



INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN UNION LAW

Programme type	Master's studies (university)
Field of study	Law
Study area	Law
Degree	Master in Law
Duration	1.5 years (3 semesters)
Workload	90
Language of instruction	English or Russian
Location	Vilnius, Lithuania
Starting date	1st of September
Tuition fee EU students	2262 EUR/per year
Tuition fee Non-EU students	3500 EUR/ per year

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

- *The objective*

To train legal experts and legal service professionals with the comprehensive and profound knowledge about international, international-regional and European Union legal norms that influence the most important areas of national legal systems, as well as development, interpretation and application practice of these legal norms.

Abilities to identify analyse and solve complex problems related to law-making and legal application in the contexts of international and European Union law.

Abilities to apply the acquired knowledge in professional practice in an innovative and integral way in order to settle disputes and legal conflicts that arise in international environment.

Critical approach and skills to carry out independent research and provide suggestions based on scientific analysis.

- *Career opportunities*

The qualification enables graduates to be legal experts (advisers) to both public and private entities, engage themselves as problem analysts or researchers in academic institutions as well as to work in all major legal professions in national and international, governmental and non-governmental organizations and companies. A possibility of holding an office in regulated professions (judges, solicitors, prosecutors, civil servants etc.) will depend on qualification requirements applicable in a particular country and the recognition of foreign studies.

- *Access to further studies*

Graduates of the programme will be able to pursue academic career in Lithuania and abroad in continuing their postgraduate studies in PhD programme in social sciences.

KEY LEARNING OUTCOMES

The ability to understand and interpret the meaning of International and European Union legal norms and to properly apply these norms to justify legal decisions, to lay out own ideas in an argumentative, critical and logical way both orally and in writing, to apply knowledge in practice in an innovative and integrated way, to apply principles of European Union law and international legal institutions, relevant to business environment, as well as the content of constituent legal norms, to analyze and critically assess the characteristics of application and enactment of regulated relations in national legal systems, to correctly interpret, analyse legal texts as well scientific, legally significant data and to formulate conclusions with regard to various cultures.

COURSE INFORMATION

The programme has the following structure:

Course Type	1st Semester	2nd Semester	3rd Semester
Compulsory Courses	Intergovernmental and Supranational Institutions under International and EU Law (6 ECTS)	European Private Law (6 ECTS)	Master Thesis (30 ECTS)
	Internal Market Law (6 ECTS)	Judicial Protection in the European Union (6 ECTS)	
	Research Paper (6 ECTS)	International and European Union Criminal law (6 ECTS)	
Elective Courses	International and European Labor Law (6 ECTS)	Civil Procedure of the European Union (6 ECTS)	
	Taxation Law in Europe (6 ECTS)	Public Procurement Law of the European Union (6 ECTS)	
	Commercial Arbitration (6 ECTS)	International and European Union Intellectual Property Law (6 ECTS)	
	European Human Rights Law in the Global Context (6 ECTS)	International and European Union Competition Law (6 ECTS)	
	Consumers' Protection Law of the European Union (6 ECTS)	EU Law of the Environment Protection (6 ECTS)	

	External Relations Law of the European Union (6 ECTS)	Criminal Procedure of the European Union (6 ECTS)	
	EU Fair Trade Law (6 ECTS)	European Company Law (6 ECTS)	

A full-time study programme lasts three semesters (1.5 years). In the first and the second semester students shall have to complete 3 compulsory and 2 optional courses. The compulsory courses aim at providing thorough knowledge in different legal systems as well as offering an overview of fundamental legal norms and techniques of their practical application. Optional courses provide an opportunity to choose an individual area of study according to the student's individual needs and interests and to lay the foundations for analytical research work. Each course includes lectures as well as practical instruction time (workshops and seminars). During the third-semester a Master Thesis on a scientifically and/or practically relevant topic demonstrating the student's analytical skills shall be prepared.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Law degree is awarded upon a successful completion of the entire programme and the Master Thesis, which is defended in a viva voce examination before the board of scholars.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Bachelor of Laws or an equivalent qualification of a jurist from institutions of higher education;
- Language proficiency depending on the group:

English language proficiency - the level not lower than B2 (following the Common Framework of Reference for Language approved by the Council of Europe), proof of proficiency in English: IELTS 5.5+, iBT TOEFL 65+;

Russian language proficiency - the level not lower than C1 (following the Common Framework of Reference for Language approved by the Council of Europe).

The requirement does not apply to those who have graduated from the studies delivered in English or Russian or if it is a native language of a candidate.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Every course concludes with either a written or written and oral examination assessed on a ten-point scale. In some courses individual work of students is expected; at the end of the course cumulative assessment is applied.

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