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ATHENS LAW SCHOOL  
**LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL  
AND EUROPEAN  
LEGAL STUDIES**

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# LL.M IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES

Our brand-new LL.M. programme in International and European Legal Studies has set itself the goal of offering its students an education that will meet the requirements of a truly European Lawyer. Our students will have the chance to attend courses and seminars held in English and taught by some of the most prominent Greek legal scholars. At the same time, they will benefit from the strong network and various activities of the European Law School, comprising the Humboldt Universität in Berlin, King's College, La Sapienza University in Rome, the University of Amsterdam and the Universidade Cattolica Portuguesa in Lisbon. Once a year, students from all the participating countries come together in a Summer School held in the premises of one of these Law Schools, in order to practice modern legal skills.

## ATHENS LAW SCHOOL A STRONG FOUNDATION

With almost 200 years of history, the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is the oldest and largest state institution for the training of young legal scholars in Greece. Our alumni include some of the most influential and important figures of the recent Greek and European history. Our aspiration is to offer our students better, more useful and creative studies, which will equip them with the necessary skills and qualifications to deal with the complex and ever-changing academic, professional, social, cultural and technological realities. The Athens Law School endeavours to spark the students' interest in learning and research via a training curriculum which combines an interdisciplinary theoretical approach with the needs and demands of legal practice.



## OUR STUDENTS RENOWNED WORLDWIDE

Our students maintain a high level of performance during their studies. Many of them participate each year in a series of International Student Moot Court or Arbitration Competitions both in the field of Public International Law, such as Space Law, Law of the Sea and Commercial Arbitration, but also in Roman Law. The outstanding achievements and distinctions of our students in these Competitions over the last 10 years rank the Athens Law School among the best in the world. Some of our prizes include:

- 1st place in the International Roman Law Moot Court Competition 2013
- 1st place in the European Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2015
- 1st place in the Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot 2015
- 1st place in the Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition 2018
- 2nd place in the NILOS Moot Court Competition 2019



## Master's Programme 2020-2021

Our LL.M. Programme consists of two separate LL.M Courses: the LL.M in Private Law and Business Transactions and the LL.M in International and European Law. In order to obtain the LL.M. degree, students must successfully complete two semesters and write a dissertation in a field of their choice, under the supervision of our academic staff.

### LL.M. course: Private Law and Business Transactions

#### Course Description

In the Private Law and Business Transactions Master's at the Athens Law School, students will be offered a wide variety of intensive modules which cover the whole range of modern private transactions, with a particular focus on the developments of EU legislation and case law. It seeks to provide students with a solid doctrinal and practical background which would allow them to successfully cope with the ever-demanding academic environment, while developing their careers at the highest level of national and international practice.

#### Study programme\*

Core modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

##### Winter Semester

- Banking and Financial Transactions (7,5 ECTS)
- Law and Economics (7,5 ECTS)
- E-Commerce Law (7,5 ECTS)
- International Insolvency Law (7,5 ECTS)

##### Spring Semester

- Modern issues of Competition Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Consumer Protection Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Comparative and European Labour Law (7,5 ECTS)
- European Tort Law (7,5 ECTS)

Optional modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

##### Winter Semester

- Law of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs (7,5 ECTS)
- International and European Tax Law (7,5 ECTS)
- General Principles of Civil Procedure Law (7,5 ECTS)

##### Spring Semester

- Comparative Public Law (7,5 ECTS)
- European Criminal Procedure Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Comparative Legal Systems (7,5 ECTS)

**Mandatory Seminar - Origins and Principles of Modern Private Law (SS - 2 ECTS)**

**Master's Thesis (13 ECTS)**

\* For the successful completion of the programme, students must obtain 75 ECTS.

The Master's thesis is written upon completion of the summer semester and shall be submitted by the end of September of the same year.

### LL.M. course: International and European Law

#### Course description

The LL.M course International and European Law provides students with a firm theoretical and practical foundation in the fields of Public International Law (PIL) and/or European Union Law (EUL). When more than 3/4 of the chosen subjects belong to either direction, their final degree will have the corresponding specialisation – otherwise, the final degree awarded will be an LL.M. in International & European Law. In addition to their coursework, students may also participate in moot court competitions and law clinics and have the opportunity to engage with the international community from all over the world.

#### Study programme\*

Core modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

##### Winter Semester

- Fundamentals of International Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- International Human Rights Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Fundamentals of EU Law (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)

##### Spring Semester

- International Dispute Settlement (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- International Environmental Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- EU Tax Law (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)
- EU Governance and Security (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)

Optional modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

##### Winter Semester

- Law of the Sea (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Law of the World Trade Organization (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Contemporary challenges of International Humanitarian Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Fundamental Rights in the EU (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)
- International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- EU External Relations Law (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)

##### Spring Semester

- International Investment Law & Arbitration (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Business and Human Rights (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Economic and Monetary Union Law (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Environmental Protection in the EU (EUL) (7,5 ECTS)
- International and European Criminal Law (PIL) (7,5 ECTS)
- Cybersecurity and International Law (PIL) (7,5 EC)

**Mandatory Seminar - Origins and Principles of International and European Law (SS - 2 ECTS)**

**Master's Thesis (13 ECTS)**

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## Entry Requirements

Students with a Greek University Bachelor's Degree in Law or students with an academic degree comparable to a Greek Bachelor of Law (LL.B.), are eligible for this Master's programme. Students who have obtained a degree in a field of studies which is relevant to the pursued programme may also be accepted. Students who have obtained their degree from a non - greek University, shall apply for recognition of their title with the Hellenic National Recognition and Information Centre (DOATAP). Throughout the application procedure, overseas students will receive constant guidance by the administrative staff, if requested.

Applications will be assessed by the Board of Admissions. Successful applicants will be chosen based on their academic competence and following a Skype interview which will take place during the first two weeks of September.

## Language proficiency requirements

Prospective students need to provide proof of at least a C1 level certificate in the English language. Candidates who are native English speakers or have a degree from a University programme entirely taught in English and have written a thesis in English, are exempt from submitting a certificate of English proficiency. Knowledge of French and/or German is desirable, but not essential for the application process.

Candidates who do not possess a certificate in one of the aforementioned languages, can instead sit a placement examination based on a legal text, which will be conducted by one of our academic staff. For that reason, interested candidates should indicate in their application the language they wish to be examined on. More information about the language proficiency requirements may be found in our website (Entry Requirements).

## Career perspectives

Thanks to our multifaceted Master's programme and our teaching method, which is oriented both in legal theory and practice, our graduates are problem-solving driven, curious lawyers who can successfully cope with various tasks of legal practice and fulfill a range of functions. Our graduates are highly employable in international law firms throughout the EU, but they could also act as compliance officers and in-house lawyers for financial institutions and other corporations. Moreover, they can take on national and European government functions, join the judiciary bodies or pursue an academic career.

**Degree:**

LL.M. in International and European Legal Studies

**LL.M. courses**

Private Law and Business Transactions - International and European Law

**Mode**

Full-time (intensive)

**Credit value**

75 ECTS

**Statutory Tuition**

**Fees (2020-2021)** €1.200

**Language**

English

**Start date**

1 October 2020

**Duration**

1 year

**Application deadline (for all students)**

9 July 2020

**Location**

Athens Law School

## Degree Equivalence

The Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is a state University operating in accordance with the rules and principles of the Hellenic Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. In this respect, the Master's degrees conferred to our students are comparable to LL.M. diplomas delivered by other EU countries and are highly regarded both within the EU and worldwide.

## Contact

If you would like to know more about the content of the LL.M. in International and European Legal Studies or have any questions regarding the application process, please contact the programme coordinator, **Mr. Konstantinos Serdaris**, or visit our website.

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