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UNIVERSITY OF MACAU FACULTY OF LAW

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

(English Translation for Reference Only)

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Article 1

Master Degree

1. The University of Macau confers Master Degrees 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 completion of the required courses 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 (Portuguese Language) offers the following two study majors:

- Juridical Sciences;
- Juridical Political Sciences.

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 functioning 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 assignments, and/or sit for examinations.
3. The maximum period of master studies 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 consultation with the Programme Coordinator and based on the

teaching, research and examination, decides the allocation of time load for each study major.

2. The number of teaching hours for each course is 45.

Article 5

Grading System

1. Taught courses are graded on a 0 to 20 point scale. The Project Report shall be graded according to Item O of the General Rules Governing Master's Degree & Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes.
2. The evaluation of the students' performance shall take into account the students' attendance, interest and participation in the classes and other activities, the quality of the submitted assignments, as well as, the results of the examinations, as the case may be. The course instructor shall decide on the grading method, which may include but is not limited to, submission of assignments, presentations, or examination.
3. If submission of assignment is adopted, students should submit assignment of each the course in written format and present in the specified class. The assignment shall be evaluated by the class course instructor. The assignment should be approximately 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.
4. 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, the final part of Item 3 of this article shall be applied.
5. The student shall be graded on a 0 to 20 point scale.
6. 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 written 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 quotations, legal texts, judicial opinion, appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. After the presentation is approved, three hard copies and a soft copy should be submitted to the General Office of the Faculty of Law.

Article 7

Supervision

1. The project report writing shall be supervised by a faculty member of the University of Macau or from another institution who has a doctoral degree in the related academic area.
2. The project report may also be supervised by a professor, associate professor or person with equivalent rank, who does not have a doctoral degree in the related academic area but is recognized as appropriate by the competent organ of the institution that issues the degree.
3. A Co-supervision by a regular faculty member of the University of Macau is admissible; non-UM academic staff is not eligible to be principal supervisor, but s/he can be appointed as a co-supervisor if necessary.
4. Request for change of supervisor shall be based on reasonable grounds, and be communicated by the student concerned or by the current supervisor to the dean of the Faculty of Law for 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 member from amongst the academic staff of the Faculty of Law (Examiner);
 - c. One standby member in case of impediment of the examiner.
3. In case of impediment of the supervisor for the date fixed, the examination committee fixes another date for the presentation and informs the student, as well as, the Programme Coordinator.

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. The final resolution of report presentation shall be delivered according to Item O of the General Rules Governing Master's Degree & Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes.
2. If the report presentation is delivered as Fail (NP), 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.
3. After the completion of the presentation of the project report, the examination committee should hold a meeting to assess and deliberate the result to the student. In case of disagreement, the opinion of the examiner of the examination committee shall prevail.

Article 11

Graduation Honours

1. A student must complete all the required course work and obtain a result of 14 in 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. The student's performance in the project report will also be taken into consideration.

Article 12

General Provision

1. Issues not expressly regulated here shall be regulated according to applicable laws of Macao SAR 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 contain the study plan of the Master of Law (Portuguese Language).

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 of Law (Portuguese Language) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau.
2. This decision comes into force with effect on 17 August 2023 and applies to

students admitted in or after academic years 2023/2024.

Annex I Study Plan

Master of Law (Portuguese Language):

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 and 12 credits of the required electives (Table I and II).

Table I

Course/Major	Tipo	Créditos
<i>Juridical Science</i>		
Civil Law I	Compulsory	3
Civil Procedural Law I	“	3
Commercial Law I	“	3
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law I	“	3
Project Report	“	6
Students are required to take any four courses from the following required elective courses in order to obtain 12 credits:		
Civil Law II	Elective	3
Civil Procedural Law II	“	3
Commercial Law II	“	3
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law II	“	3
Chinese Private Law	“	3
Private International Law	“	3
History of Legal Cultures	“	3
Health Law	“	3
Total Credits		30

Table II

Course/Major	Tipo	Créditos
<i>Juridical Political Science</i>		
Constitutional Law I	Compulsory	3
Administrative Law I	“	3
Public International Law I	“	3
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law I	“	3
Project Report	“	6
Students are required to take any four courses from the following required elective courses in order to obtain 12 credits:		
Constitutional Law II	Elective	3
Administrative Law II	“	3
Public International Law II	“	3
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law II	“	3
Chinese Constitutional Law	“	3
Economic Law	“	3
History of Legal Cultures	“	3
International Criminal Law	“	3
Total Credits		30