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# UNIVERSITY OF MACAU FACULTY OF LAW

**Pedagogic Regulations of Master of Law (Chinese  
Language)**

**(English Translation for Reference Only)**

**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 a deep knowledge in the specific academic area, and the ability to carry out research work.
3. The Master Degree shall be conferred after the approval of all the courses required in addition to passing the presentation of a project report that is written with originality.

**Article 2**  
**Study Majors**

The programme of Master of Law (Chinese Language) offers the following four study majors:

- Constitutional Law, Basic Law and Administrative Law
- Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law
- Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law
- International Business Law

**Article 3**  
**Duration of Study**

1. The normal duration of the Master programme is two academic years. The Dean of the Faculty of Law, according to the needs of the normal function of the programme, may adjust the commencement and ending dates.
2. For the course that is conducted by lecturing, students are required to attend classes, prepare and submit assignment, and/or sit for examinations.
3. The maximum period of master research shall be 150% of the normal duration of the programme. For working students, it shall be 200% of the normal duration of the programme. Students who cannot complete the programme within the periods mentioned above shall be required to discontinue their studies.

**Article 4**  
**Teaching and Programme Time Allocation**

1. The Dean, upon coordination of the Programme Coordinator and based on the teaching, research and examination decides the allocation of time load for each specialized area.
2. The number of teaching hours for each course is 45.

**Article 5**  
**Grading System**

1. The evaluation on the students' performance shall take into account the students' attendance, interest and participation in the classes and other activities, the quality of the submitted assignment, as well as, the results of the examinations. The course instructor shall decide whether to adopt submission of assignment or examination.
2. If submission of assignment is adopted, students should submit assignment of the course in written format and present in the specified class. The assignment shall be evaluated by the course instructor or a specified instructor. The assignment should be at least 6,000 words for each course, excluding judicial opinion,

appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. If the assignment fails to reach the minimum requirement, the student may revise the assignment within 30 days of receipt of his/her evaluation.

3. If examination is adopted, it should be arranged in the last class of the course by the course instructor. If the course is co-taught by several instructors, the assessment should be done by the full-time instructor or the instructor designated by the Programme Coordinator. If the student fails to attend the examination or fail to achieve 14 point scale, Item 2 of this article shall be applied.
4. The assessment shall be graded on a 0 to 20 point scale.
5. Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while the minimum passing grade for each course is 14/20 point scale.

## **Article 6**

### **Project Report**

1. In accordance with the date as announced by the Faculty, student must inform in writing to the Programme Coordinator of his/her project report title, short description of the proposed project report and the name of the professor who agreed to be his/her supervisor, and submit the information to the General Office of the Faculty of Law.
2. In principle, the project report must be prepared in the specialization a student majors in.
3. The Dean, upon consultation with the Programme Coordinator, decides whether to accept the project report which does not meet the requirement of the above mentioned item.
4. The project report should be written by the student, with originality, a critical and analytical spirit. The project report should not be less than 10,000 words, excluding abstract, content page, quotations, legal texts, judicial opinion, appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. After the presentation is approved, three hard copies and a softcopy should be submitted to the General Office of the Faculty of Law.

## **Article 7**

### **Supervision**

1. The project report should be supervised by one full-time member of the Faculty holding a doctoral degree in the relevant academic area.
2. Request of change of Supervisor must be based on reasonable grounds, and should be communicated to the Programme Coordinator, by the student or the original Supervisor and submitted for Dean's approval.

## **Article 8**

### **Examination Committee**

1. The examination committee for the assessment of the project report is appointed by the Programme Coordinator after consulting with the supervisor.
2. The examination committee is constituted by:
  - a. The supervisor;
  - b. One academic staff;
  - c. One standby member in case of impediment of the member other than the supervisor.

1. The examination committee is chaired by the member other than the supervisor.
2. In case of impediment of the supervisor for the date fixed, the chairperson fixes another date for the presentation and informs the student, as well as, the Programme Coordinator. If the impediment is a long lasting or a permanent one, a new supervisor shall be appointed.

#### **Article 9**

##### **Presentation of the Project Report**

1. The presentation of the project report shall take place in the presence of the examination committee on the date announced by the Faculty.
2. The presentation shall not exceed 30 minutes. Each examination committee member should participate in the assessment.
3. The members of the examination committee may ask the student questions concerning the contents of the project report.

#### **Article 10**

##### **Evaluation of Project Report**

1. If the project report fails to reach the minimum passing grade (14/20 point scale), the supervisor should provide written justification and request the student to revise/ rewrite. The General Office of Faculty of Law and the Programme Coordinator should be informed at the same time.
2. If the project report still fails to reach the minimum passing grade after the required revision/rewriting, the course work diploma will be issued upon request to the Graduate School.
3. After the completion of the presentation of the project report, the examination committee should hold a meeting to assess and deliberate s scale (0 to 20) to be attributed to the student. In case of disagreement, the opinion of the chairman of the examination committee shall prevail.

#### **Article 11**

##### **Graduation Honours**

1. A student must complete all the course work and obtain a result of 14/20 point scale for each course, and pass the presentation of the project that is written with originality. Honours upon graduation are awarded as follows:
  - Excellent (overall result of 19 to 20)
  - Very Good (overall result of 17 to 18)
  - Good (overall result of 14 to 16)
2. In calculating the overall result, the overall point scales are rounded to the nearest whole number.

#### **Article 12**

##### **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 13**

#### **Annex**

The annex is the study plan of Master of Law (Chinese Language) Programme.

#### **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. Approve the substitution, elimination and addition to specific articles of the Pedagogic Regulation of the Master Programme of Law (Chinese Language) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau.
2. This decision comes into force with effect on 1 January 2020 and applies to students admitted in or after academic years 2019/2020.

## Annex Study Plan

The number of credits required to complete the programme is 30, which are allocated as follows: 18 credits of the compulsory courses for the respective study major (Table 1) and 12 credits of the required electives (Table 2).

**Table 1**

<b>Subject / Course</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b><i>Constitutional Law, Basic Law and Administrative Law</i></b>		
Constitutional Law	Compulsory	3
Macao Basic Law	"	3
Administrative Law and Administrative Litigation Law	"	3
Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy	"	3
Project Report	"	6
<b><i>Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law</i></b>		
Criminal Law	Compulsory	3
Criminal Procedural Law	"	3
Criminology and Criminal Justice	"	3
Foreign Criminal Law	"	3
Project Report	"	6
<b><i>Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law</i></b>		
Property Law	Compulsory	3
Contract Law	"	3
Copyright and Industrial Property Law	"	3
Biotechnology Law and Policy	"	3
Project Report	"	6
<b><i>International Business Law</i></b>		
Trade and Investment Law of China and Portuguese - speaking Countries	Compulsory	3
International Private Law	"	3
Commercial Organizational Law	"	3
International Sale of Goods Law	"	3

Project Report	"	6
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**Table 2**

<b>Subject / Course</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Classics in Law	Optional	3
Economic and Trade Law of Europe	"	3
World Trade Organization Law	"	3
Maritime Law	"	3
Seminar of The Special Administrative Region and Public International Law	"	3
International Arbitration	"	3
Civil Procedure Law	"	3
Tort Law	"	3
Internet and Data Law	"	3
Seminar of Civil Adjudication	"	3
Environmental Law	"	3
International Investment Law	"	3
Legal Issues on “Belt and Road”	"	3
Seminar of Hong Kong Basic Law and Hong Kong Law	"	3
Legal System of the East Asia	"	3
Case Studies for German Classic Private Law	"	3
Any one of the courses at the Master level offered by Faculty of Law	"	3