Skype.
3. Notification of admission
4. Pre-enrolment
5. Enrolment

Financial aid

For further information, you can contact the University Grants Service on tel. 94 4139161 or at:

www.grants.deusto.es

Important: Postgraduate programmes require a minimum number of applications.



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