

LAW

Master's degree programme



FACULTY OF LAW
Comenius University
Bratislava



2 years full-time
programme

120 ECTS

Bratislava

scholarship funding
available

tuition fee: 3500€
/ academic year

About the programme

The Faculty of Law at Comenius University in Bratislava offers an accredited two-year Master's degree programme in English, focused mainly on European Union Law and International Law.

After completing the programme, the graduate will be able to analyse and synthesise various legal issues within European Union Law and International Law from a theoretical, philosophical and ethical perspective. The graduate will not only develop a broad base of knowledge but will also be fully prepared to practice law, especially in multinational law offices, business corporations, central governmental authorities, and international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The programme contains over 20 mandatory elective courses and 15 elective courses.

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Attain your knowledge in Bratislava
for your future career!

Participate in international moot court
competitions or internships!



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Admission requirements and procedure

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Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in law, LL.B., or equivalent degree from a programme with substantial legal education.

Applicants may be admitted to the Master's degree programme upon successful completion of an admission test (50% of the overall evaluation) and by proving an adequate knowledge of English (50% of the overall evaluation).

- The admission test is comprised of an on-site written examination covering general knowledge of European Union law and International law. Applicants from third countries may elect to complete the examination by electronic means. This portion of the test is worth 150 points.
- The applicant must also demonstrate adequate knowledge of English through all aspects of the application including selected language certificates with at least B2 level (e.g. IELTS, ESOL, TOEFL, Slovak Maturita Exam), unless English is a native language. If the applicant does not have a language certificate available, knowledge of English will be assessed through a written examination worth 150 points. *

* A minimum number of points is not specified. The final evaluation of the applicant's language skills will be assessed holistically. If there are concerns as to the applicant's level of English knowledge, but there is an identifiable potential for improvement, the Faculty of Law will provide additional language courses for the applicant.

Application

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The applicant must complete the online application form with the following enclosures:

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- Proof of payment of the application fee (70€)
- Certified documents proving academic degrees (graduation diplomas)
- Proof of an adequate knowledge of English (photocopies of certificates)
- Applicants studying abroad decision on recognition of documents on education issued abroad (you can manage it via our University: <https://uniba.sk/en/study/pregradualne>)
- Academic transcripts including final grades

Apply here:

www.tinyurl.com/flawMDPAPP



Deadlines

Application period:	till 31. 08. 2022
Admission test:	September 2022
Academic year	19. 09. 2022 – 30. 06. 2023
Winter term: Exams:	19. 09. 2022 – 16. 12. 2022 * 02. 01. 2023 – 10. 02. 2023
Summer term: Exams:	13. 02. 2023 – 12. 05. 2023 * 15. 05. 2023 – 30. 06. 2023
Holiday:	from July to August

* The length of the teaching period
in each semester is 14 weeks.

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Funding

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Tuition fee for an academic year: 3500€
**Funding possibility up to the amount
of tuition fee! (limited capacity only)**

**Scholarship fund at Faculty of Law,
Comenius University in Bratislava:**

1. granting scholarships for foreign students to finance their studies at our faculty
2. granting scholarships for students to finance their studies of study programmes related to European law and values under Art. 2 of the Treaty on European Union.

Other funding possibilities:

www.visegradfund.org/apply/mobilities/visegrad-scholarship
www.saia.sk/en

Programme overview

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Master's degree programme – Master in Law is a programme offered by the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava. As one of the few Faculties of Law in the Central and Eastern Europe, it offers a complete two-year programme in English. Unlike other Faculties of Law in the region our programme is neither only certified postgraduate programme or life-long education, nor Master degree programme in the non-legal field of study e.g. legal specifics.

The graduate of the programme will acquire a full Master degree in Laws that allows him to enrol to any of the professional chambers in Slovakia or to practice any of the legal professions.

The philosophy of the Master's degree programme – The goal of the Master in Law programme is to offer students a broad platform on which to design their own course of study within the parameters set by the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava. The Master's degree programme offers an innovative legal education in accordance with foreign, mainly Western European, models. It was implemented as a result of the Foreign Language Master Degree Programme project "Law of European Integration and Globalization", which was co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund within the operational programme Education.

Since the inception of the Master of Law programme, the Faculty of Law has introduced and taught a considerable number of new courses. Along with introducing new content, the Faculty has embraced the most modern, innovative teaching methods, with an emphasis on gaining practical skills through clinical education and moot courts.

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Programme structure

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All students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 120 ECTS in two academic years including a master thesis and a state examination. Mandatory courses of the programme comprise 64 ECTS. Minimum of 40 ECTS shall be chosen from the mandatory-elective courses including participation in one of the moot courts. The remaining 16 ECTS shall be selected by the student from the list of elective courses. Some electives may be offered on a temporary basis.

The applicant is not required to focus on any particular legal concentration. However, during his or her studies, the student can select among a variety of mandatory-elective courses according to his or her individual interests. One elective concentration offered is Law of International Trade focusing primarily on the private law elements of International and European Business Law. Another elective concentration is Law of International Organizations dealing with public law elements of International and European Law.

The Master of Law programme is not simply about memorizing information. Instead, the programme develops the critical thinking skills necessary to synthesise and apply all relevant sources of law to solve problems in rapidly changing world.



Programme structure

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Mandatory Courses	Year / semester	ECTS
Public International Law 1	1w	5
EU LAW 1	1w	5
Private International Law 1	1w	4
Legal Skills (Interpretation and Argumentation in Legal Practice)	1w	3
Human Rights	1w	4
International and European Labour Law and Social Security Law	1w	4
Public International Law 2 and International Criminal Law	1s	5
EU LAW 2	1s	5
Private International Law 2	1s	5
EU Competition Law and State Aid	2w	6
Legal Ethics	2s	3
Master's Thesis	2s	10
State Examination (either State Examination – public law or State Examination – private law)	2s	5
TOTAL		64

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Mandatory-elective courses	Year / semester	Concentration	ECTS
Company Law	1w	lit	3
International Relations	1w	lio	3
History of Private Law	1w	lit	2
History of Public Law	1w	lio	2
Private Comparative Law	1s	lit	3
Public Comparative Law	1s	lio	3
Corporate Governance	1s	lit	3
Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law	1s	lio	3
Negotiation	1s	lit	3
International Negotiation	1s	lio	3
Alternative Dispute Resolution	2w	lit	3
International Treaty Law	2w	lio	3
Law of International Trade	2w	lit	4
Economic and Monetary Union	2w	lio	4
Mergers and Acquisitions	2w	lit	3
Immigration and Asylum Law	2w	lio	3
Intellectual Property Law	2s	lit	3
WTO Law and Practice	2s	lio	3
International Taxation and Private Sphere	2s	lit	3
International Taxation and Incomes of State Budget	2s	lio	3

* LIT = Law of International Trade; LIO = Law of International Organizations

International Moot Courts

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The Master's degree programme provides active and talented students the opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge and skills in the realistic and demanding environment of international law competitions. These competitions are comprised of the best law students from around the world who meet as counsels for adversary parties in moot court proceedings. Students thus have a unique opportunity to compare themselves with colleagues from around the globe and present their legal arguments in front of an international panel of distinguished legal practitioners acting as presiding judges.

Every student of the Master's degree programme must participate in one of the moot court courses valued 5+5 ECTS. The most successful students are selected to represent the Faculty of Law at international competitions.

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The aim of the programme is to develop highly effective analytical and public speaking skills in the context of a legal oral argument. Students are prepared and encouraged to participate in the following prestigious international moot courts:

- European Law Moot Court Competition (ELMC)
- Central and East European Moot Competition (CEEMC)
- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot)
- Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Jessup)
- International Criminal Court Trial Competition (ICC Trial Competition)
- European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC)

Basic information about faculty

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„Ius est ars boni et aequi.“ (Law is the art of the good and the just.) sounds in the heart of the faculty building since 1921, when the Faculty of Law started its activities, till the present day.

Faculty is part of the Comenius University in Bratislava (www.uniba.sk/en) and it is the oldest and, according to the most current evaluations, also the best school of law in Slovakia.

Faculty of Law is accredited for legal education in bachelor (Bc.), master (Mgr.) and doctorate (PhD.) programmes for studies as well as for rigorosum procedure (academic degree JUDr.). Among foreign lawyers, rigorosum procedure in English or German language or the PhD. study in external form in English language became popular. Faculty applies a credit system of education

based on the principles of the internationally recognized European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

The Faculty of Law has its historical building having entrance from Šafárikovo námestie (square) and its new building having its entrance on the opposite side of the complex - from Muzejná Street. Both, the new and the historical buildings are interconnected.

The most important spaces (like library or entrance hall) are covered by Wi-Fi signal. Obviously, computers are available for students in the library, in specialized rooms as well as behind the entrance of the new building.

The Law Library is situated on the 5th floor of the new building. It serves the students, teachers, researchers and the general public. It keeps approx. 80 000 books covering all branches of law and related fields. In addition, the Law Library subscribes to about 250 titles of periodicals and keeps electronic databases of legal literature (also in English language).

The European Documentation Centre (EDC) is being a part of the Law Library since 1991. EDC regularly receives one copy of publications published by the official European Union publisher sited in Luxembourg. The most documents received are in the English language, since 2004 also in the Slovak language.

Students of the Faculty of Law can use also the University Library, reconstructed in 2006 and located in historical buildings at Ventúrska Street and Klariská Street (see www.ulib.sk/english/). Accommodation is can be provided in the Dormitory (student residence) Mlyny, Staré Grunty 36, Bratislava, located around 15 minutes by bus and tram from the Faculty of Law.

We can secure also accommodation for disabled persons, however, it is advisable to inform the Dormitory in advance, as the places are limited. You can get all necessary information step by step at: <https://mlyny.uniba.sk/en>

Other useful information: www.uniba.sk/en
www.flaw.uniba.sk/en
- section International Relations.

How to get to Bratislava?

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To reach Bratislava by plane, students can fly to M.R. Stefanik Bratislava International Airport which is situated only half an hour drive by bus from the centre of the town. Another very convenient option is the Vienna International Airport, which is located only 50km from Bratislava. You can take a shuttle bus line to Bratislava from there.

Why to study in Bratislava?

Thanks to its central position in Europe, Bratislava has always been a crossroad of cultures (Vienna—Budapest—Bratislava). Museums and galleries exhibit this heritage. They are the key to understanding the culture, the fascinating history of the nation as well as the natural landscape.

Due to its proximity to Vienna, there are also several possibilities to experience the day-to-day life of international organizations as the UN or OSCE.

Moreover, there are numerous theatres, opera and ballet companies, chamber orchestras and symphony orchestras which represent the national cultural heritage. It is right here, in the country of musicians and painters, where Andy Warhol has his origins.

Slovakia is a country which can offer boundless opportunities when it comes to culture, and entertainment. In winter our mountains offer good quality ski resorts with well-prepared downhill slopes and cross-country trails opened usually from November to the end of April. In summer you can choose between cycling, rafting, trekking, hiking, horse riding, etc. During the whole year you can swim in the thermal swimming pools almost everywhere in Slovakia!



Practical information for prospective students

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Visa, Accommodation, Health insurance:

www.uniba.sk/en/international-relations/practical-information



● Visa

As a citizen of EU member state you must have a valid passport (or a valid ID card) and have to register at the Foreign Police Department in Bratislava or Martin. Please note that if you stay longer than 90 days in Slovakia you have to apply for a Temporary Residence Permit in our country.

If you are a non-EU student you are invited to apply for Visa and Temporary Residence Permit at the Embassy or Consulate of the Slovak Republic prior to your arrival. After your arrival you have to register at the Foreign Police Department.

● Accommodation

Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava provides a limited number of University accommodation.

● Health Insurance

EU students have to travel to Slovakia with your European Health Insurance Card (E111 card). This card will facilitate access to health care during your study stay in Slovakia. Students should request your Card from their home country's health service before you leave.

Non EU student need to have a health insurance policy for the whole period of stay in Slovakia.

All students must also have an insurance coverage against accidents during the whole stay in Slovakia. The insurance should also cover any accidents that may occur during educational activities.



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