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# UNIVERSITY OF MACAU FACULTY OF LAW

**Pedagogic Regulations of Master of Law in Macau  
Law and Practice**

**(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**  
**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 3**  
**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 4**  
**Grading System**

1. The evaluation on the students' performance shall take into account the students' attendance, 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. 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 5**  
**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 6**  
**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 7**  
**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 8**  
**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 9**  
**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 10**  
**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. Honours upon graduation are awarded as follows:
  - Excellent (overall result of 19.00 to 20)
  - Very Good (overall result of 17.000 to 18.99)
  - Good (overall result of 14.00 to 16.99)
2. In calculating the overall result, the overall point scales are truncated, not rounded, to two decimal places. The performance of the project report will also be taken into consideration.

**Article 11**  
**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 12**  
**Annex**

The annex is the study plan of Master of Law in Macau Law and Practice 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 Regulations of the Master of Law in Macau Law and Practice of the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau.
2. This decision comes into force with effect in the Academic Year 2025/2026 and applies to students admitted in or after academic years 2025/2026.

**Annex  
Study Plan**

The number of credits required to complete the programme is 30, which are allocated as follows: 24 credits of the compulsory courses (Table 1) and 6 credits of the required electives (Table 2).

**Table 1**

<b>Subject / Course</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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

**Table 2**

<b>Subject / Course</b>	<b>Types</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Macao Criminal Procedural Law	Optional	3
Portuguese Conversation for Legal Practice	"	3
Research of Judicial Decisions in Macao	"	3
Civil Procedure and Non-Litigation Dispute Resolution	"	3