



UNIVERSITY OF MACAU FACULTY OF LAW

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

Article 1

Master Degree

- 1. The University of Macau confers Master Degrees of Law through the Faculty of
- 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**

- 1. The programme of Master of Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language) offers the following three study majors:
 - European Union Law
 - International Law
 - Comparative Law
- 2. The programme of Master of Law in International Business Law (English Language) offers the following one study major:
 - 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 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. The courses offered in the curricular part shall be graded. The Compulsory course "Research Methodology and Legal Writing" by either Pass (P) or Fail (NP) while another course "Project Report" will be graded as according to the Item O of the General Rules Governing Master's Degree & Postgraduate Certificate/ Diploma Programmes. The grading methods may include but are not limited to: assignments; essays; oral or written examinations; presentations; or "open book" or "take home" examinations.

- 2. The evaluation of the students' performance shall take into account their attendance, interest and participation in the classes and seminars. The choice of the specific method of evaluation shall be made by the relevant course instructor(s).
- 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.
- 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.
- 6. One supplementary oral examination will be organized subsequently for students who failed to achieve the 14/20 point scale for a particular course.

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 quotations, legal texts, judicial opinion, appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. After the presentation is approved, three hard copies and s soft copy 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 (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 examiner 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 as according to the Item O of the General Rules Governing Master's Degree & Postgraduate Certificate/ Diploma Programmes.
- 2. After the completion of the presentation of the project report, the examination committee should hold a meeting to deliberate and announce 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. 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 performance of 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 contains the study plans of the Master of Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language) and Master of Law in International Business Law (English 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 in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law (English Language) and Master of Law in International Business Law (English 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 Study Plan

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

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 study major (Table 1) and 6 credits of the required electives (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		
Comparative Contract Law	"	3

Project Report	"	3
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Table 2

Subject / Course	Types	Credits
External Law and Policy of the European Union	Optional	3
EU Competition Law	"	3
EU Environmental Law	11	3
EU Natural Resources and Energy Law	11	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	11	3
Advanced Issues of International Trade Law	11	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	11	3
Consumer Protection Law	11	3
Commercial Contracts	"	3
Mooting	"	3
Seminar Series	11	3
Any one of the courses at the Master Level offered by Faculty of Law	"	3

Master of Law in International Business Law (English Language)

The number of credits required to complete the programme is 30, which are allocated as follows: 21 credits of the compulsory courses for the respective study major (Table 3) and 9 credits of the required electives (Table 4).

Table 3

Subject / Course	Type	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	11	6

Table 4

Subject / Course	Types	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 at the Master Level offered by Faculty of Law	"	3