

Besluit

Besluit strekkende tot het verlenen van accreditatie aan de opleiding wo-master International Criminal Law van de Universiteit van Amsterdam

Gegevens

datum	Naam instelling	: Universiteit van Amsterdam
28 januari 2014	Naam opleiding	: wo-master
onderwerp		International Criminal Law (60 ECTS)
Besluit	Datum aanvraag	: 25 maart 2013
accreditatie wo-master	Variante opleiding	: voltijd
International Criminal Law van	Locatie opleiding	: Amsterdam
de Universiteit van Amsterdam	Datum goedkeuren	
(001652)	panel	: 22 januari 2013
uw kenmerk	Datum locatiebezoek	: 25 januari 2013
2013cu0488	Datum visitatierapport	: 13 maart 2013
ons kenmerk		
NVAO/20140082/AH	Instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg	: ja, positief besluit d.d. 16 juni 2013
bijlagen		
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Beoordelingskader

Beoordelingskader voor de beperkte opleidingsbeoordeling van de NVAO (Stcrt. 2010, nr 21523).

Bevindingen

De NVAO stelt vast dat in het visitatierapport deugdelijk en kenbaar is gemotiveerd op welke gronden het panel de kwaliteit van de opleiding voldoende heeft bevonden.

Advies van het visitatiepanel

Samenvatting bevindingen en overwegingen van het panel.

In this executive summary, the panel presents the main considerations which have led to the assessment of the quality of the Master International Criminal Law programme regarding the NVAO Assessment Framework (22 November 2011).

The programme is not a joint degree programme, as the students are awarded only a degree by the University of Amsterdam.

Quality of the Master International Criminal Law programme

The programme management has taken up the suggestions for improvement presented by the panel who conducted the initial accreditation of the programme in 2008. Results have

Pagina 2 van 7 been, among other things, that the intended learning outcomes of the programme as a whole have, clearly, been separated from the learning goals of the courses, the programme is evaluated on a regular basis and the involvement of the professional field has been strengthened.

The two institutions organizing the programme, Columbia Law School and the Amsterdam Law School, are regarded by the panel as being capable of managing this programme. The main objectives of the programme are sound. The graduates are to learn the concepts and notions of international criminal law and are to be acquainted with the common law and civil law traditions, as international criminal law has been informed by these two legal systems. The panel, however, feels the strengths of Columbia Law School and Amsterdam Law School might be combined more effectively, thus enabling the programme management to set more ambitious objectives. The intended learning outcomes are satisfactory, meeting the international requirements of the international criminal law domain. Knowledge and understanding, research capabilities and academic skills are all accounted for. The panel would, however, appreciate more weight for the last two, as only two of the learning outcomes address academic skills and only one addresses research capabilities. The panel encourages the programme management to make a more elaborate comparison with other programmes. The intended learning outcomes meet the master's level.

The entry requirements for the programme are valid and quite strict. The applicants are required to have a high grade point average of 7.5 and a strong motivation. The panel has verified that the students have a good command of the English language. On average, no more than 20% to 25% of the students applying in Amsterdam are admitted. The number of students applying in the United States never reached the maximum figure. So, no selection has ever been applied in New York.

The panel considers the contents and the level of the courses to be appropriate and to meet the intended learning outcomes. On account of the electives they may choose, students may take different study paths. The panel advises the programme management to ensure all of the learning outcomes to be attained, irrespective of the electives the student may have taken. This may be done by drafting individual study plans in which all the learning outcomes are accounted for. The literature, which is composed of books, articles and readers, meets the requirements of the programme. As the curriculum seems to be made up of two separate semesters with each their own contents and educational approach, the panel advises the programme management to take steps to integrate these semesters more strongly, in order to attain a higher level in the curriculum.

The expertise, research capabilities and teaching qualities of the lecturers in the programme are up to standard. The Columbia Law School does not require any formal teaching qualification from its staff, like the Dutch BKO. From the student evaluation results, the panel assesses these qualifications to be satisfactory. The panel encourages the programme management to persist in increasing the number of the Amsterdam lecturers with a BKO-certificate.

The panel regards the Socratic approach of interactive teaching to be beneficial to the learning processes of the students. The study guidance and the services offered to the students are adequate, as are the quality assurance system and the complaint procedures in New York and Amsterdam. The external quality assessment by the American Bar Association contributes to the quality assurance of the programme.

Pagina 3 van 7 The panel considers the methods of examination to be appropriate and to reflect the contents and the learning objectives of the courses. At the moment, some assessment procedures are in place. Nevertheless, the panel feels an assessment policy ought to be drafted and the procedures should be strengthened and should be made applicable to both the first and the second semester. In addition, the examination board ought to monitor the procedures more intensely. The supervision and assessments of the master's theses are adequate.

The knowledge and the skills the graduates have acquired are definitely up to standard. The panel makes this observation, having reviewed a number of examinations and having spoken to some of the graduates. The panel rates the theses as being of excellent quality and of a very high level, thus meeting and in a number of respects surpassing the level to be expected. The letters of representatives of the professional practice have confirmed the panel's judgment.

The panel gives the advice to the NVAO to assess the Master International Criminal Law programme to be satisfactory and to grant this programme re-accreditation.

Aanbevelingen

De NVAO onderschrijft de aanbevelingen van het panel over de toetsing en de rol van de examencommissie, meer aandacht voor individuele leerplannen zodat alle Intended Learning Outcomes zijn afgedekt en meer integratie tussen Amsterdam Law School en Columbia Law School met name in relatie tot de aanbeveling over de toetsing.

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Ingevolge het bepaalde in artikel 5a.10, derde lid, van de WHW heeft de NVAO het college van bestuur van de Universiteit van Amsterdam te Amsterdam in de gelegenheid gesteld zijn zienswijze op het voornemen tot besluit van 6 januari 2014 naar voren te brengen. Van deze gelegenheid heeft het college van bestuur geen gebruik gemaakt.

De NVAO besluit accreditatie te verlenen aan de wo-master International Criminal Law (60 ECTS; variant: voltijd; locatie: Amsterdam) van de Universiteit van Amsterdam te Amsterdam. De NVAO beoordeelt de kwaliteit van de opleiding als voldoende.

Dit besluit treedt in werking op 28 januari 2014 en is van kracht tot en met 27 januari 2020.

Den Haag, 28 januari 2014

De NVAO
Voor deze:

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R.P. Zevenbergen
(bestuurder)

Tegen dit besluit kan op grond van het bepaalde in de Algemene wet bestuursrecht door een belanghebbende bezwaar worden gemaakt bij de NVAO. De termijn voor het indienen van bezwaar bedraagt zes weken.

Onderwerp	Standaard	Beoordeling door het panel
1. Beoogde eindkwalificaties	De beoogde eindkwalificaties van de opleiding zijn wat betreft inhoud, niveau en oriëntatie geconcretiseerd en voldoen aan internationale eisen	Voldoende
2. Onderwijsleeromgeving	Het programma, het personeel en de opleidingsspecifieke voorzieningen maken het voor de instromende studenten mogelijk de beoogde eindkwalificaties te realiseren	Voldoende
3. Toetsing en gerealiseerde eindkwalificaties	De opleiding beschikt over een adequaat systeem van toetsing en toont aan dat de beoogde eindkwalificaties worden gerealiseerd	Voldoende
Eindoordeel		Voldoende

De standaarden krijgen het oordeel onvoldoende, voldoende, goed of excellent.
 Het eindoordeel over de opleiding als geheel wordt op dezelfde schaal gegeven.

Tabel 1: Rendement.

Cohort	2009	2010
Rendement	94%	100%

Tabel 2: Docentkwaliteit.

Graad	Ma	PhD	BKO
Percentage	100%	100%	54%

Tabel 3: Student-docentratio.

Ratio	12:1
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Tabel 4: Contacturen.

Semester	1	2
Contacturen	9	12,6

- Prof. mr. M. Wladimiroff LL.M (voorzitter), senior partner
Wladimiroff Advocaten nv;
- Prof. mr. F. Pocar LL.M. (panellid), Judge International Criminal Tribunal for the former
Yugoslavia;
- Dr. D. Mundis LL.M. (panellid), Deputy registrar at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon;
- Prof. dr. J. van Tatwijk (panellid), Professor of Education, Utrecht University;
- G. De Fraeye LL.M. (student-lid), wo-master student Gent University.

Het panel werd ondersteund door Drs. W.J.J.C. Vercouteren RC , secretaris
(gecertificeerd).