



Odysseus Academic Network

# EXECUTIVE MASTER

## in EUROPEAN LAW on MIGRATION & ASYLUM



2 September 2022  
to  
14 July 2023

An online  
program

Academic Year  
2022 - 2023



# IN A NUTSHELL

- An online program including some gatherings in Brussels with the professors
- A program acquire an in-depth knowledge of EU migration and asylum law, including the latest and most controversial developments
  - A program legally oriented but also accessible to non-jurists
    - A program accessible to professionals with courses on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings
- Professors from all Member States among the top specialists in the field, including practitioners from European Commission, Parliament and Council & EU agencies
  - Small group with interactive courses
  - The right place to build a professional network
- Three modules:
  - Introduction, Migration (including visas & borders), Asylum
  - Courses including theory and practical elements including writing a blog to be published on the Odysseus blog
  - Traineeship and research opportunities
- The Odysseus Summer school who has trained more than 2,000 persons since 2001 is accessible for free to the participants of the program

**The aim of the program is to provide its participants with an in-depth understanding of the legal rules on migration and asylum adopted by the EU. It is of interest to all persons who wish to acquire a special knowledge of migration and asylum law, for instance EU or national civil servants, lawyers or judges, workers in international organisations and NGO's, researchers and PhD students who frequently confront the complex legal dimension of immigration and asylum in their work. The program is organised by the "Odysseus Academic Network for Legal Studies on Migration and Asylum in Europe" which is one of the leading research and training organisation in EU migration and asylum law founded in 1999 with the support of the Odysseus program of the European Commission.**

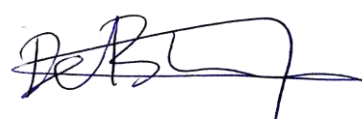
**The program provides the opportunity to live in a unique European environment, with professors coming from many different Member States as well as speakers from the EU institutions. An online program makes it easy to invite high-ranking or specialised officials from all over Europe who will be invited as guest speakers.**

## PRESENTATION

The program is also an opportunity to participate in an intellectually stimulating experience as part of a group of twenty to thirty participants specialising in migration and asylum with different backgrounds from all over Europe where internal and external networking is encouraged. Information about employment and traineeship prospects will be disseminated by the organisers.

**On completing the master's program, our graduates can value on the labor market the rare knowledge that they have acquired in migration and asylum law. They work for European institutions & agencies, international organisations like the IOM or ICMPD & NGO's, migration law firms & national ministries for home affairs. This executive master has also enabled our graduates to reorient their careers towards migration and asylum.**

Professor Philippe De Bruycker



**The program is of a legal nature and very demanding. Courses will be rather technical in orientation,** but the first module is an introduction to allow non-jurists to follow it successfully by acquiring knowledge about the EU institutional framework; the interactions between human rights and migration & asylum law; the roots of EU law in international migration & asylum law; and the freedom of movement of EU citizens by comparison with third-country migrants.

**On top of the executive master, the fees cover access to the Odysseus summer school to give participants the possibility to acquire a sound base of knowledge before following the executive master.** The classes offer theoretical but also practical elements, in particular regarding the case law of the EU Court of Justice and of the European Court of Human Rights, including cases that have not yet been decided. Personal reading is expected from the participants. **The very latest developments of the European policies are integrated into the teaching through the participation as lecturers of high-ranking officials from the European Commission, Council, Parliament and EU agencies.** Participants will follow the day-to-day developments of the EU policy by receiving information from the coordination team.

## TEACHING ORIENTATION and METHODOLOGY

The classes will be conducted by academics who are among the best specialists of EU and national migration or asylum law. **Three to four specific gatherings including the professors, other members of the Odysseus network and high-ranking officials from the EU institutions will be organised in Brussels throughout the year in order to give the participants the occasion to meet and exchange physically.** Specific issues will be discussed during these meetings in order to improve the understanding of participants and to illustrate the courses.

The classes gather participants online from all over Europe who will benefit from advanced broadcasting technology. A short training will be provided to learn how to use the platform. Participants only need to have a good internet connection and a computer with a camera. The participants will have access to an online platform providing access to an extensive and up to date documentation.

# PROGRAM

COURSES	LENGTH & ECTS
<b><u>INTRODUCTORY MODULE (1<sup>st</sup> term from September till November)</u></b>	
1. General EU law applied to Migration and Asylum (Institutional framework and sources of EU migration and asylum law & policy, including EU agencies)	4 weeks (6 ECTS)
2. Human rights implications for migration and asylum law	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
3. International migration and refugee law	3 weeks (5 ECTS)
4. Free movement of European citizens	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
5. Specific and recent developments in EU migration and asylum law and policy	1 week (2 ECTS)
<b>Exams</b>	2 weeks
<b><u>SPECIALISED MODULE: MIGRATION (2<sup>nd</sup> term: January &amp; February)</u></b>	
6. Visa and border policies	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
7. Long-term admission of third country nationals (family reunification, labor migration, students)	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
8. Status and integration of third country nationals, including non-discrimination	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
9. Return and the fight against illegal immigration	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
10. Specific and recent developments of EU migration and asylum law and policy	1 week (2 ECTS)
<b><u>SPECIALISED MODULE: ASYLUM (3<sup>rd</sup> term: March &amp; April)</u></b>	
11. Definition of protected persons (refugee status and subsidiary protection)	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
12. Status of protected persons	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
13. Dublin system for responsibility determination and solidarity between Member States	2 weeks (3 ECTS)
14. Asylum Procedures	1 week (2 ECTS)
15. Specific and recent developments in EU migration and asylum law and policy	1 week (2 ECTS)
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> MODULE: RESEARCH (4<sup>th</sup> term: from May till July)</u></b>	
16. Research and drafting of the blog post	8 weeks (20 ECTS)
<b>Final exam</b>	during the two first weeks of July



# TEACHING STAFF

The program is organised under the supervision of Prof. Philippe De Bruycker from the Institute of European Studies of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). Professors involved in the executive master are chosen among the persons listed below. Participants will benefit from the support of the coordination team of the Odysseus Network.

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	 UK Elspeth GUILD, Queen Mary University of London	

# RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Participants will prepare a blog post that must be analytical rather than descriptive. The subject to be selected in agreement with the coordination team must deal with EU or comparative law with an EU dimension. **The best ones will be published on the Odysseus blog so that the selected participants will have a scientific publication to add on their CV.** The 4th term corresponds to a research track during which participants draft their blog post with the support of the coordination team of the Odysseus Network or, upon request, in a specialised research centre of the universities co-operating in the Odysseus network. **Interested persons will obtain advice on how to build a subject for a PhD.** **We also offer the opportunity to do a traineeship in the Brussels coordination team of the Odysseus Network.**

## SCHEDULE AND LOCATION

This program starts on 2 September 2022, ends on 14 July 2023 and is divided into 4 terms. Courses amount generally to a total of 12 to 18 hours spread over a two/three-week period with sessions of 3 hours. **The schedule of courses (6 to 9pm on Fridays and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays) enables professionals to participate.**

Participants will follow the courses online in real-time through a platform. The meetings requiring physical presence will take place in Brussels. Hotel accommodation can be booked by our secretariat at a reduced rate.

## ASSESSMENT and CERTIFICATE

**Separate written or oral examinations will be organised for each of the four courses of the introductory module. Another general oral exam covering migration and asylum law will be held for the two specialised modules** before a jury composed of members of the Network in the framework of the Odysseus “Summer School on Migration and Asylum Law and Policy of the EU” which takes place every year in Brussels during the two first weeks of July. Participants need to present their blog post during this exam. Participants who have followed the program assiduously throughout the year and successfully passed all the exams will receive a certificate from the Odysseus Network.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Entrance to the course is competitive based on academic merit and potential.** In addition to a good knowledge of English, applicants must have as a minimum a university master’s degree (MA) in Law, Political Science, European Studies or International Relations. Applicants having a BA in Law may exceptionally be considered on the basis of excellent academic merits. Applications of graduates of other disciplines will be considered case by case. Applicants can also rely upon relevant professional experience (for example as a civil servant, NGO employee, etc.). You will be required to supply supporting documents. Interviews can be organised in case there is a doubt about the fulfillment of the admission requirements, including knowledge of oral and written English. As well as your CV, a statement of purpose around 500 words (single spaced, 12 point font) is required to explain your motivation for following the program.

# REGISTRATION and FEES

*For notice, the program is self-financed by the registration fees paid by the participants and does not rely on any subvention.*

**The closing date for applications has been set for 1 July 2022.** Late applications will be considered if some places are left. Applicants are requested to apply by using the registration form available on the website of the Odysseus Network.

**They must pay 1000 Euros in advance to hand in their file.**

The registration fee is 2500 Euros for students, 3500 for PhD students or researchers or trainees remunerated by a salary or a grant, and 5000 Euros for professionals. Persons choosing only one specialised module (migration or asylum) on top of the introductory module will respectively pay 2000, 3000 or 4000 Euros. The fee covers all classes and documentation, including access to the Odysseus summer school. The Network provides one grant to allow one selected applicant to participate free of fees, based upon a competition, and can assist accepted applicants by providing them with proof of access addressed to the institutions from which they intend to request financial support.

Participants are asked to pay the entire fee at the latest by 15 August by bank transfer to the account below:

Account name: Réseau Odysseus

Bank: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank  
1050 Brussels, Belgium

IBAN: BE49 0015 4052 2371

BIC: GEBA BEBB

Reference: Master 2022/2023 & your name

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