

LAWGID PROGRAMME EVALUATION CRITERIA

Total maximum score: 100 points

- 1) Academic records (0-50 points)
- 2) Motivation and recommendation letters (1–10 points)
- 3) Additional elements (0–10 points)
- 4) Interview (academic capacity and language skills – up to 30 points)

Based on points acquired for the first three criteria, the top-30 ranked candidates, up to the number predetermined by the programme rules, shall be invited to interview.

1. ACADEMIC RECORDS (0-50 POINTS)

This criterion assesses the candidate's academic achievement, relevance of prior studies, and preparedness for postgraduate study.

Academic performance / grades (0–25 points)

- 22–25: Outstanding academic performance; consistently excellent results
- 18–21: Very strong academic performance
- 13–17: Good academic performance
- 8–12: Satisfactory performance
- 0–7: Weak performance or insufficient evidence

Relevance of prior studies (0–10 points)

- 9–10: Highly relevant and clearly aligned with programme themes
- 7–8: Strongly relevant background
- 4–6: Partially relevant background
- 1–3: Limited relevance
- 0: No demonstrated relevance

Academic coherence and progression (0–10 points)

- 9–10: Very coherent academic trajectory with clear development
- 7–8: Generally coherent with minor gaps
- 4–6: Some coherence but uneven
- 1–3: Weak or fragmented trajectory
- 0: No discernible coherence

Academic distinction beyond grades (0–5 points)

- 5: Multiple strong indicators (awards, publications, etc.)
- 3–4: At least one clear indicator
- 1–2: Limited additional distinction
- 0: None

2. MOTIVATION AND RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (1–10 POINTS)

This criterion assesses whether the candidate understands the program and presents a serious, credible, and relevant case for admission.

- 7-10: Documents provide a clear, specific, and well-founded justification for the applicant's suitability. Background and goals are strongly aligned with the LAWGID aims, supported by concrete, relevant examples.
- 4-6: Documents provide a generally well-supported explanation of suitability. Background and goals show good alignment with LAWGID aims.
- 1-3: Documents provide an understandable explanation of interest and suitability. Background and goals show satisfactory alignment with LAWGID aims.

3. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS (0–10 POINTS)

This criterion captures value beyond formal grades.

Types of relevant additional elements:

Additional academic experience

- participation in academic programs beyond regular coursework (e.g. summer schools, moot courts, academic competitions)
- involvement in academic projects or student research groups
- conference participation (especially with active contribution)

Research experience

- participation in research projects
- work as a research assistant
- independent research work beyond curriculum requirements
- publications, working papers, or conference presentations

Professional experience

- internships or employment in relevant fields (e.g. law, public administration, international organisations)
- work experience related to human rights, gender equality, non-discrimination, migration, or related areas
- practical legal or policy-related experience

4. INTERVIEW (ACADEMIC CAPACITY AND LANGUAGE SKILLS – up to 30 points)

Academic Capacity – Oral Assessment (0–10 points)

This criterion forms part of the overall academic records (60%), and assesses academic quality as demonstrated during the interview.

Assessed elements include:

- ability to understand and respond substantively
- analytical thinking and reasoning
- ability to connect prior studies with program themes
- clarity and structure of argumentation
- academic maturity and preparedness

Language Skills (0–20 points)

This criterion assesses the candidate's ability to function effectively in an English-language academic environment.

Assessed elements include:

- comprehension of questions
- fluency and clarity of expression
- grammatical accuracy and vocabulary
- ability to provide structured and coherent responses
- ability to engage in spontaneous discussion