

DECISION

Amendment of the Regulation of the Intensive Postgraduate Studies Programme of the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) entitled "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*".

THE SENATE OF THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

WHEREAS:

1. the provisions of Law 4957/22 "*New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality and connection of Higher Education Institutions (H.E.I.) with society and other provisions.*" (A' 141), and in particular articles 79 to 88 thereof,
2. the circular of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs under reference 135557/Z1/1-11-2022 [*Implementation of the provisions of Law 4957/2022 "New horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality and connection of H.E.I. with society and other provisions"*] (A' 141) for the organization and operation of postgraduate programmes and other issues,
3. the joint ministerial decision under reference 18137/Z1/16-02-2023 "*Determination of the conditions and procedure for the organization of Postgraduate Studies Programmes with distance learning methods in Higher Education Institutions (H.E.I.)*" (B' 1079),
4. the provisions of Law 4386/2016 "*Regulations for research and other provisions*" (A' 83), as amended and in force,
5. the presidential decree 85/31-5-2013 "*Establishment, renaming, reorganization of Faculties and establishment of a Department at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*" (A' 124),
6. the provisions of Law 3374/2005 and in particular articles 14 and 15 "*Quality assurance in higher education Credit Transfer and Accumulation System - Diploma Annex*" (189 A'), as amended and in force,
7. the ministerial decision under reference Φ5/89656/B3/13-8-2007 "*Implementation of the Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*" (B' 1466),
8. the decision No. 1432/20-01-2023 of the Senate of the NKUA, whereby the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the NKUA was approved (B' 392),
9. the decision No. 1061/2018 of the Senate of the NKUA, whereby the "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" was established (B' 5079),
10. the decision No. 223/2020 of the Senate of the NKUA, whereby the Regulation of the "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" was approved (B' 2152),
11. the decision No. 1161/2022 of the Senate of the NKUA on the amendment of the postgraduate programme of studies entitled "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" (B' 2891),
12. the decision No. 1165/2022 of the Senate of the NKUA on the amendment of the Regulation on the Postgraduate Programme of Studies entitled "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" (B' 2397),
13. the excerpt from the minutes of the Assembly of the School of Law of NKUA (meeting 22.3.2023)
14. the excerpt from the minutes of the Senate of the NKUA (meeting...)
15. the fact that the present decision does not entail any expenditure to the detriment of the state budget

decides:

the amendment of the Regulation on the intensive Postgraduate Studies Programme of the School of Law of the NKUA, entitled "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*", from the academic year 2022-2023, in accordance with the provisions of Law no. 4957/22 and the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the NKUA, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE – PURPOSE

1.1 The aim of the Postgraduate Studies Programme (**Programme**) of the School of Law of the NKUA, entitled "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" is to deepen and promote knowledge and promote research in the field of contemporary European Private Law and International and European Business Law, as it is shaped and developed on the basis of international law on the one hand and the EU *acquis* on the other, taking into account the needs of the country's development. In particular, the preparation of a thesis aims at the production of scientific research of high quality and the creation of scientists capable of contributing to the progress of science and teaching. This Programme enables the School of Law to be part of the Network of the best European Law Schools, within the framework of the European Law School Network (<https://www.european-law-school.eu/en>), which consists of the Law Schools of the Humboldt University of Berlin, the University of Paris II (Panthéon Assas), the University of King's College London, the University of Rome "La Sapienza", the University of Amsterdam, the University of Católica Portuguesa of Lisbon and the Autónoma University of Madrid, and to benefit from synergies from this cooperation with the participation of Leading Academics and members of the teaching and research staff from abroad.

1.2 The Programme leads to the award of the Master's Degree "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*", upon the full and successful completion of the studies according to the curriculum, in the following specialisations:

a) European Private Law.

b) Private Law & Business Transactions

1.3 The degree of studies are awarded by the School of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

1.4 Learning outcomes, qualifications acquired upon successful completion of the Programme.

The specialisation "*European Private Law*" aims to familiarise students in depth with issues of both the law of property and persons, which are at the heart of contemporary EU legislation and case law. At the same time, issues of private transactional law that touch on international law are also examined through the study of international literature and case law.

The specialisation "*Private Law and Business Transactions*" aims to familiarise students in depth with issues of contemporary business law, which are at the heart of EU legislation and case law. At the same time, issues of international trade, as developed through international treaties, are examined through the study of international literature and case law.

ARTICLE 2. STRUCTURE AND BODIES OF THE PROGRAMME

The competent bodies for the operation of the Programme according to Law 4957/2022 are:

2.1 At the level of the Institution, the competent bodies are the Postgraduate Studies Committee and the Senate.

2.2 At the level of the Faculty, the competent bodies are:

2.2.1 The Faculty **Assembly**. The powers of the Assembly are to:

(a) recommend to the Senate through the Postgraduate Studies Committee the necessity of establishing/amending a Programme, as well as the extension of the duration of the Programme,

(b) appoint the Director and the members of the Steering Committee of each Programme of the Faculty,

(c) establish Committees for the evaluation of the applications of the postgraduate candidates and approve their enrolment in the Programme,

(d) assigns teaching work among the teachers of the Programme and may assign auxiliary teaching work to PhD students of the Faculty, under the supervision of a Professor of the Programme.

(f) set up examination committees for the examination of postgraduate students' theses and to appoint a supervisor for each thesis,

(g) determine the successful completion of the course of study and to award the Postgraduate Studies Diploma,

(h) approve the report of the Programme, upon the recommendation of the Steering Committee (SC),

(i) exercise any other lawful competence.

By decision of the Faculty Assembly, the responsibilities of paragraphs c) and f) may be delegated to the Steering Committee of the Programme.

2.2.2 The Steering Committee (SC)

The SC consists of the Director of the Programme and four (4) members of the Faculty's teaching and research academic staff and emeritus professors, who have a related subject to that of the Programme and undertake teaching work in the Programme. The members of the SC are appointed by a decision of the Faculty Assembly. The SC is responsible for supervising and coordinating the operation of the programme, and in particular:

- (a) prepare the initial annual budget of the Programme and its amendments, if the Programme has resources, and recommend its approval to the Research Committee of the Special Account for Research Grants (SARG),
- (b) prepare the programme report and recommend its approval to the Faculty Assembly,
- (c) approve the expenditure of the Programme,
- (d) approve the granting of scholarships, contributory or not, in accordance with the provisions of the decision establishing the Programme and the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies;
- (e) recommend to the Faculty Assembly the allocation of teaching work, as well as the assignment of teaching work,
- (f) recommends to the Faculty Assembly the invitation of Visiting Professors to cover the teaching needs of the Programme,
- (g) draw up a plan for the modification of the curriculum, which shall be submitted to the Faculty Assembly,
- (h) recommend to the Faculty Assembly the reallocation of courses between academic semesters, as well as issues related to the qualitative upgrading of the curriculum.

2.2.3 The Director of the Programme.

The Director of the Programme is selected from among the teaching and research staff of the Faculty, with priority given to those with the rank of professor or associate professor, and is appointed by decision of the Faculty Assembly for a two-year term of office, renewable without limitation.

The Director of the Programme has the following responsibilities:

- (a) chair the SC, draw up the agenda and convene its meetings,
- (b) propose matters concerning the organisation and operation of the Programme to the Faculty Assembly,
- (c) recommend to the SC and the other bodies of the Programme and of the H.E.I. issues related to the effective operation of the Programme,
- (d) be the Scientific Officer of the programme and exercise the corresponding responsibilities,
- (e) monitors the implementation of the decisions of the Programme bodies and the Internal Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies, as well as the monitoring of the implementation of the Programme budget,
- (f) exercise any other competence specified in the decision establishing the Programme.

The Director of the Programme, as well as the members of the SC, are not entitled to any remuneration or any compensation for the performance of the responsibilities assigned to them and related to the performance of their duties.

2.3 Secretarial support for the Programme.

(a) The Secretariat of the School of Law is responsible for the secretarial and administrative support of the Programme.

(b) The Secretary of the Faculty of Law shall designate an employee or employees - depending on the number of Programme and the workload - as responsible for the Postgraduate Programmes of the Faculty. All applications and declarations concerning the Postgraduate Studies Programme shall be submitted to the Secretariat of Postgraduate Studies of the School of Law. The Secretariat of Postgraduate Studies is also responsible for the operation of the Register of Postgraduate Studies. The names of the students admitted, by year and by specialisation, the names of the graduates of the Programme, by year and by specialisation, and the titles of the theses and dissertations completed are published in the Register of the Programme.

(c) The "*LL.M in International and European Legal Studies*" may, in accordance with the applicable law, employ external collaborators for secretarial and administrative support, who are again under the supervision of the Secretariat of the School of Law.

ARTICLE 3. CATEGORIES AND NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

3.1 The programme is intended for those who: a) hold a degree of studies in Law from a national Higher Education Institution or from a corresponding department or faculty of a foreign Higher Education Institution; and

(b) have a very good knowledge of English (C1 level and above), as evidenced by the provision of one of the language certificates of an equivalent level recognised by the Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection (ASEP). A very good knowledge of at least one of the following languages will be taken into account: French or German. By decision of the SC, Graduates of Higher Education Institutions in subjects relevant to the field of specialisation may, exceptionally, be admitted.

3.2 The maximum number of students admitted to the Programme is set at twenty-five (25) per specialisation, subject to Article 4.8. In addition to the 25 students admitted per specialisation, foreign students from the partner universities of the European Law School Network, proposed by the academic institutions participating in the aforementioned Network, shall be admitted under the specific conditions set out in Article 4.7. The above foreign students shall not be counted towards the maximum number of twenty-five (25) students per specialisation referred to in the previous subparagraph, but their total number may not exceed fourteen (14) students for both specialisations.

3.3 In addition to the number of students admitted, up to two (2) judiciary members per specialisation may be admitted by resolution of the Assembly and upon recommendation of the SC. This selection shall be made in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 4 and on the basis of the admission requirements set out in Article 3.1 and the Call for Applications. In addition, one (1) member of the categories of *Laboratory Teaching Staff* and *Specialist Technical Laboratory Staff* may be admitted as supernumerary, in accordance with the applicable law.

3.4 Scholarship holders of the *State Scholarships Foundation* (for postgraduate studies), foreign scholarship holders of the Greek state, for the same or related subject as that of the Programme, are admitted without if the other conditions are met.

3.5 The exact number of enrolled students and the type of admission is announced in the Programme Call for Applications.

ARTICLE 4. METHOD OF ADMISSION

4.1 Students are selected in accordance with the applicable law, the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the NKUA and the provisions of this Regulation, and are selected on the date specified in the Call for Applications.

4.2 No later than 31st May of each year, by the decision of the Assembly of the School of Law of NKUA, upon the recommendation of the SC, a Call for Applications on admission of postgraduate students to the LL.M program is published and posted on the websites of the Faculty and the Institution. The Call for Applications includes, for each specialisation, at least: a) the requirements for the participation of candidates in the selection procedure, b) the number of enrolled students, c) the supporting documents to be submitted in accordance with Articles 3.1 and 4.4 and the deadline for their submission, d) the selection procedure and criteria in accordance with Article 4.6 and e) the date of evaluation. The relevant applications together with the necessary supporting documents shall be submitted to the Secretariat of the Programme within a deadline set in the Call for Applications and may be extended by decision of the Faculty Assembly. Candidates may apply for both specialisations per year, subject to a maximum of two, but if they are successful in both, they may only enroll in the specialisation they have declared first. The application form is posted on the Postgraduate Studies website of the School of Law and on the website of the Programme (iels.law.NKUA.gr). The application form shall be submitted electronically to the School's Secretariat (Department of Postgraduate Studies), accompanied by all the necessary supporting documents, within the deadline specified in the Call for Applications. Graduate students who have not completed the first cycle of study are also eligible to apply, provided that, if accepted, they will submit a degree of studies or certificate of completion of studies by the deadline specified in the Call for Applications.

4.3 The Faculty Assembly, upon the proposal of the SC, appoints an Admissions Committee consisting of at least three members of the Faculty's teaching and research staff who have taught in the Programme.

4.4 The following documents are required:

- Application form
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Identity card, photocopied on both sides
- Copy of degree of studies or certificate of completion of studies
- Detailed grades of undergraduate courses (if no copy of degree of studies or certificate of completion of studies is available)
- English language certificate (C1 level and above)
- Scientific publications, if any
- Evidence of professional or research activities, if any
- Recognition of a foreign degree of studies

4.5 For students from foreign institutions who do not submit a certificate of recognition of a foreign degree of studies from the *Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (DOATAP)*, the following procedure is followed:

The Faculty Assembly appoints a committee to decide whether to recognise a foreign institution or a type of degree of studies from a foreign institution. In order for a degree of studies to be recognised, the following conditions must be met:

- the institution awarding the degree of studies must be on the list of foreign institutions kept and updated by the *Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Centre (DOATAP)*,
- the student must provide a certificate of place of study issued and sent by the foreign university. If the place of study or part of the studies is confirmed as being in Greece, the degree of studies will not be recognised, unless the part of the studies that took place in Greece was in a public higher education institution (H.E.I.).

4.6 For admission to the Programme, successful participation in an evaluation by a three-member committee established by the Faculty Assembly of Law, following a proposal by the SC, is required. In its assessment, the three-member panel takes into account the information in the candidates' files accompanying their application and the oral interview. Candidates are selected on the basis of their academic ability to successfully complete the LL. M and the courses offered therein, as evidenced in particular by their degree of studies grade, their grades in courses relevant to the subject of the LL.M, their performance in the thesis, if this is required in the first cycle of studies, as well as their relevant research or professional activity. The form of the evaluation is determined annually by a decision of the Assembly on the recommendation of the SC of the Programme. This decision shall be taken by 31 May each year at the latest and shall be published on the website of the Faculty and included in the Programme's Call for Applications.

4.7 With regard to the students coming from the partner universities of the European Law School Network, they are selected from the Law Schools of the Universities of the European Law School Network: i.e. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Université Paris II (Panthéon Assas), King's College London, Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Lisbon, Università degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Universiteit van Amsterdam, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, in accordance to the procedures set out therein and in accordance to the academic and linguistic selection criteria of the host University. Students who have been selected in this way are not required to undergo an assessment for admission to this Programme or the proof of their language proficiency, but they must meet the requirements set out in the Article. 3.1. The cooperation of the School of Law of the NKUA with the academic institutions of the European Law School Network is governed by the Academic Agreement of 31.1.2020 between the NKUA and these institutions, as amended and in force, which explicitly states that students from these academic institutions who are admitted to an LL.M. programme of the School of Law of the NKUA must comply with the terms and conditions of the Regulation of the relevant LL.M. programme.

4.8 The evaluation of the candidates is carried out on the date specified in the Call for Applications. At the end of the evaluation, a provisional ranking list of candidates is drawn up, which includes, in addition to the successful postgraduate students, a list of runners-up in order of success. The final ranking list is drawn up

by the SC and shall include, in addition to the successful postgraduate students, the runners-up in order of success and shall be approved by the Assembly of the School of Law.

4.9 If the number of successful candidates in a specialisation is less than the number of candidates specified in the Programme's annual Call for Applications, all successful candidates are admitted. If the number of successful candidates after the evaluation is greater than the number of admissions foreseen, candidates are selected in rank order. In the event of a tie with the last-ranked candidate, the tied candidates are admitted up to a maximum of 10% of the maximum number of students enrolled. If the number of successful candidates is less than eight (8) per specialisation, the specialisation may not be offered, on the recommendation of the SC and the decision of the Assembly. In case of non-registration of one or more students, the runners-up (if any) shall be invited to enroll in the Programme, based on their order in the approved final ranking list.

4.10 Based on the overall criteria, the SC shall prepare the final evaluation list of students by 15 September each year and submit it to the Assembly for approval. Enrolment of postgraduate students shall commence on the day following the Assembly meeting at which the final ranking list of successful and runners-up students is ratified.

Successful candidates must register with the Programme Secretariat within thirty (30) days of the Assembly's decision. Within this period, postgraduate students must select their optional modules for the first semester. Optional modules for the second semester must be selected during the second week after the start of courses for this semester.

4.11 The final lists of successful candidates in the Programme and by specialisation, and the lists of postgraduate students finally registered, are recorded in the Programme Register of the School of Law and posted on the Postgraduate Studies website of the School of Law.

ARTICLE 5. DURATION OF STUDY

5.1 The duration for the award of the Postgraduate Studies Diploma (Master's degree) of the Programme is set at one (1) academic year (i.e. two academic semesters), without any student holidays [para. 3 of Article 1 of the ministerial decision (B' 1466) under the reference $\Phi 5/89656/B3/13.8.2007$] which includes the time for the preparation of the thesis.

5.2 The award of a Master's degree requires the successful completion of two semesters of compulsory study in a cycle of systematic specialised studies, with parallel research work and the writing of a postgraduate thesis. During the two semesters, a total of nineteen (19) courses are taught, of which six (6) are defined as core modules and the remaining thirteen (13) as optional modules. The optional modules are common to both specialisations of the Programme. Successful completion of a minimum of four (4) modules is required to complete each semester of study. At least two (2) of these modules are selected from the list of core modules that are compulsory for each specialisation per semester of study, while the remaining two (2) can be freely selected either from the list of core modules for each specialisation per semester of study, or from the list of optional modules per semester of study, which are common to both specialisations.

5.3 The core modules per specialisation, as well as the optional modules taught in the Programme are defined in Article 6.8. New modules may be deleted or added to the scientific specialisations of the Programme on the proposal of the Assembly, following the recommendation of the SC, and the approval of the Senate, which is published in the Government Gazette as an amendment to this Regulation. The reallocation of modules per semester of study may be decided by the Assembly following the recommendation of the SC. In any case, the number of optional modules offered per semester shall not be less than four (4).

5.4 The number of students enrolled in each module (core or optional) shall not exceed thirty-five (35), nor be less than five (5). In the event of deviations outside the above limits, the conduct of the teaching and the manner in which it is conducted shall be at the discretion of the professor. In case the maximum enrolment of thirty-five (35) students is exceeded and the professor decides not to admit more students, priority shall be given to students of the relevant specialisation, followed by students of the relevant Programme and finally, students of the other Postgraduate Studies Programmes of the School of Law.

5.5 Courses on the Programme begin in the first fortnight of October and end in the first fortnight of June. Examinations are held in February for the first semester courses and in June and/or July for the second semester courses. Any resit examinations are held in September. The thesis must be submitted by 30 September of the year in which the second semester is taught.

5.6 An extension of up to two (2) months is possible only for the submission of the thesis, following an individual reasoned request by the student and approval by the Assembly.

5.7 Students, may suspend their studies for a maximum of two (2) consecutive semesters, after submitting a reasoned request to the Faculty Assembly. The above reasoned request shall be submitted by the end of the winter semester. Suspension of studies is granted for serious reasons (military service, illness, maternity, absence abroad, etc.).

The application must be reasoned and accompanied by all relevant documents from the competent public authorities or bodies proving the reasons for the suspension of studies. Student status is suspended during the period of suspension and participation in any educational process is not permitted. The semesters of suspension of student status do not count towards the maximum duration of regular studies.

At least two weeks before the end of the suspension period, the student must re-enroll in the programme to continue their studies with the rights and obligations of an active student. Students may, upon request, terminate their suspension and return to the programme only if they have applied for a suspension for two consecutive academic semesters. The request to terminate the suspension must be submitted at least two weeks before the beginning of the second semester of the suspension. In case the student does not re-register after the end of the suspension period, as well as in any case of permanent exclusion (expulsion), the tuition fee is not refundable.

5.8 In case of modification or revision of the Studies Programme (curriculum) of the specialisation, in which the student was enrolled, he/she will be enrolled in the specialisation as revised or modified at the end of the suspension period, with the obligation of full attendance, without the right to recognition of courses.

5.9 The duration of suspension or extension of the period of study shall be discussed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the SC, which shall make a recommendation to the Faculty Assembly.

ARTICLE 6. CURRICULUM

6.1 The Programme starts in the winter semester of each academic year.

6.2 A total of seventy-five (75) ECTS credits are required for the award of the Diploma of the Programme. All courses are taught weekly. The core modules correspond to ten (10) credits (ECTS) and the optional modules to five (5) credits (ECTS).

Recognition of modules is not possible within the framework of the Programme. In case a student succeeds in a second specialisation of the same or a different Programme in a later academic year, he/she must attend again the core modules that are identical to those of the previous specialisation he/she has attended. He/she must also attend optional modules other than those attended in the first specialisation.

6.3 The teaching of modules per specialisation is in English. On the recommendation of the SC and by decision of the Assembly, certain modules may also be taught in French or German.

6.4 The teaching of both the core and optional modules consists of in-depth study of specialised issues relating to the specialisation and highlighting current trends and concerns, with development by the professor, preparation of papers, lectures by invited speakers or any other method which, in the discretion of the professor, may contribute to the scientific research and education of the student. Teaching may include mid-term exercises, visits to regulatory or other institutions and moot courts.

6.5 The assignment of the thesis shall be made during the second semester of study and the thesis shall be submitted by 30 September of the year in which the second semester takes place, and shall be credited with fifteen (15) ECTS.

6.6 It is possible for students to undertake an internship as an optional educational activity of the Studies Programme (curriculum), which does not correspond to ECTS credits. The internship is carried out in host institutions with which the Faculty has signed a relevant memorandum of cooperation, such as public or private legal entities, in order to gain the required practical experience, under the supervision/cooperation

of the supervising member of the teaching and research staff. The details regarding the conduct of the internship, such as the total number of hours per week, the total duration of the internship, the period of its implementation in accordance with the needs and requirements of the curriculum, the conditions and selection criteria of the candidates-internship students, are determined by a decision of the Assembly upon the recommendation of the SC.

6.7 Courses shall be taught face-to-face or at a distance, in accordance with the applicable law and as specified in Article 7 of this Regulation.

6.8 The indicative programme of modules per specialisation shall be as follows:

A. Specialisation “European Private Law”

Two hours of teaching per week per module

A' SEMESTER		B' SEMESTER	
CORE MODULES (compulsory)	ECTS	CORE MODULES (compulsory)	ECTS
Copyright Law	10	Consumer Protection Law	10
Energy Law	10	European Family Law	10
Information Technology Law	10	European Tort Law	10
OPTIONAL MODULES		OPTIONAL MODULES	
Comparative Legal Systems	5	Business and Human Rights	5
International and European Tax Law	5	Business Ethics	5
International Civil Procedure Law	5	Comparative Public Law	5
Fundamental Rights in the EU	5	Data Protection Law	5
Public Law of Investments	5	European Economic Criminal Law	5
New Technologies and International Law	5	Law of Patents	5
		Comparative and European Labour Law	5
TOTAL	30	TOTAL	30
		SUMMER SEASON	
		THESIS	15
		TOTAL	75

B. Specialisation “Private Law & Business Transactions”

Two hours of teaching per week per module

A' SEMESTER		B' SEMESTER	
CORE MODULES (compulsory)	ECTS	CORE MODULES (compulsory)	ECTS
Banking and Financial Transactions	10	The International Economic Law of Business Transactions	10
Law of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs	10	International Insolvency Law	10
Law and Economics	10	Modern Issues of Competition Law	10
OPTIONAL MODULES		OPTIONAL MODULES	

Comparative Legal Systems	5	Business and Human Rights	5
International and European Tax Law	5	Business Ethics	5
International Civil Procedure Law	5	Comparative Public Law	5
Fundamental Rights in the EU	5	Data Protection Law	5
Public Law of Investments	5	European Economic Criminal Law	5
New Technologies and International Law	5	Law of Patents	5
		Comparative and European Labour Law	5
TOTAL	30	TOTAL	30
		SUMMER SEASON	
		THESIS	15
		TOTAL	75

B. Module Content/Description

Each module is taught for 2 hours per week by the professors listed in the Study Guide, in accordance with the applicable law. Each academic year, the Study Guide is published on the official website of the School of Law for Postgraduate Studies and on the official website of the Programme (iels.law.uoa.gr), where the syllabus is described in detail, as summarised below:

- **Copyright Law**

The main issues of European intellectual property law are examined. Particular emphasis is placed on contemporary issues of EU intellectual property law in the light of the international context, as well as on recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- **Energy Law**

The aim of the course is to familiarise students with the basic concepts, general principles, institutions and procedures of Energy Law. In this context, the development of energy law in the modern era is analysed, based on the current legal provisions and the available case law of national and international courts. As EU Energy Law, with its contribution to the liberalisation of the energy market and the European Green Deal, essentially defines the legal framework throughout Europe, the module focuses in particular on these aspects.

- **Information Technology Law**

The course focuses on the problems arising from the convergence of law and new technologies and, focusing on information as a legally protected right, is divided into two sub-disciplines: a) the substantive law discipline, in which the new individual rights (the right to the information society and its limitations, such as the protection of personal data, privacy of communications and intellectual property) and the problems of enforcement and control of information technology are developed; and b) the field of information technology applications for law, where the new technological tools on which knowledge of existing law now depends are being explored in particular. Reference is also made to research efforts to apply artificial intelligence in the field of law and expert legal systems.

- **Consumer Protection Law**

This course introduces students to the main issues of European consumer protection law. Particular emphasis is placed on the most recent legal developments of European Consumer Protection Law, as well as recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

European Family Law

The course aims to discuss some important issues in the field of family law in light of an international perspective. In particular, the role of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in this area

will be explored, with an emphasis on the common perceptions of the member states of the European Convention on Human Rights regarding the various institutions of the family and the functioning of the family. National legal frameworks in this area will also be examined from a comparative perspective.

- **European Tort Law**

Students will be introduced to the two existing academic proposals published at European level for a uniform European tort law:

(a) the model laws drafted by the European Group on Tort Law, known as the Principles of European Tort Law, PETL) and (b) the model laws drawn up by the Study Group on a European Civil Code and the Acquis Group, entitled "Non-contractual Liability Arising Out of Damage Caused to another".

- **Comparative Legal Systems**

The course examines, inter alia, the first steps of this discipline in France and Germany, the influence of the European Civil Codes on the legislation of states in other regions of the world, the 1st World Congress of Comparative Law in Paris in 1900, the classification of laws into families according to the teaching and writings of important jurists, the consequences of decolonization, indigenous laws, and new approaches/methods of Comparative Law. Special attention is given to theories of legal transplants, legal constituents, comparison of legal cultures and legal traditions, legal pluralism.

- **International & European Tax Law**

Students study the main issues of international and European tax law. Particular emphasis is placed on the latest initiatives of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Indicative topics include the relationship between international and national tax law, double taxation, issues of international tax evasion, tax avoidance and tax planning, sources of European tax law, harmonisation of direct and indirect taxation, proposals for Commission Directives and financial transaction tax.

- **International Civil Procedure Law**

The course aims to search, analyse and synthesise data and information through international and Greek literature on cutting-edge issues in international procedural law. Topics such as Arbitration and European Procedural Law (European procedural law for civil and commercial cases and European family procedural law), New York Convention of 1958, Regulations 1215/2012, 4/2009, 2019/1111.

- **Fundamental Rights in the EU**

The course familiarises students with the mechanisms for the protection of fundamental rights in the European Union. Particular emphasis is placed on the role of fundamental rights as an element of the rule of law and on the political, legal and economic instruments available to the Union to ensure the rule of law (political sanctions under Article 7 TEU, action for infringement of Article 258 TFEU, financial conditionality mechanism). It also examines the Union's long-standing relationship with international instruments for the protection of fundamental rights, in particular the ECHR, with an emphasis on developments regarding the issue of the Union's accession to the ECHR. The evolution of the protection of fundamental rights through the case law of the CJEU and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is presented and analysed. It also examines the content, scope, level of protection and permissible limitations on certain fundamental rights.

- **Public Law of Investments**

The teaching of public law of investments is implemented as a Jean Monnet module in the context of the Erasmus+ 2021-2027 EU programme. The Jean Monnet module on the Public Law of Investments examines the legal treatment of an investment in Greece throughout its life cycle, ensuring an integrated and holistic approach to the legal framework (European, international and national) that regulates the pre-introduction (promotion and facilitation), introduction (market access, control and financing) and post-introduction (protection) stages of an investment.

- **New Technologies and International Law**

International law and new technologies coexist: technological innovations influence and facilitate the application of international rules, while, on the other hand, law is called upon to regulate

technological challenges, which, to a large extent, reveal its current limits. The course focuses, for obvious reasons, on this second dimension of the international law-new technologies relationship.

- **Business and Human Rights**

This course examines in considerable depth the presence of business in a globalised marketplace and its impact on human rights, labor rights, environmental concerns, and sustainable development.

- **Business Ethics**

From Max Weber, and beyond, it is well known that capitalist economics owes much to the values of Protestant ethics. Moreover, in today's post-industrial societies the role of social networks and, subsequently, social ethics cannot be underestimated. Hence the growing interest in business ethics, understood as the study of the ethical dimensions of the production, distribution, marketing, sale and consumption of goods and services.

- **Comparative Public Law**

The aim of the course is to develop a deeper understanding of fundamental concepts of public law. Indicative topics: concept of state sovereignty - popular sovereignty - relations between national constitution and European law - principle of supremacy of European law - federal system - fundamental rights: privacy, freedom of expression and new technologies, freedom of religion, prohibition of discrimination, protection of social rights and the role of the state. Understanding of different systems of judicial review and judicial protection: case law of the EU Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the Supreme Court of the United States, national supreme courts, in particular the German Federal Constitutional Court.

- **Data Protection Law**

The course examines personal data cases and provides an adequate basis for the critical evaluation of the views expressed by theory and case law in the field under investigation, in particular at the level of the foundation of legal judgments.

Indicative topics: Objective delineation of the scope of the General Data Protection Regulation, Concept and categories of data (simple and sensitive), Subjective delineation – beneficiaries of protection and persons obliged to provide protection, The permissibility of processing, The rule: The prohibition - Lawful bases for processing, The consent of the subject, Principles of processing: lawfulness, proportionality, accuracy, secrecy, transparency, Rights of the subject (access, information, objection [right to be forgotten], etc.), Sanctions of unlawful processing.

- **European Economic Criminal Law**

This course introduces students to European Economic Criminal Law. After a brief introduction to the Lisbon Treaty, which focuses on the legal bases of EU criminal law, the relevant legislative procedures as well as judicial control, students will become familiar with the policy adopted by the EU to deal with economic crime. All the relevant legislative framework will be examined alongside the key decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- **Law of Patents**

The course examines the main issues in the law of patents and industrial designs. It focuses on the 'European Patent Convention' (EPC) and takes an approach that is both theoretical and practical, with an emphasis on case law from various jurisdictions and the Technical Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office. The course makes extensive use of the educational material developed by the European Patent Office, the European Intellectual Property Office and the World Intellectual Property Organisation. It also examines the main decisions on patent law and industrial designs of the US Supreme Federal Court and focuses on comparative aspects of European and US patent law.

- **Banking and Financial Transactions**

This course introduces students to the main topics of banking and financial transactions. Particular emphasis is placed on the European legal framework and legal practice, as well as recent case law from domestic and foreign jurisdictions. In particular, it focuses on the law, documentation and legal issues affecting major transactions in global financial markets.

- **Law of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs**

The subject matter of the course is mainly European trademark law, but also Greek law of trademarks and distinctive signs. The course attempts a comparative analysis of the law and case law (see court decisions) on trademarks and non-registered distinctive signs in the EU, Greece and the USA. Emphasis is placed on the European trade mark and the case law of the EU Court of Justice. The most important decisions of the US Supreme Federal Court on trademarks are also studied. International trademark conventions are examined, such as the Paris Convention, the Madrid Protocol on the International Trademark and the TRIPS Protocol.

- **Law and Economics**

This course introduces students to the economic analysis of law. It seeks to highlight how economic theories and behavioural economics can influence the law-making process in civil and public law. Students are introduced to the basic principles of economic theory, as well as behavioral economics and psychology.

- **Comparative and European Labour Law**

The aim of the course is to introduce the postgraduate student to the international - and multi-level - dimension of European labour law. This is primarily determined by the rules of primary and secondary law of the European Union, which shape the content of basic individual chapters and institutions of labour law (concept of worker, free movement of workers, equal treatment and non-discrimination, fundamental freedoms and rights, transfer of business and collective dismissals, leave and working time, atypical and modern forms of employment, work in a digital environment, protection of the workplace, etc.). In this context, questions of interpretation and application of the rules of Union law are examined (interpretation in the light of Union law, direct effect and the principle of the primacy of Union law in relation to national law, preliminary reference procedure). A second level of teaching is that shaped by the rights and guarantees of the revised European Social Charter.

- **The International Economic Law of Business Transactions**

The course covers basic rules of international economic law that affect international business transactions mainly (but not exclusively) between individuals. It addresses issues of jurisdiction and nationality in international business transactions and analyses the interpretation of international uniform law related to international business. It also analyses the theoretical and practical aspects of the internationalisation of contracts related to international business transactions and examines the impact on international business of international public-private partnerships, multinational enterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises and state-owned enterprises. The course addresses the World Trade Organization's regulatory framework relating to international business transactions (with an emphasis on subsidies and countervailing duties), the international regulation of foreign direct investment, emerging principles of international competition law, and the relevant contemporary role of special economic zones. Finally, the course discusses the impact of multilateral and unilateral economic sanctions on international business transactions.

- **International Insolvency Law**

This course studies the many and varied problems that arise in the case of insolvency proceedings initiated in one state and involving assets and creditors of the insolvent individual or legal entity in several states. Among the issues addressed in the course are the following: The history of bankruptcy law/insolvency law of different states; the principles followed by each national insolvency law, e.g. universality, territoriality, modified universality; legal transplants of insolvency law from state to state; the European Insolvency Regulations; the UNCITRAL Model Law 1997; cooperation protocols as a method of dealing with international insolvencies; insolvency in the context of a group of companies; preventive restructuring as a purpose of modern [international] insolvency law.

- **Modern Issues of Competition Law**

All businesses in all sectors of the economy are affected by EU competition law, in Europe and abroad. Monitoring compliance with competition rules is vital for both the EU and its Member States. The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of EU competition

law, exploring both the substantive law provisions and the procedural and practical aspects of enforcement. Thus, the aim is to enable students to critically reflect on the key principles and policies at the heart of competition law. In particular, to understand how the law governs business practices that may restrict competition in markets and to analyse how competition law can restrict anti-competitive activities and facilitate free competition.

ARTICLE 7. DISTANCE LEARNING

The training process may be carried out by means of modern distance learning methods only in the following cases:

- in cases of force majeure or exceptional circumstances, when it is not possible to carry out the training process in person or to use the infrastructure of the NKUA for carrying out training, research and other activities,
- in cases where in-depth courses and tutorials are organised, in addition to the compulsory teaching hours per course.

The NKUA maintains an electronic platform accessible to persons with disabilities through which asynchronous distance learning services are provided. The electronic platform may contain educational material per course, which may include notes, presentations, exercises, suggested solutions and video-recorded lectures, provided that the applicable legislation on the protection of personal data is respected. The educational material of any kind is provided exclusively for the educational use of the students and is protected by Law 2121/1993 (A' 25), provided that the relevant conditions are met.

ARTICLE 8. EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

8.1 The educational work of each academic year is structured in two semesters, the winter and the spring semesters, each of which includes at least thirteen (13) weeks of teaching and three (3) weeks of examinations. Courses in the winter and spring semesters are re-examined during the September term.

8.2 In case of an impossibility to hold a module, it will be covered. The date and time of the replacement are posted on the website of the Programme.

8.3 Attendance at modules is compulsory. The number of absences per module may not exceed three (3), of which two (2) may be unexcused. Exceeding the above number of absences in one or more core or optional modules will result in expulsion from the Programme by decision of the Assembly, following recommendation by the SC.

8.4 At the end of the first and second semesters, written or oral examinations are held, at the discretion of the instructor. The instructor shall take into account the contributions, research papers, exercises or other forms of student participation during the course. Where written or oral examinations are used as a method of assessment, the integrity of the process shall be ensured. Grades shall be awarded on a scale of 1 to 10. The results of the examinations shall be announced by the instructor and sent to the Programme Secretariat and the Faculty within four (4) weeks after the examination of the course at the latest. In the event that the above limit is repeatedly exceeded by a instructor, the Director of the Programme will inform the Faculty Assembly.

8.5 In order to deal with exceptional needs or circumstances due to force majeure, alternative methods of assessment may be applied, such as written or oral examinations using electronic means, provided that the integrity of the assessment process is ensured.

8.6 Alternative methods may be used for the assessment of students with disabilities and special educational needs following a decision of the Board and a recommendation from the School's Disability Committee and taking into account the relevant guidelines of the Disabled Students Accessibility Unit.

8.8 The assessment of students on second cycle programmes of study organised by distance learning methods may be carried out by means of distance examinations, provided that the integrity of the assessment process is ensured.

8.9 In cases of illness or recovery from serious illness, the instructor is recommended to facilitate the student in any way he/she deems appropriate (e.g. oral distance examination). During oral examinations the instructor shall ensure that he/she is not alone with the student being examined.

8.10 Correction of marks is permitted if there is an obvious clerical or cumulative error, following a letter from the instructor concerned and a decision by the Assembly of the Department.

8.11 There are two examination periods for each module. The first begins on the first working day of the week following the end of classes each semester and lasts for two weeks and the second takes place during the month of September and also lasts for two weeks. The second period is attended by a student who has failed or not attended one or more modules in the first or second semester, as well as by a student who wishes to be re-examined. Re-examination is permitted in a maximum of two modules. If a student fails a module, and in the September resit period, the student will, on request, be examined by a three-member committee of the teaching and research staff of the Faculty who have the same or a related field of study as the module and who are appointed by the Assembly of the School of Law. If he/she fails again, he/she will be removed from the register of the Programme by a decision of the Assembly, following a recommendation from the SC.

8.12 Papers must be retained for two (2) years under the supervision of the person responsible for the module. After this time, the papers cease to be valid, minutes are drawn up and the papers are destroyed under the responsibility of the Assembly, unless criminal, disciplinary or other administrative proceedings are pending.

8.13 In the calculation of the degree of studies grade, the weight of each course in the Studies Programme (curriculum) is taken into account and is expressed in terms of the number of credits (ECTS). The number of credits (ECTS) of a module is also the weighting factor for that module. To calculate the degree of studies grade, the grade of each module is multiplied by the corresponding number of credits (of the module) and the total sum of the individual products is divided by the total number of credits required for the degree. This calculation shall be expressed in the following formula:

$$\text{Diploma grade} = \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^N \text{BM}_k \cdot \text{PM}_k}{\Sigma \text{PM}} \right)$$

where:

N = number of modules required for the corresponding degree of studies

BM_k = grade of the module “k”

PM_k = credits of the module “k”

ΣPM = total number of credits required for the corresponding degree of studies

In order to obtain a Master's degree, each postgraduate student must attend and successfully pass the required number of the modules offered in the Programme (core and optional) and write a postgraduate thesis, thus accumulating seventy-five (75) ECTS.

ARTICLE 9. PREPARATION OF THE POSTGRADUATE THESIS

9.1 During the second semester, the student chooses a thesis topic related to one of the subjects taught in the Programme, in agreement with the supervising instructor. The topic of the thesis is electronically entered in the student's account and in the Programme Register.

9.2 The thesis must be written by the student submitting it and must be the product of original scientific research. For this purpose, postgraduate students shall sign a declaration of non-infringement of intellectual property, which shall be attached to all submitted theses. The thesis shall be written in English or, with the approval of the three-member examination committee, in German or French. The form of the “declaration of non-infringement of intellectual property” is posted on the Postgraduate Studies website of the School of Law.

9.3 Upon application by the candidate stating the proposed title of the thesis and the supervisor, and enclosing an abstract of the proposed thesis, the SC appoints the supervisor of the thesis and convene the three-member examination committee for the approval of the thesis, one of whom is the supervisor. The

language of the thesis may be English, German or French and shall be specified together with the specification of the topic.

9.4 The title of the thesis may be finalised upon application by the student and the agreement of the supervisor to the SC of the Programme.

9.5 The thesis shall be submitted for examination within the deadline specified in Article 6.5 and shall be submitted in digital form to the Secretariat of the Programme and to the electronic addresses of the members of the examination committee - and in hard copy, if requested by the members of the examination committee. Along with the thesis, the candidate shall submit a "Declaration of non-infringement of intellectual property". The thesis shall be defended before a committee appointed by the SC and approved by the Assembly, consisting of the supervisor and two (2) members, all of them teaching staff of the Programme.

9.6 If the thesis is approved by the examination committee, it is submitted electronically to the Digital Repository "PERGAMOS" in accordance with the decisions of the Senate of the NKUA.

9.7 On the recommendation of the SC and the decision of the Assembly, and with the consent of the student, up to two theses per specialisation and per year may be published in a series by a national or international publisher under the direction of the Director of the Programme, provided that they are judged to be of excellence by the relevant three-member examination committee.

9.8 The Supervisor and the members of the three-member examination committee of the Master's thesis are appointed from the following categories of persons who have undertaken teaching duties in the Programme:

(a) members of Teaching and Research Staff, Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the Faculty, or Faculties of other Higher Education Institutions, with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the Programme has tuition fees,

(b) Emeritus Professors or retired members of the Faculty's teaching and research staff or other Faculties of another higher education institution,

(c) Associate Professors,

(d) appointed teaching staff,

(e) visiting professors or visiting researchers,

(f) researchers and expert scientists of research and technological institutions referred to in Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other national or foreign research centres and institutes.

By decision of the Assembly, the supervision of theses may be assigned to members of the Faculty's Teaching and Research Staff, Special Teaching Staff, Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the Faculty and Laboratory Teaching Staff who have not undertaken teaching duties in the Programme.

ARTICLE 10. OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

10.1 Postgraduate students have all the rights and benefits provided for students in the first cycle of studies until the expiry of any extension of study granted, except for the right to free textbooks.

10.2 The Institution shall ensure that students with disabilities and/or special educational needs have accessibility to the proposed textbooks and teaching (<https://access.uoa.gr/>).

10.3 The Liaison Office of the NKUA provides counselling for students in matters of study and professional rehabilitation. (<https://www.career.uoa.gr/ypiresies/>).

10.4 Postgraduate students are invited to participate in and attend research group seminars, bibliographic information discussions, laboratory visits, conferences/meetings with a subject related to that of the Programme, lectures or other scientific events of the Programme, etc.

10.5 The Faculty Assembly, following the recommendation of the SC, may decide to expel postgraduate students if:

- have exceeded the maximum number of absences,
- have failed the examination of a module or modules or the thesis and have not successfully completed the programme, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation,
- have exceeded the maximum duration of study in the Programme, as defined in this regulation,
- have infringed the provisions in force concerning the treatment of disciplinary offences by the competent disciplinary bodies,

- fail to pay the prescribed tuition fee,
- submit their own application for expulsion..

10.6 In the event that a postgraduate student is expelled from the Programme, he/she may request a certificate for the modules in which he/she has successfully examined. Any tuition fees paid by the student are not refundable after the expulsion.

10.7 Students may participate in international student exchange programmes, such as ERASMUS+ or CIVIS, in accordance with the applicable law. In this case the maximum number of ECTS that can be credited is thirty (30). This possibility is granted after the first semester of their studies. Students must apply to the SC and comply with the conditions of the programme.

Students from international student exchange programmes, such as the ERASMUS+ programme, may also participate in the Programme, in accordance with the established partnerships.

10.8 At the end of each semester, postgraduate students evaluate each module and each instructor.

10.9 Postgraduate students may request a Diploma Annex in Greek and English.

10.10 For their participation in the Programme, postgraduate students shall pay tuition fees amounting to 1,100 euros per semester.

The first instalment of the tuition fee is payable upon enrolment, while the second instalment is payable upon registration for the optional courses of the second semester. In the event of non-payment of all or part of the tuition fees, the student is not entitled to participate in the Programme and to take examinations.

10.11 Students coming from the Law Schools of the Universities of the European Law School Network are entitled to a 10% discount on the tuition fees provided for in Article 10.10.

ARTICLE 11. WAIVER OF TUITION FEE

11.1 Students who meet the financial or social criteria and the requirements for excellence in the first cycle of studies, in accordance with the applicable law, are exempted from tuition fees. In any case, the exempted students shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the Programme per academic year.

11.2 The application for waiver of tuition fees shall be submitted after the completion of the selection process of students for the Programme. The financial status of a candidate shall in no case be a reason for non-selection to a Programme.

11.3 Those who receive a scholarship from another source and the citizens of countries outside the EU are not entitled to exemption.

11.4 The examination of the criteria for exemption from tuition fees is carried out by the Assembly of the Faculty and a reasoned decision is issued on the acceptance or rejection of the application.

11.5 Where the applicable law sets an age criterion, it is recommended, for reasons of good administration and equal treatment, that the date of birth of students should be 31 December of the year of birth.

11.6 Members of the categories of Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, who are admitted as supernumeraries in accordance with Article 3.3 of this regulation, shall be exempted from the payment of tuition fees.

ARTICLE 12. AWARDS

The Programme may award prizes for excellence to the first student of each specialisation upon completion of the first and second semester modules, following the recommendation of the SC and the decision of the Faculty Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation of the NKUA. The awards have no financial benefit. The award is signed by the Director of the Programme and the Chair of the Department i.e. Dean of the Faculty.

ARTICLE 13. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING OF THE PROGRAMME

13.1 For the proper operation of the Programme, classrooms and seminar rooms, auditoriums equipped with audiovisual equipment and laboratories of the School of Law are available.

13.2 The administrative and secretarial support of the Programme is provided by the Secretariat of the of the School of Law.

13.3 Funding for the Programme may come from:

- (a) tuition fees,
- (b) donations, sponsorships and financial aid of any kind,
- (c) bequests,
- (d) funds from research projects or programmes,
- (e) own resources of the Higher Education Institution (H.E.I.); and
- (f) the State budget or the public investment programme.
- (g) any other legitimate source.

13.4 The payment of tuition fees shall be made by the student himself/herself or by a third natural or legal person on behalf of the student, if this is provided for in the decision establishing the Programme.

13.5 The management of the resources of the Programme of the Higher Education Institution is carried out by the Special Account for Research Grant (SARG) of the NKUA

13.6 The resources of the Programme shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the total revenue from tuition fees shall be retained by the SARG. This amount includes the percentage of retained by the SARG for the financial management of the Programme. Where the income of the Programme comes from donations, sponsorships and financial aid of any kind, bequests or funds from research projects or programmes, the deduction for the benefit of the SARG shall be the same as for revenue from the corresponding funding sources,
- (b) the balance of the total revenue of the Programme shall be allocated to cover the operating costs of the Programme.

ARTICLE 14. ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHING/TEACHING STAFF TO THE PROGRAMME.

14.1 The teaching work of the Postgraduate Study Programmes (Programme) shall be assigned, following a decision of the Assembly, to the following categories of instructors:

- (a) members of Teaching and Research Staff, Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the Faculty or Faculties of another Higher Education Institution (HEI), with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the Programme has tuition fees,
- (b) emeritus professors or retired members of the Faculty's teaching and research staff or other Faculties of another higher education institution,
- (c) associate professors,
- (d) appointed teaching staff,
- (e) visiting professors or visiting researchers,
- (f) researchers and expert scientists of research and technological institutions referred to in Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other national or foreign research centres and institutes.
- (g) scientists of recognized prestige, who have specialised knowledge and relevant experience in the subject matter of the Programme.

14.2 All categories of instructors may be remunerated exclusively from the resources of the Programme. No remuneration or other benefits may be paid from the state budget or the public investment programme. The amount of remuneration of each instructor shall be determined by decision of the Assembly of the Faculty. In particular, teaching staff with the status of teaching and research staff may receive additional remuneration for the work they contribute to the Programme, provided that they fulfil their minimum legal obligations as defined in par. 2 of article 155 of Law 4957/2022. The last subparagraph shall apply mutatis mutandis to members of the Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, provided that they fulfill their minimum legal obligations.

14.3 By decision of the Assembly of the Faculty, auxiliary teaching work may be assigned to doctoral students of the Faculty, under the supervision of a instructor of the Programme.

14.4 The assignment of teaching work of the Programme is carried out by decision of the Assembly of the Faculty, following the recommendation of the Programme Steering Committee.

The decisions of the Assembly of the Faculty on the allocation of teaching work shall include the following mandatory elements:

- (a) the name of the instructor,
- (b) the status of the instructor (e.g. member of the teaching and research staff, member of Research and Teaching Staff, members of Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, etc.),
- (c) the type of teaching work assigned per teaching member (module, seminar or workshop),
- (d) the number of teaching hours per module, seminar or workshop.

14.6 The allocation of teaching work shall be carried out before the beginning of the academic year for both the winter and spring semesters. If the allocation of teaching work cannot be carried out simultaneously for both academic semesters, the decision will be taken before the beginning of each academic semester. By a reasoned decision of the Faculty Assembly, the assignment of teaching work may be changed during the academic year.

14.7 Teaching staff may, during the period of their sabbatical leave or suspension, undertake teaching work for the Programme if they consider that their schedule so allows, provided of course that this is substantially and practically feasible in the circumstances, a matter to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 15. AWARD OF A POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

15.1 The student shall complete the studies for the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (Diploma) by completing the minimum number of modules and credits required for the award of the LL. M, and by successfully completing the postgraduate thesis. The Assembly determines the completion of the studies in order to award the Master's Diploma (Diploma).

15.2 Upon completion of the above procedure, the postgraduate student is issued a certificate of completion of studies, loses his/her student status and ceases to participate in the collective bodies of the University's administration.

15.3 The Diploma certifies the successful completion of studies and indicates a grade, to two decimal places, according to the following scale: Excellent (8.5 to 10), Very Good (6.5 to 8.5 not included) and Good (5 to 6.5 not included).

15.4 The type of Diploma for each type of Master's programme is common to all Departments and Faculties of the NKUA and is included in the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the Institution.

15.5 Within the framework of the Programme, a Diploma of Postgraduate Studies entitled "LL.M in International and European Legal Studies" is awarded in one of the following specializations:

- (a) European Private Law.
- (b) European Private Law & Business Transactions

ARTICLE 16. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

16.1 The swearing-in is not a constitutive type of successful completion of studies, but it is a necessary condition for the award of the diploma. The inauguration takes place in the context of the Faculty Assembly and in the premises of the Department or the Faculty, in the presence of the Director of the Programme, the Dean of the Faculty, and, where possible, a representative of the Rector.

16.2 A request for a postgraduate student swearing-in ceremony in the Great Ceremonial Hall of the Main Building is considered on a case-by-case basis by the Rector, based on an assessment of the possibilities and the number of those to be sworn in, to be declared by the Secretariat of the Programme to the Directorate of Education and Research.

16.3 Postgraduate students, who have successfully completed the Programme, in exceptional cases (studies, residence or work abroad, health reasons, etc.), may apply to the Faculty's Secretariat for an exemption from the obligation of inauguration. The exemption from the obligation of inauguration is approved by the Dean of the Faculty and the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

ARTICLE 17. EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMME

17.1 Evaluation by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education

The Programme is evaluated as part of the periodic evaluation/certification of the Faculty organised by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education. In this context, the overall assessment of the work carried out by each Programme is evaluated, the degree of fulfilment of the objectives set at the time of its establishment, its sustainability, the absorption of graduates in the labour market, the degree of its contribution to research, its internal evaluation by postgraduate students, the feasibility of extending its operation, as well as other elements relating to the quality of the work produced and its contribution to the national strategy for higher education.

If, during the evaluation stage, the Programme is found not to meet the conditions for its continuation, it will continue to operate until the graduation of the already enrolled students in accordance with the founding decision and the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral studies.

17.2 Internal evaluation

The internal evaluation of the Programme is carried out on an annual basis by the Quality Assurance Unit of the Institution. All those involved in the implementation of the actions and activities of the Programme participate in the internal evaluation process, in particular the students, the members of the teaching staff, the administrative and technical support staff and the members of the Steering Committee of the Programme.

The internal evaluation process is carried out in accordance with the law in force, the Internal Quality Assurance System of the Institution, the guidelines and standards of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education.

The internal evaluation of the Programme includes the assessment of the teaching work, as well as all academic functions and activities of the Programme.

More specifically, the following are evaluated:

- (a) the content of the Curriculum in accordance with the most recent research in the specific subject area of the Programme, in order to ensure the contemporary character of the Programme,
- (b) the course workload, as well as the progress and completion of the postgraduate studies by the students,
- (c) the degree of satisfaction of students' expectations of the Programme of Studies, the support services offered for their studies and the learning environment,
- (d) the courses of the Programme on a semesterly basis through questionnaires completed by the students of the Programme.

The evaluation - certification of the Programme is posted on the website of the Programme, and the results of the students' evaluation are communicated to the Programme Director and the teaching staff concerned.

ARTICLE 18. DURATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAMME.

The Programme will operate until the academic year 2031-2032 provided that it meets the criteria of internal and external evaluation, in accordance with the applicable law.

ARTICLE 19. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Students already enrolled shall complete their studies in accordance with the regulation in force in the year of their admission to the Programme, insofar as this regulation does not conflict with the law.

Issues, which are not regulated by the applicable law, by the Regulation of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the NKUA or by this Regulation, shall be decided by the bodies of the Programme.

This decision shall be published in the Government Gazette.

The Rector

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