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UNIVERSIDADE DE MACAU
UNIVERSITY OF MACAU

FACULTY OF LAW

**PROGRAMME CONTENT AND ADMISSION
REGULATIONS**

A. Master of Law (Chinese Language)

- medium of instruction: Chinese

Majors:

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

B. Master of Law (Portuguese Language)

- medium of instruction: Portuguese

Majors:

- Juridical Sciences
- Juridical-Political Sciences

C. Master of Law (English Language)

- medium of instruction: English

I. Master of Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language)

Majors:

- European Union Law
- International Law
- Comparative Law

II. Master of Law in International Business Law (English Language)

Major:

- International Business Law

D. Master of Law in Legal Translation

(Not Offered in Academic Year 2025/2026)

- medium of instruction: Chinese and Portuguese

E. Master of Law in Macau Law and Practice

- medium of instruction: Chinese / Portuguese

F. Postgraduate Diploma - Introduction to Macao Law Programme

- medium of instruction: Chinese

A. Master of Law (Chinese Language)

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master of Law (Chinese Language) since September 2001.

1. Objectives

The objectives of Master of Law Programme (Chinese Language) are to enhance the academic level of jurists. The Programme will specifically satisfy the needs and aspiration for profound law studies of local and non-local jurists whose mother tongue is Chinese.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degree is awarded in the below majors:

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

3. Admission Requirements

- In accordance with Item 8 of Article 20 of Law no. 10/2017 (Higher Education Regime).
- Applicants in the majors of Constitutional Law, Basic Law and Administrative Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law, as well as Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law possess Bachelor degree in Law are preferable. Applicants in the major of International Business Law possess Bachelor degree in Law or a degree in a relevant area are preferable.
- The major of the study should be stated clearly in applications.
- Applicants are subject to the uniform English proficiency requirements as stipulated by the General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes of the University of Macau.
- Applicants graduated from Mainland China, who possess a Bachelor of Law degree or a degree in a relevant area issued by any University recognized by the Ministry of Education, are preferable.
- Admission by merit, and the graduates of Categories 211 and 985 universities will be given priority.
- In compliance with the Admission Regulations and General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes and the Pedagogic Regulation of Master of Law (Chinese Language).

4. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese.

5. Admission Examination

Interview of applicants may be required, but not compulsory.

6. Normal Duration of Study

Two academic years.

7. Graduation Requirement

- Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while grades of each course shall be at least 14/20 point scale;
- The awarding of Master's degree depends on passing the introduction of a submitted project report that is written with originality.

8. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master's degree programmes of Law of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

9. 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 major on Table 1; 12 credits of the required electives on Table 2.

Table 1

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
Constitutional Law, Basic Law and Administrative Law		
Constitutional Law	Compulsory	3
Macao Basic Law	"	3
Administrative Law and Administrative Litigation Law	"	3
Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy	"	3
Project Report	"	6
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law		
Criminal Law	Compulsory	3
Criminal Procedural Law	"	3
Criminology and Criminal Justice	"	3
Foreign Criminal Law	"	3
Project Report	"	6
Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law		
Property Law	Compulsory	3
Contract Law	"	3
Copyright and Industrial Property Law	"	3
Biotechnology Law and Policy	"	3
Project Report	"	6
International Business Law		
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

Table 2

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
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 of the Master Programme offered by Faculty of Law	"	3

B. Master of Law (Portuguese Language)

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master of Law Programme (Portuguese Language) in 1994.

1. Objectives

To nurture jurists qualified for teaching and research in area of law and to promote the studies of law and legal development in Macao in the regional and international contexts.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degree is awarded in the below majors:

- Juridical Sciences
- Juridical-Political Sciences

3. Admission Requirements

- In accordance with Item 8 of Article 20 of Law no. 10/2017 (Higher Education Regime).
- Applicants possess Bachelor degree in Law are preferable.
- The major of the study should be stated clearly in applications.
- Applicants are subject to the uniform English proficiency requirements as stipulated by the General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes of the University of Macau.
- Mastery of Portuguese Language.
- In compliance with the General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes of the University and the Pedagogic Regulation of Master of Law (Portuguese Language).

4. Admission Examination

Interview of applicants may be required, but not compulsory.

5. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Portuguese.

6. Normal Duration of Study

Two academic years.

7. Graduation Requirement

- Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while grades of each course shall be at least 14/20 point scale;
- The awarding of Master's degree depends on passing the introduction of a submitted project report that is written with originality.

8. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master's degree programmes of Law of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

9. Study Plan

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
Juridical Sciences		
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	Optional	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	

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
Juridical Political Sciences		
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	Optional	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

C. Master of Law (English Language)

Master of Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language)

Introduction

In order to enhance the consistent role of Macao as a bridge between China and Europe and considerably ever-increasing relations between China and Europe and the world, there is a need to establish Master degree programme of European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law to cultivate more qualified jurists, professionals and academics in these fields.

1. Objectives

- To provide quality education and training in the fields of European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law;
- To maintain and enhance the position of the Faculty of Law of University of Macau as an important institute for the studies of Macau Law, European Continental Law, International Law and Comparative Law in the regional areas as well as this global world.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degree is awarded in the below majors:

- European Union Law
- International Law
- Comparative Law

3. Admission Requirements

- In accordance with Item 8 of Article 20 of Law no. 10/2017 (Higher Education Regime).
- Applicants possess Bachelor degree in Law or a degree in a relevant area are preferable.
- The major of the study should be stated clearly in applications.
- Applicants are subject to the uniform English proficiency requirements as stipulated by the General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes of the University of Macau.
- Applicants graduated from Mainland China, who possess a Bachelor of Law degree or a degree in a relevant area issued by any University recognized by the Ministry of Education, are preferable.
- Admission by merit, and the graduates of Categories 211 and 985 universities will be given priority.
- In compliance with the Admission Regulations and General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes and the Pedagogic Regulation of Master of Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language).

4. Admission Examination

Interview of applicants may be required, but not compulsory.

5. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is English.

6. Normal Duration of Study

Two academic years.

7. Graduation Requirement

- Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while grades of each course shall be at least 14/20 point scale;
- The awarding of Master's degree depends on passing the introduction of a submitted project report that is written with originality.

8. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

9. Study Plan

The number of credits required to complete the programme is 30, which are allocated as follows: 24 credits of the compulsory courses for the respective major on Table 1; 6 credits of the required electives on Table 2.

Table 1

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
European Union Law		
Treaty Reforms in the EU	Compulsory	3
Contemporary Issues in International Law	"	3
Comparative Legal Systems	"	3
Research Methodology and Legal Writing	"	3
Institutional Law of the European Union	"	3
Economic Law of the European Union	"	3
Project Report	"	6
International Law		
Treaty Reforms in the EU	Compulsory	3
Contemporary Issues in International Law	"	3
Comparative Legal Systems	"	3
Research Methodology and Legal Writing	"	3
International Economic Law	"	3
Law of International Organizations	"	3
Project Report	"	6
Comparative Law		
Treaty Reforms in the EU	Compulsory	3
Contemporary Issues in International Law	"	3
Comparative Legal Systems	"	3
Research Methodology and Legal Writing	"	3
Common Law	"	3
Comparative Contract Law	"	3
Project Report	"	6

Table 2

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
External Law and Policy of the European Union	Optional	3
EU Competition Law	"	3
EU Environmental Law	"	3
EU Natural Resources and Energy Law	"	3
Foreign Investment Law	"	3
International Criminal and Humanitarian Law	"	3
Human Rights and Refugee Law	"	3
Legal Culture and Legal Pluralism	"	3
Maritime and Shipping Law	"	3
E-commerce and Information Technology Law	"	3
Introduction to Macau Law	"	3
Macau and Comparative Gaming Law	"	3
Advanced Issues of International Trade Law	"	3
Asian Business Law	"	3
Company Law	"	3
Law and Society	"	3
Intellectual Property Law in the Creative Economy	"	3
Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Law	"	3
Private International Law	"	3
Consumer Protection Law	"	3
Commercial Contracts	"	3
Mooting	"	3
Seminar Series	"	3
Any one of the courses of the Master Programme offered by Faculty of Law	"	3

Master of Law in International Business Law (English Language)

Introduction

The International Business Law programme offers a great opportunity to study the law applicable to transnational business transactions and the regulation of economic activities. In the age of globalization, it is fundamental to be aware of international legal and regulatory standards in force both in Macao and in other regions, including the mainland of China, Hong Kong, the European Union and foreign countries. Doing business within Macao or with companies from abroad requires investors, legal advisors, and corporate officers to have knowledge of the relevant international legal and regulatory systems. This programme is designed to provide participants with the necessary background, in English, which is the language of international business. New and important areas are studied, such as: gaming law; commercial contracts; intellectual property law; anti-money laundering law; international trade law.

1. Admission Requirements

- In accordance with Item 8 of Article 20 of Law no. 10/2017 (Higher Education Regime).
- Applicants possess Bachelor degree in Law or a degree in a relevant area are preferable.
- Applicants are subject to the uniform English proficiency requirements as stipulated by the General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes of the University of Macau.
- Applicants graduated from Mainland China, who possess a Bachelor of Law degree or a degree in a relevant area issued by any University recognized by the Ministry of Education, are preferable.
- Admission by merit, and the graduates of Categories 211 and 985 universities will be given priority.
- In compliance with the Admission Regulations and General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes and the Pedagogic Regulation of Master of Law in International Business Law (English Language).

2. Admission Examination

Interview of applicants may be required, but not compulsory.

3. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is English.

4. Duration of Study

Two academic years.

5. Graduation Requirement

- Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while grades of each course shall be at least 14/20 point scale;
- The awarding of Master's degree depends on passing the introduction of a submitted project report that is written with originality.

6. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master's degree programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

7. Study Plan

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
Transnational Law	Compulsory	3
WTO and Regional Trade Law	"	3
Dispute Resolution	"	3
Intellectual Property Law in the Creative Economy	"	3
Research Methodology and Legal Writing	"	3
Project Report	"	6
Students are required to take any three courses from the following required elective courses in order to obtain 9 credits:		
EU Competition Law	Optional	3
EU Environmental Law	"	3
EU Natural Resources and Energy Law	"	3
Treaty Reforms in the EU	"	3
Foreign Investment Law	"	3
International Criminal and Humanitarian Law	"	3
Human Rights and Refugee Law	"	3
Law of International Organizations	"	3
Legal Culture and Legal Pluralism	"	3
Common Law	"	3
Maritime and Shipping Law	"	3
E-commerce and Information Technology Law	"	3
Introduction to Macau Law	"	3
Macau and Comparative Gaming Law	"	3
Advanced Issues of International Trade Law	"	3
Asian Business Law	"	3
Company Law	"	3
Law and Society	"	3
Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Law	"	3
Private International Law	"	3
Consumer Protection Law	"	3
Commercial Contracts	"	3

Mooting	"	3
Seminar Series	"	3
Any one of the courses of the Master Programme offered by Faculty of Law	"	3
Total Credits		30

D. Master of Law in Legal Translation (Not Offered in Academic Year 2025/2026)

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master of Law Programme in Legal Translation in 2014.

1. Objective

The Master of Law in Legal Translation Programme aims to strengthen Macao legal translation expertise with emphasis on text translation and interpretation as supplementary. It intends to enhance legal translation skills and strengthen theoretical foundation on Macao laws and translation, allowing students to have a better understanding of the general legal system of Macao. After completion of the Programme, students are expected to possess intellectual qualities of reasoning, analytical skills and creativity and grasp the basic knowledge of law, being qualified for advanced legal translation.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degree is awarded in Legal Translation.

3. Admission Requirement

- Applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree in Law; or a Bachelor's degree in Portuguese studies; or a Bachelor's degree in Chinese-Portuguese Translation and Interpretation.
- Applicants not holding a Bachelor's degree in Portuguese studies or Bachelor's degree in Chinese-Portuguese Translation and Interpretation are required to pass the Portuguese Proficiency test equivalent to Advanced Level of Portuguese language set up by the Faculty of Law.
- Applicants should be proficient in Chinese language.
- Admission by merit, and the graduates of Categories 211 and 985 universities will be given priority.
- In compliance with the Admission Regulations and General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes.

4. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese and Portuguese.

5. Normal Duration of Study

Two academic years. The first year of the Programme is devoted to course work. In the second year, students under the supervision of their supervisors will prepare the thesis and have an oral defense.

6. Graduation Requirement

Students should fulfill 30 credits, write a thesis and pass an oral defense before the Master's degree is awarded. The grading system is on a 20-point scale.

7. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master's degree programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

8. Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses	
Methodology of Legal Research	3
Macau Law	3
Legal Translation	3
Elective Courses (Students should choose the following elective courses to obtain at least 9 credits)	
<u>For students do not possess Bachelor of Law's Degree:</u>	
Constitutional Law	3
Criminal Law	4
Administrative Law I	3
Administrative Law II	3
General Theory of Civil Law	4
Obligation Law	4
Property Law	3
Family and Succession Law	4
Commercial Law	4
<u>For students possess Bachelor of Law's Degree:</u>	
Advanced Study of Public Law (in Portuguese)	3
Advanced Study of Private Law (in Portuguese)	3
Advanced Study of Public Administration and Civil Services	3
Drafting of Bilingual Laws and Legal Translation	3
Non-Litigation Dispute Resolution (in Portuguese)	3
Bilingual Legal Writing (in Chinese and Portuguese)	3
Elective Courses - Offered by the Faculty of Arts & Humanities (Students should choose 3 courses from the following elective courses)	
Chinese/Portuguese Translation	3
Portuguese/Chinese Translation	3
Interpreting I Chinese/Portuguese	3
Interpreting II Chinese/Portuguese	3
History, Culture and Translation	3
Translation of Legal Texts	3
Total credits	27 (Minimum)
Year II	
Applied Thesis	3
Grand Total Credits	30

Note:

- The elective courses offered by Faculty of Arts & Humanities are subject to their class arrangement and requirements.

E. Master of Law in Macau Law and Practice

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master of Law Programme in Macau Law and Practice in 2014.

1. Objective

The Programme is originated towards the knowledge of Macao legal practice and is aimed at boosting legal Portuguese proficiency at an advanced level. It intends to strengthen skills of legal practice and theoretical foundation in two languages. In addition, the purpose is to satisfy the community's needs for high quality Chinese-Portuguese bilingual legal practitioners and contribute to the promotion of economic and culture exchange between China and Portugal, as well as, the other Portuguese speaking countries.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degree is awarded in Macau Law and Practice.

3. Admission Requirement

- Applicants should hold a Bachelor's degree in Law.
- If necessary, applicants should pass the Portuguese Efficiency test equivalent to Intermediate Level of Portuguese language set up by the Faculty of Law.
- Applicants should be proficient in Chinese language.
- In compliance with the Admission Regulations and General Regulations Governing Master Degree and Postgraduate Certificate / Diploma Programmes.

4. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese / Portuguese.

5. Duration of Study

Two academic years.

6. Graduation Requirement

- Students are required to obtain a total of 30 credits for completion of the programme, while grades of each course shall be at least 14/20 point scale;
- The awarding of Master's degree depends on passing the introduction of a submitted project report that is written with originality.

7. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and those of the Master's degree programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

8. Study Plan

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
Interregional Law	Compulsory	3
Macao Basic Law	"	3
Macao Criminal Law	"	3
Macao Civil and Commercial Law	"	3
Macao Administrative Law	"	3
Legal Research and Legal Writing	"	3
Project Report	"	6
Students are required to take 2 required elective courses from the following courses to obtain 6 credits:		
Macao Criminal Procedural Law	Optional	3
Portuguese Conversation for Legal Practice	"	3
Research of Jurisprudence in Macao	"	3
Civil Procedure and Non-Litigation Dispute Resolution	"	3
Total Credits	30	

Remarks: The learning objectives of the programme do not aim to provide graduates with professional accreditation or the professional qualifications required for advancement in professional career paths.

F. Postgraduate Diploma - Introduction to Macao Law Programme

1. Objectives

The objective of the Introduction to Macao Law Programme as a complementary programme is to provide the participants who obtained Bachelor in Law from the country and region which legal system is different from that of Macao with an opportunity to obtain systematic and fundamental knowledge of the Macao Law, enabling them to conduct studies in Macao legal system.

2. Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree of Law obtained from Universities in other areas, with legal system different from that practiced in Macao, e.g. Bachelor of Law degree holders from Universities in Mainland China.
- Knowledge of Chinese Language.

3. Admission Examination

Applicants may be required to conduct written examination or interview, but not compulsory.

4. Medium of instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese (knowledge of the two official languages is preferred).

5. Normal Duration of Study

Two academic years.

6. Study Plan

Preparation period	Credits
Portuguese Language	2
Legal Language	2
History of Macau	2
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First Quarter	Credits
Legal History of Macau	2
General Theory of Civil Law	4
Constitutional Law	3
Criminal Law	3
Public International Law	2
Administrative Law I	3
Public Administration	2
Legal Language I	2
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Second Quarter	Credits
Public Economic Law	2
Criminal Procedural Law	4
Obligation Law	4
Property Law	3
Civil Procedural Law I	4
Administrative Law II	3
Legal Language II	2
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Third Quarter	Credits
Family and Succession Law	4
Commercial Law	4
Private International Law	4
Notary and Registry Law	2
Civil Procedural Law II	4
The Judicial and Legal Profession	2
Legal Language III	4
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Total credits **71**

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