Faculty of Law
Study program content

The duration of the Master Academic Law Studies is one academic year, and the students who complete them obtain a total of 60 ECTS points and the academic rank Master Jurist. The Master studies program, provides additional and more in-depth knowledge and skills which represent a basis for independent, competent, conscientious integration into the legal profession with highly professional moral.

This program is conducted within the scope of two elective fields – modules, which are organized for multiple akin courses. The Business Law module provides knowledge and understanding of key institutes, principles and solutions of certain branches of law which are part of a broader family of Civil and Business Law, whilst within the Administrative Judicial Module incumbents study administrative procedures and offering of legal protection by the courts.

Studying of relevant legal phenomena is oriented interdisciplinary, so that the study program offers knowledge not only from a narrow legal perspective, but in fact from the sociological, economic and political disciplines as well, all the while whilst stressing the training of the pupils to apply the knowledge gained in this program in practice.

Each module encompasses six obligatory and two elective courses which the pupils select upon enrolment into the program, in which way they also establish their obligatory exams. Aside from the exams, engagement of the students includes active classes (lessons, drills, study groups, practicum, seminars, practical classes, mentor classes, consultations, presentations, projects and other), independent work, colloquia and preparation of a final paper.

The work of the students on mastering each and every subject is tracked continually, throughout the course, for which reason the final grade is formed based on the student’s success and achievements in areas and aspects of course obligations.

With passing the exams from three obligatory courses and one elective, which are held in the fall semester and by completing an internship in the economic sector, judiciary or administrative sector (Internship in Economic Sector I, or Internship in the Judiciary and Administration I) the student effectuates 27 ECTS points, whilst by passing the examinations from the obligatory courses and one elective course which are held in the spring semester and with the completion of an internship (Internship in the Economic Sector II, or Internship in the Judiciary and Administration II) the students obtain 18 ECTS points.

Once the student has completed all of the foreseen exams and fulfilled all of the program obligations, the student prepares a Final (Master) Paper, in that way achieving 15 ECTS points.

Study program goals

The fundamental characteristic of the Master Academic Law Study Program is its direct ties with current scientific knowledge and trends in the entire series of legal and akin scientific disciplines, as well as the skills and abilities which are founded on this knowledge.

This Study Program is, in that sense, primarily direct at enabling the students to broaden and provide them with more in-depth knowledge that has already been acquired in the undergraduate academic law studies, by developing critical though processes and the skills necessary to competently and morally integrate into the legal profession. Such a goal requires an interdisciplinary approach to studying the legal phenomena and mastering of methods of learning the law and methods necessary for applying the law in practice, in addition to the development of skills for the practical application of ethical standards relevant in the legal profession or in relation to it.

For achieving the competencies and skills which represent the aim of this study program we use the methods of social, and especially the methods of legal sciences, which intend to enable the complete and correct understanding of certain legal phenomena in the broader social, political, economical and historical context (legal-dog-
matic, legal-historical, comparative and other legal methods).

The most important aspects of the classes in this program are the lectures, drills, seminars and expert and study groups, in which special attention is given to the development of critical thought, which is necessary for the legal profession. The study program includes other forms of teaching in which an interactive method of education of students is provided, enabling the mastering of skills necessary for the competent integration into this profession in the future, including participation in various types of simulations in cases from practice, which are specially adapted to train the students, further to which there is also work with factual clients, legal clinics for family, criminal, refugee and obligation laws. In addition, the aim of the graduate academic law studies represents the development of linguistic, communicative and other competences required for further academic and professional activities of the students.

This study program, finally, affirms the tracking and application of novelties in the legal profession, in which way it particularly contributes to the enabling of students to use legal literature, professional communication and writing in a foreign language, as well as familiarization with the possibilities of using new technologies in law.

**Modules**

Business Law Module, Administrative Judicial Module

**Admission requirements**

Master academic law studies, can be enrolled into by individuals who have completed the undergraduate academic studies, with a scope of at least 240 ECTS points.

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ECTS: 60/ LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH/ DEGREE: MASTER

Study program content

One mandatory course - Introduction into the Studies of the EU + one mandatory Practical Skills Module + 4 modules consisting of 12 optional courses.

The student shall opt for three courses from four modules and shall attend the Introduction into the Studies of the EU (altogether 4 courses or 300 group hours) as well as the Practical Skills Module (40 group hours).

Introduction into the Studies of the EU course and the Practical Skills Module shall be delivered in the first 9 weeks of the academic year. Every next six weeks, other three courses shall be delivered consecutively, “en block”. There shall be four such “blocks” of courses.

Duration of the courses: Each course shall consist of 50 hours of lectures and of 25 hours of seminar classes – 75 hours altogether. Courses shall be delivered in 6 weeks and in the framework of the aforementioned four “blocks”.

If there are no enough registered students for certain courses, the Management of the program shall have the right, upon the consultation with students, to make necessary changes in the course schedule in the given academic year.

Seminar classes: They shall offer an introduction into research methods and drafting, class discussions, debates, paper presentations, case studies etc.

Each student shall be obliged during the course of the year to draft one seminar paper for one of the opted courses and to present it in seminar class of that course, for which it shall be credited with 6 ECTS. The paper shall be based on research and shall demonstrate that the student is in command of scientific manner of drafting.

Study program goals

The aims of the program shall be to offer adequate knowledge and skills for the work on both legal and non-legal jobs related to the integration into the European Union, which require knowledge of the law, politics and economics of the European Union, and which can be performed in the state administration, business, media, educational, research and scientific institutions, and the civil sector.

Modules

The program shall consist of four modules, with 12 optional courses.

Student shall opt for three courses from the aforementioned list.

Students shall be obliged to take the Introduction into the Studies of the EU course.

The Practical Skills Module, consisting of three courses related to research methodology, English legal terminology, and Internet skills, is also mandatory.

1. Foundation and Purposes of the European Integration
2. Business Law and the EU Integration
3. Human Rights and Democracy in the EU
4. International Aspects of the EU Integration

Study program outcomes

The outcomes of this study program will be the in-depth knowledge of reasons for and processes of the integration into the European Union, of the law, policies and politics of the European Union and of the relations between the European Union and other international organizations and states, as well as to develop necessary abilities for understanding the integration processes, and interpreting, applying and further researching the European Union law.

The end result of this program shall also be to expand the knowledge of practical skills which pertain to the English terminology, the ability to conduct scientific research and to communicate in academic circles, and the usage of internet sources within the scope of this field.
Admission requirements

A student must have a Bachelor Degree from the law faculty or social sciences – humanities faculty, with at least 240 ECTS. Students who graduated from social sciences – humanities faculty, shall be obliged to pass certain additional qualifying exams related to the basic legal knowledge: Introduction into Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Introduction into Civil Law and International Public Law.

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