



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Joint Academic Regulations 2022-2023

Programme Title	European Master in Law, Data and Artificial Intelligence
Programme Code	EMLDAI
Offered on a full-time or part-time basis	Full-time

The degree of European Master in Law, Data and Artificial Intelligence (EMLDAI) is offered jointly by Dublin City University (DCU) — the ‘Coordinating University’ — Avignon Université (AU), Universidad de León (ULE) and Università di Pisa (UNIPi) — the ‘Partner Universities’. The EMLDAI degree is awarded by the Coordinating University jointly with the Partner University/ies involved in the delivery of the particular study stream and track (see section 2 below).

The degree received funding from the EU Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme ([Key Action 2: Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters](#)) for the academic years 2022-2027.

The EMLDAI Joint Academic Programme Regulations are promulgated by Dublin City University, and have been created in collaboration with the Partner Universities. The programme regulations outlined in this document apply to all taught module components at DCU, and to the governance of the programme over all.

Note: Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with DCU Marks and Standards, which can be found at <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml>

1. Principles

1.1. Principles for Module Delivery and Assessment

Each Partner University is responsible for the assessment and delivery of the modules it teaches onto the programme, according to its respective institutional regulations and requirements. The results of modules delivered by Avignon Université, Universidad de León and Università di Pisa are transferred to DCU and converted into equivalent DCU grades as per the assessment grade conversion table outlined in Annex 6 of the EMLDAI Partnership Agreement and in Appendix 1 of these programme regulations.

1.2. Principles for Programme Assessment

DCU [Marks and Standards](#) ('M&S') apply in relation to the governance of the programme at award level, unless otherwise specified in these Joint Academic Regulations.

2. Mobility Periods

2.1. Year 1

Students spend Year 1 of the programme at DCU. Students are admitted to the programme to one of its two study streams - a Law Stream or a Computing Stream -, and, within each study stream, to one of two study tracks - a Data Governance Track or a Cybersecurity Track.

Students must select their stream and track at the point of application to the programme. The choice of the study stream and track is definitive and cannot be revisited at a later stage.

2.2. Year 2

In Year 2, students follow a Data Governance Track, offered in AU, or a Cybersecurity Track, offered in ULE.

Students on the Law stream spend Semester 1 of Year 2 in either AU or ULE, according to their chosen track, and spend Semester 2 in UNIPI.

Students on the Computing stream spend the entirety of Year 2 in either AU or ULE, according to their chosen track, i.e. both Semesters 1 and 2 in the same institution.

3. Module Values

3.1. Module Weightings

All modules on this programme are weighted proportionately, according to their ECTS credit value.

3.2. Module Pass Mark

The minimum mark required for a pass in a DCU module on this programme is 40%.

4. Progression

4.1. Definition

Progression is defined in DCU Marks and Standards as the permission granted to a student to register in the subsequent academic session for the next diet of modules within his/her programme of study.¹

4.2. Credits for progression

Students must complete a minimum of 60 credits (all components) in Year 1 in order to progress to Year 2. Where a student has not successfully completed a module or modules in Year 1 at DCU, they may be allowed to carry the module or modules into Year 2, if they have documented extenuating circumstances (see item 4.3 below).

4.3. Carrying of modules

Under exceptional circumstances, and subject to the approval of an Examination Review Committee or Progression and Award Board, as appropriate, at DCU at the end of Year 1, a student may be permitted to progress to Year 2 where the following criteria are met:

4.3.1 The student must have documented extenuating circumstances.²

4.3.2 The student will not be permitted to carry more than 10 credits into Year 2.

4.3.3 The student must complete the module assessment remotely.

4.3.4 The student must retake all the assessment components of the module; component marks from previous attempts are not carried forward.

4.3.5 The assessment must be completed within the normal DCU timelines for the submission of assessment, as outlined in the [DCU Academic Calendar](#).

5. Awards

5.1. Calculation of the Award Classification

For the award of European Master in Law, Data and Artificial Intelligence, a student must complete modules corresponding to 120 ECTS credits (60 credits in Year 1 and 60 credits in Year 2).

The grade of classification for the degree award is determined by the precision mark, which is calculated as the overall average weighted mark based on the first full presentation of marks achieved in Year 1 at DCU, and the final marks of the modules

¹ See [M&S item 7.1.1](#).

² Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.

offered in Year 2 at the Partner Universities, as converted and approved by the Joint Progression and Award Board.³

The award of European Master in Law, Data and Artificial Intelligence will be awarded according to the following classifications⁴:

<i>Precision Mark</i>	<i>Award</i>
Greater than or equal to 70%	First Class Honours
Between 60% and 69% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade I
Between 50% and 59% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade II
Between 40% and 49% inclusive	Third Class Honours

5.2. Exit Awards

In exceptional cases, students may request to exit the programme with a lesser or alternative award. Where a student requests to exit the programme with a lesser or alternative award, the following precision rules apply. Core modules must be included in the calculation of the precision mark. When a student has completed more ECTS credits than needed for the award, any remaining credits required for the calculation of the precision mark will be selected from the remaining modules taken, using the best marks obtained.

5.2.1 For the DCU award of **MA in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing**, a student must accumulate 90 credits: 60 credits of taught modules from Year 1 of the EMLDAI programme at DCU and a 30-credit thesis/practicum. This 30-credit thesis/practicum will be co-ordinated and supervised by DCU. The DCU award of MA in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing will be awarded according to the following classifications:⁵

<i>Precision Mark</i>	<i>Award</i>
Greater than or equal to 70%	First Class Honours
Between 60% and 69% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade I
Between 50% and 59% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade II
Between 40% and 49% inclusive	Third Class Honours

5.2.2 For the award of the DCU **Graduate Diploma in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing**, a student must successfully complete 60 credits of taught modules in Year 1 of the programme at DCU with a condition that at least 10 credits come from a taught Law module and 10 credits from a taught Computing module. The DCU award of Graduate Diploma in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing will be awarded according to the following classifications:⁶

<i>Precision Mark</i>	<i>Award</i>
Greater than or equal to 70%	First Class Honours
Between 60% and 69% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade I
Between 50% and 59% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade II
Between 40% and 49% inclusive	Third Class Honours

³ This provision represents a derogation from [M&S item 7.1.4](#).

⁴ See [M&S item 8.4.2](#).

⁵ See [M&S item 8.4.2](#).

⁶ See [M&S item 8.5.2](#).

5.2.3 For the award of the DCU **Graduate Certificate in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing**, a student must successfully complete 30 credits of taught modules in Year 1 of the programme at DCU with a condition that at least 10 credits come from a taught Law module and 10 credits from a taught Computing module. The DCU award of Graduate Certificate in Data Protection and Privacy: Law and Computing will be awarded according to the following classifications:⁷

<i>Precision Mark</i>	<i>Award</i>
Greater than or equal to 70%	First Class Honours
Between 60% and 69% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade I
Between 50% and 59% inclusive	Second Class Honours, Grade II
Between 40% and 49% inclusive	Third Class Honours

6. Compensation

Compensation is not permitted on this programme, except in relation to modules offered by Avignon Université and subject to the regulations of Avignon Université.⁸ The EMLDAI Joint Progression and Award Board will not take decisions in relation to compensation at programme level.

7. Resit Categories

DCU Marks and Standards define a resit as another opportunity *within an academic session* for students to demonstrate that they have achieved the learning outcomes associated with a module.

In accordance with Item 1.1 of these joint academic regulations, the offering of resit opportunities and the assessment of resits assessments for a given module will comply with the institutional requirements and regulations of the Partner University responsible for the delivery of the module in question.

At DCU, a resit is normally triggered by a postponement or a module mark of less than 40%. It does not require that a student resit all the assessment components of the module; passed assessment component marks are carried forward. The resit assessment does not have to be identical to the original assessment.

At DCU, the resits offered for the August examinations diet vary, depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories at DCU. All DCU modules on this programme except those specified below fall into category 1.

Resit category 1: A resit is available for all components of the module.

Resit category 2: No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by continuous assessment.

⁷ See [M&S item 8.5.2](#).

⁸ This provision represents a *derogation from* [M&S 7.2.2.3](#).

Resit category 3: No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>
CA682D	Data Management and Visualisation

8. Repeat Arrangements

A repeat option is not available on the EMLDAI programme except where documented extenuating circumstances apply and subject to the approval of the Joint Progression and Award Board.⁹

9. Appeals

If a student wishes to appeal the result of a module, they must follow the appeals procedures in the Partner University in which the module is delivered. An appeal against an academic decision of the Joint Progression and Award Board must be submitted according to the timelines and procedures of DCU.¹⁰

⁹ This provision represents a derogation of [M&S item 7.2.4.](#)

¹⁰ <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/appeals>

APPENDIX 1

EMLDAI Grade Conversion Scales

EMLDAI Grade Conversion Scale - AU > DCU		
ECTS	AU	DCU
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	20	80
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	19	78
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	18	75
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	17	73
A (weak A, 90-94%) Excellent	16	70
B (strong B, 86-90%) Very Good	15	68
B (weak B, 81-85%) Very Good	14	65
C (strong C, 76-80%) Good	13	63
C (weak C, 71-75%) Good	12	60
D (61-70%) Satisfactory	11	55
E (50-60%) Sufficient	10	45
FX (<50%) Fail	9	38
FX (<50%) Fail	8	35
FX (<50%) Fail	7	33
FX (<50%) Fail	6	30
FX (<50%) Fail	5	28
FX (<50%) Fail	4	25
FX (<50%) Fail	3	23
FX (<50%) Fail	2	20
FX (<50%) Fail	1	10
FX (<50%) Fail	0	0

EMLDAI Grade Conversion Scale - ULE > DCU		
ECTS	ULE	DCU
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	10	73
A (weak A, 90-94%) Excellent	9	70
B (81-90%) Very Good	8	68
C (71-80%) Good	7	63
D (61-70%) Satisfactory	6	55
E (50-60%) Sufficient	5	45
FX (<50%) Fail	4	35
FX (<50%) Fail	3	25
FX (<50%) Fail	2	15
FX (<50%) Fail	1	5
FX (<50%) Fail	0	0

EMLDAI Grade Conversion Scale - UNIPI > DCU		
ECTS	UNIPI	DCU
A (strong A, 95-100%) Excellent	30 e lode	73
A (weak A, 90-94%) Excellent	30	70
B (strong B, 86-90%) Very Good	29	68
B (strong B, 86-90%) Very Good	28	65
B (weak B, 81-85%) Very Good	27	63
B (weak B, 81-85%) Very Good	26	60
C (strong C, 76-80%) Good	25	58
C (strong C, 76-80%) Good	24	55
C (weak C, 71-75%) Good	23	53
C (weak C, 71-75%) Good	22	50
D (strong D, 66-70%) Satisfactory	21	48
D (weak D, 61-65%) Satisfactory	20	45
E (strong E, 57-60%) Sufficient	19	43
E (weak E, 50-53%) Sufficient	18	40
FX (<50%) Fail	Fail	30