



**UNIVERSITY OF MACAU
FACULTY OF LAW**

**Pedagogic Regulations of
Master and Postgraduate Programs in
European Union Law (English) /
International and Comparative Law
(English)/ International Business Law
(English)**

Article 1
Master Degree

1. The University of Macau confers the Master Degree of Law through the Faculty of Law.
2. The Master Degree demonstrates deep knowledge in the specific academic area, and the ability to carry out research in such area.
3. The Master Degree shall be conferred after the approval in the required courses in addition to the elaboration of an original thesis and approval of the oral defence.

Article 2
Postgraduate Certificate

1. The University of Macau confers the Postgraduate Certificate of Law through the Faculty of Law, to certify that recipients have completed certain Postgraduate courses in specific areas of Law.
2. Unless otherwise specified, the rules applicable to the Master program shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Postgraduate program.

Article 3
Areas of Specialization

1. The University of Macau confers the Master Degree of Law in European Union Law/ International and Comparative Law/ International Business Law through the Faculty of Law.
2. Postgraduate Certificate in European Union Law/ International and Comparative Law/ International Business Law is also conferred.

Article 4
Duration and Outline

1. The duration of the Master program is two years, starting with the academic year, i.e. from the beginning of the first semester to the end of the second semester in the following year. The Dean of the Faculty of Law, according to the needs of the normal functioning of the program, may adjust the commencement and ending dates.
2. The first part of the program is made of the curricular part, during which candidates are required to attend classes, prepare and submit assignments, and/or sit for examinations.
3. The maximum period of master studies shall be 150% of the normal duration of the program. For working students it shall be 200% of the normal duration of the program. Candidates who cannot complete the program within the periods above shall be required to discontinue their studies, except for those who obtained prior approval according to the regulations.
4. The Postgraduate program corresponds to the curricular part of the Master program.

Article 5
Study Plan

1. The first academic year of both Master and Postgraduate programs consists of compulsory, specialized and elective courses.

2. The compulsory courses for European Union Law or International and Comparative Law are:
 - a. Research Methodology and Legal Writing Seminar;
 - b. Comparative Legal Systems

3. The specialized courses for European Union Law are:
 - a. Institutional Law of the European Union
 - b. Economic Law of the European Union
 - c. External Law and Policy of the European Union

The specialized courses for International and Comparative Law are:

- a. Contemporary Issues in International Law
- b. International Economic Law
- c. Comparative Contract Law

The specialized courses for International Business Law are:

- a. Transnational Law;
- b. WTO and Regional Trade Law;
- c. Dispute Resolution

4. The elective courses for European Union Law/ International and Comparative Law/ International Business Law are:
 - EU Competition Law
 - EU Environmental Law
 - EU Natural Resources and Energy Law
 - Treaty Reforms in the EU
 - Foreign Investment Law
 - International Criminal and Humanitarian Law
 - Human Rights and Refugee Law
 - Law of International Organizations
 - Legal Culture and Legal Pluralism
 - Common Law
 - Maritime and Shipping Law
 - E-commerce and Information Technology Law
 - Mooting
 - Introduction to Macau Law
 - Macau and Comparative Gaming Law
 - Advanced Issues of International Trade Law
 - Asian Business Law
 - Company Law
 - Law and Society
 - Intellectual Property Law in the Creative Economy
 - Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Law
 - Private International Law
 - Consumer Protection Law
 - Commercial Contracts
 - Seminar Series
 - Any specialized courses from the streams of Master and Postgraduate of Law in European Union Law or International and Comparative Law or International Business Law
 - Any one of the courses at the Master Level offered by Faculty of Law

- a. Each student has to at least complete a total of 8 courses, of which two are compulsory courses, three are specialized courses plus three elective courses.
- b. Students must attend seminars or lectures organized for the Master program.

Article 6

Teaching and Program Time Allocation

1. The Dean, upon coordination of the Program Coordinator and based on the teaching, research and exams, decides the allocation of time load for each specialized area.
2. The teaching hours for each course are 42 hours.

Article 7

Attendance System

The system for the Master Degree and Postgraduate programs is attendance basis. Students must attend at least two thirds of the classes and of the seminars.

Article 8

Course Equivalent

1. The approval on the application of course equivalent will be based on the following:
 - a. The courses completed by the applicant; or
 - b. Applicant's proficiency level in relevant course.
2. The application of course equivalent should be submitted during the registration period and attach the documents as stated in above mentioned item.

Article 9

Evaluation

1. The courses offered in the curricular part shall be evaluated. As for the compulsory course "Research Methodology and Legal Writing Seminar", the evaluation will be based on attendance alone and graded by either Pass (P) or Fail (NP). For all other courses, assessment techniques may include but are not limited to: assignments; essays; oral or written examinations; presentations; or "openbook" or "take home" examinations.
2. The final evaluation of the candidates' performance shall also take into account students' attendance, interest and participation in the classes and seminars. The decision of the specific method of evaluation shall be done by the relevant course teacher(s).
3. If examination is adopted, it should be held on the last class of the course by the course teacher. If the course is co-taught by several teachers, the assessment should be done by the fulltime teacher or one teacher assigned with the task. If the student fails to attend the class assessment or fail to achieve 14 scale, paragraph 7 of this article shall be applied.
4. The assessment shall be graded on a 0 to 20 scale.
5. The minimum required mark for each course of the master program is 14/20 and for the postgraduate certificate program 14/20.
6. The thesis proposal submitted by the student of Master Program shall be evaluated by at least 4 members of the Supervisory Committee, as proposed by the Program Coordinator on behalf of the Dean. The members of the Supervisory Committee in related areas shall be appointed by the Dean with the Program

Coordinator as one of the members. The members of the Supervisory Committee can disapprove, approve or approve with recommendations the thesis proposal.

7. A supplementary oral exam may be conducted subsequently for candidates who failed to achieve the minimum required mark for each course or who seek improvement in marks.
8. According to the credit system, students should acquire 24 credits for the course work section, with 3 credits per course.

Article 10 Certificate

1. After completing and passing all the course works for Master Degree and Postgraduate Programs, certificates will be issued in the area of their respective program.

Article 11 Master thesis

1. Qualified students must submit in writing to the Dean and register with the General Office of the Faculty of Law on the following: his/her thesis title, proposal, suggestions and evaluations made by the Supervisory Committee [if any], and the professor who agreed to be his/her supervisor.
2. In principle, the thesis must be prepared in the specialization a student majors in.
3. The Dean, having heard the opinion of the Coordinator of the Program, decides whether to accept the thesis which does not meet the requirement of the above mentioned item.
4. The thesis must demonstrate original work, written by the student, with a critical and analytical spirit. The thesis should not be less than 30,000 words, excluding judicial opinion, appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. The original copy and six extra copies should be submitted, all signed by the student in the first and in the last pages.
5. If the student wishes to defend his/her thesis before the end of the second academic year he/she should submit both the original and the copies of thesis to the General Office of Faculty of Law before the end of the first semester of the second year. Subsequent submissions may be considered in the following academic year.

Article 12 Supervision

1. The thesis writing should be supervised by one Professor or Researcher of the University, or by any one of the Professors of the courses attended by the student.
2. The thesis may also be supervised by a Professor or Researcher, belonging to another Institution of the Macau SAR or outside Macau SAR, as well as experts in the related academic area of the thesis, who have been recognized as appropriate by the competent organ of the institution which issues the degree and who holds a doctoral degree in the academic area.
3. A co-supervisor amongst the full-time staff of the University of Macau shall share the Supervisor's duties: a Co-Supervisor from the University of Macau is always required whenever the Supervisor does not belong to the University of Macau.
4. Request of change of Supervisor must be based on reasonable grounds, and should be communicated to the Dean, by the candidate or the original Supervisor.
5. The presentation or the request of the indication of a supervisor or change of the supervisor, after hearing advice from the supervisor, including the original

- supervisor, is examined by the Supervisory Committee or proposed to the Dean of the Faculty of Law. Under specific circumstances, especially if the thesis is related to Macau law, the Supervisory Committee should assign a Professor to be the co-supervisor of the thesis.
6. The Supervisory Committee approves the submitted proposal of the thesis and proposes to the Dean the composition of the thesis Panel. Upon approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, the composition of the Panel can be expanded by integrating external experts.

Article 13 **Suspension of Terms**

With the exception of circumstances regulated by the law, the Rector, based on the proposal of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, can suspend the submission and subsequent defence thesis under the following circumstances:

- a. Maternity/Paternity Leave;
- b. Grave and Prolonged illness or serious accident of the student occurred during the term for submission or defence of the thesis;
- c. Actual exercise of public functions that, for their nature and relevance, make the suspension of terms recommendable;
- d. Duly permitted on official duties or engaged on teaching or research work outside Macau, for a short period of time.

Article 14 **Thesis Panel**

1. The panel for the assessment of the final thesis is appointed by the Program Coordinator after consulting with the supervisor within 30 days after the submission of the thesis on a proposal, approved by the Graduate School, formulated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law having heard the Academic Council.
2. The panel is constituted by:
 - a. Two professors from specialized areas of the Master program, one from the University of Macau and, where possible, one from other higher education institutions;
 - b. The thesis supervisor.
 - c. In addition to the professors as indicated in sub-item a, at least one additional member, either from or outside the University of Macau, with the same requisites indicated under sub-item a, as possible substitutes in case of impediment of any of the two other members other than the supervisor.
3. In addition to the members mentioned in sub-item a. of item 2 the panel also can include another two professors of the University of Macau.
4. The appointment must, within five working days, be notified to the student and affixed in a public area of the University of Macau.
5. The panel is chaired by the member with the highest qualification and the highest seniority.
6. In case of impediment of the supervisor for the date fixed, the Chair fixes another date for the defence and informs the student, as well as, the Dean of the Faculty of Law. If the impediment is a long lasting or a permanent one, a new supervisor shall be appointed.

Article 15 **Procedure**

1. Within 30 days after the publication of the nominations, the panel issues a preliminary statement, declaring the acceptance of the thesis or recommending the student, with justifications to revise the thesis.
2. In case of recommendation for revision of the thesis, the student should within 90 days revise and resubmit the thesis or declare that his/her thesis shall maintain as previously submitted. This period cannot be extended.
3. In case the thesis is not resubmitted within the specified period as stated in aforementioned item, and the student has not indicated that the thesis shall be maintained as previously submitted, he/she shall be considered as giving up the opportunity of revising the thesis.
4. Public defence of the thesis shall take place within 60 days after:
 - a. The approval date of the acceptance of the thesis;
 - b. The date of resubmission of the revised thesis or the declaration that the thesis shall be maintained in its original text.

Article 16

Defence

1. The defence of the thesis can only take place with the presence of at least three panel members, one of whom must be the thesis supervisor.
2. The defence shall not exceed 90 minutes. Each panel member should participate in the assessment.
3. The student should have at least the same time used by the panel members for questioning him/her to defend his/her thesis.

Article 17

Decision of the Panel

1. After the defence as stated in the aforementioned article, the panel should hold a meeting to assess and deliberate a grade to be attributed to the student, by means of voting with justifications by each panel member. No abstention is allowed.
2. During voting, if the number of votes is the same, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
3. The final assessment can be either Pass (P) or Fail (NP).
4. The approved candidates will be graded on a 0 to 20 scale, with the corresponding qualification of "good" (14-16/20), "very good" (17-18/20) or "excellent" (19-20/20). The minimum qualification of "good" is required for the conferment of the Master's Degree.
5. The public defence and the meeting of the panel for assessment and grading must be duly recorded, including the votes of each panel member and the justifications of the votes.
6. The records must be submitted to the University Senate for ratification.
7. The award ceremony of the Master's certificates and Postgraduates certificates and all related formalities are regulated by the related rules and regulations of the University of Macau.

Article 18

Medium of Instruction and Pedagogic Guidelines

1. The medium of instruction is English. Seminars and lectures which will be conducted according to their defined language are not included in this article.
2. The Dean of the Faculty of Law, after hearing opinion from the Academic Council, is responsible for the academic and pedagogic guidelines for the Master and

Postgraduate programs.

Article 19

Choice of Elective Courses

1. Applicants of the Master Degree program and Postgraduate program should indicate in the application form their choice of specialized areas, research fields and elective courses that they intend to study, plus an additional two elective courses for substitution, if the first choice of elective courses could not be offered in the relevant academic year.
2. The selected elective courses should be final, except for unforeseen circumstances, the elective courses and the second choice of elective courses could not be offered in the relevant academic year.

Article 20

Second Enrollment

1. Students may apply for second enrollment if they fail to pass the thesis. An application should be submitted to the Dean of the Faculty of Law within 30 days after the publication of the results.
2. The Supervisory Committee, appointed by the Dean and including the Program Coordinator, will decide on applications mentioned in aforementioned items.
3. In the case foreseen in item 2, students admitted to second enrollment will have to submit a new thesis proposal within 30 days after the approval of being admitted to the second enrollment according to the procedures as stipulated from Article 11 to Article 17.
4. The decisions of the Supervisory Committee in regard to the second round applications will be announced publicly and posted in a public area of the University within 15 days after receiving the applications.

Article 21

Change of Program or Research Area

1. Postgraduate certificate holders who have achieved at least 14 scale for each course and meet the requirements as stipulated in item 6 of Article 9 can apply for the Master Program.
2. For situations mentioned in the previous item, applications for admission to the thesis writing of the Master Program must be submitted within 30 days after the announcement of the results.
3. In case of change of research area, the course works which have been completed in the previous program can be transferred to the new program. However, students should acquire passing grades according to the requirement as stipulated in Article 9.
4. According to this article, the final decision on the application of change of research area will be made by the Supervisory Committee.
5. The decision of the Supervisory Committee as stipulated in this article should be announced publicly and posted in a public area of the University within 15 days after receiving the applications.

Article 22

Course Retake

1. Each single course, regardless whether passed, can be repeated in the following

- academic year, under the condition that the course is being offered, by applying during the application period. Student should obtain prior approval of the Dean of the Faculty of Law, after hearing the opinion for the Program Coordinator, and payment of the related fees.
2. In case of a course retake, only the grade for the latest attempt shall appear on the student's academic transcript and shall be included in the assessment of his/her general performance.

Article 23

Time Limits in Case of Second Enrollment and Course Repetition

Time limits as set in Item 4 or Article 4 shall apply to all cases mentioned in Articles 22, 23 and 24.

Article 24

Tuition Fees

1. Registration and attending classes can only be effective after payment of tuition fees.
2. The tuition fees for the Master Degree program and Postgraduate Certificate program are determined by the University of Macau.

Article 25

General Provision

1. Issues not expressly regulated here shall be regulated according to applicable laws and regulations of the University of Macau.
2. Should there be any unclear issue or not regulated after making recourse to said regulations, a decision will be taken by the Dean. If necessary, the Dean decides after hearing the Academic Council of the Faculty of Law.

Article 26

Annex

The annexes contain the study plans of the Master and Postgraduate of Law in European Union Law (English)/ International and Comparative Law (English)/ International Business Law (English).

Decision

Based on the exercising rights and after hearing to the opinion of Academic Council of the Faculty of Law, it is hereby decided:

1. To approve the substitution, elimination and addition to specific articles of the Pedagogic Regulation of the Master and Postgraduate Programs of Law in European Union Law (English)/ International and Comparative Law (English)/ International Business Law (English) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau.
2. This decision comes into force with retroactive effect to 25 August 2014.

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25 November 2014

Annex

European Union Law (English)

Course	Weekly Lecture Hours	Credits
Year 1		
Common Compulsory Courses (Note 1)		
Research Methodology and Legal Writing Seminar	3	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3	3
Specialized Courses (Note 1)		
Institutional Law of the European Union	3	3
Economic Law of the European Union	3	3
External Law and Policy of the European Union	3	3
Elective Courses (Note 1)		
3 courses to be selected from the List of Elective Courses	9	9
Sub-Total		24
Year 2		
Academic Thesis (Note 2)	--	6
Total		30

Note:

- (1) Coursework of the Postgraduate Program in European Union Law (English) is conducted jointly with Master of Law in European Union Law (English).
- (2) Apply only to Master of Law in European Union Law (English).

International and Comparative Law (English)

Course	Weekly Lecture Hours	Credits
Year 1		
Common Compulsory Courses (Note 1)		
Research Methodology and Legal Writing Seminar	3	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3	3
Specialized Courses (Note 1)		
Contemporary Issues in International Law	3	3
International Economic Law	3	3
Comparative Contract Law	3	3
Elective Courses (Note 1)		
3 courses to be selected from the List of Elective Courses	9	9
Sub-Total		24
Year 2		
Academic Thesis (Note 2)	--	6
Total		30

Note:

- (1) Coursework of the Postgraduate Program in International and Comparative Law (English) is conducted jointly with Master of Law in International and Comparative Law (English).
- (2) Apply only to Master of Law in International and Comparative Law (English).

International Business Law (English)

Course	Weekly Lecture Hours	Credits
Year 1		
Common Compulsory Courses (Note 1)		
Research Methodology and Legal Writing Seminar	3	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3	3
Specialized Courses (Note 1)		
Transnational Law	3	3
WTO and Regional Trade Law	3	3
Dispute Resolution	3	3
Elective Courses (Note 1)		
3 courses to be selected from the List of Elective Courses	9	9
Sub-Total		24
Year 2		
Academic Thesis (Note 2)	--	6
Total		30

Note:

- (1) Coursework of the Postgraduate Program in International Business Law (English) is conducted jointly with Master of Law in International Business Law (English).
- (2) Apply only to Master of Law in International Business Law (English).

List of Elective Courses

Elective Course	Weekly Lecture Hours	Credits
EU Competition Law	3	3
EU Environmental Law	3	3
EU Natural Resources and Energy Law	3	3
Treaty Reforms in the EU	3	3
Foreign Investment Law	3	3
International Criminal and Humanitarian Law	3	3
Human Rights and Refugee Law	3	3
Law of International Organizations	3	3
Legal Culture and Legal Pluralism	3	3
Common Law	3	3
Maritime and Shipping Law	3	3
E-commerce and Information Technology Law	3	3
Mooting	3	3
Seminar Series	3	3

Introduction to Macau Law	3	3
Macau and Comparative Gaming Law	3	3
Advanced Issues of International Trade Law	3	3
Asian Business Law	3	3
Company Law	3	3
Law and Society	3	3
Intellectual Property Law in the Creative Economy	3	3
Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Law	3	3
Private International Law	3	3
Consumer Protection Law	3	3
Commercial Contracts	3	3
Any specialized courses offered by other streams of Master and Postgraduate of Law in European Union Law or International and Comparative Law or International Business Law	3-9	3-9
Any one of the courses at the Master Level offered by Faculty of Law	3	3