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

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# 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.



# LL.M IN INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES

Our 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 London, Université Paris 2 (Panthéon-Assas), La Sapienza University in Rome, the University of Amsterdam, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Universidade Cattolica Portuguesa in Lisbon and the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. 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.

# 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
- 1st place in the NILOS Moot Court Competition 2022
- 2nd place in the European Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition 2022



#### Master's Programme 2022-2023

Our LL.M. Programme consists of two separate LLM Courses: the LLM in Private Law and Business Transactions and the LLM in European Private 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 business transactions, with a particular focus on their international and mainly European dimension. It seeks to provide students with a solid doctrinal and practical background which would allow them to successfully cope with the everdemanding 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 of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs (7,5 ECTS)
- Public Law of Investments (7,5 ECTS)

#### **Spring Semester**

- Comparative and European Labour Law (7,5 ECTS)
- International Insolvency Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Modern issues of Competition Law (7,5 ECTS)

#### Optional modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

#### Winter Semester

- Comparative Legal Systems (7,5 ECTS)
- International and European Tax Law (7,5 ECTS)
- International Civil Procedural Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Fundamental Rights in the EU (7,5 ECTS)
- Law and Economics (7,5 ECTS)
- New Technologies and International Law (7,5 ECTS)

#### **Spring Semester**

- Business and Human Rights (7,5 ECTS)
- Business Ethics (7,5 ECTS)
- Comparative Public Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Data Protection Law (7,5 ECTS)
- European Economic Criminal Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Law of Patents (7,5 ECTS)
- The International Economic Law of Business Transactions (7,5 ECTS)

#### Master's Thesis (15 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 LLM course European Private Law consists of a variety of core and optional modules which cover the most important contemporary issues in the field of private law, having regard in particular to the developments of EU legislation and case law. It is committed to providing its students with scholarly guidance through the maze of the piecemeal regulations of European Private Law, at the same as preparing them for the challenges of modern legal practice.



#### Study programme\* Core modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

- Winter Semester
- Copyright Law(7,5 ECTS)
- Energy Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Information Technology Law (7,5 ECTS)

#### **Spring Semester**

- Consumer Protection Law (7,5 ECTS)
- European Family Law (7,5 ECTS)
- European Tort Law (7,5 ECTS)

Optional modules (30 ECTS) chosen from:

#### Winter Semester

- Comparative Legal Systems (7,5 ECTS)
- International and European Tax Law (7,5 ECTS)
- International Civil Procedural Law (7,5 ECTS)
- Fundamental Rights in the EU (7,5 ECTS)
- Law and Economics (7,5 ECTS)
- New Technologies and International Law (7,5 ECTS)

#### **Spring Semester**

- Business and Human Rights (7,5 ECTS)
- Business Ethics (7,5 ECTS)
- Comparative Public Law (7,5 ECTS)
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### **Entry Requirements**

To be eligible for admission, prospective students must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law. Students who have obtained a degree in a field of studies which is relevant to the pursued programme may also apply.

Students who have obtained their degree from a non - Greek University shall, upon admission to the programme, apply for recognition of their title with the Hellenic National Recognition and Information Centre (DOATAP). Failure to comply with this requirement would entail the inability of the University to confer the LL.M. diploma. Throughout the application procedure overseas students will receive constant guidance by the administrative staff, if requested.

# Language proficiency requirements

Prospective students must provide proof of at least a C1 level certificate of the English language, such as a Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), an IELTS Academic score of 7.0 and above or a TOEFL iBT score of 94-101 and above. Students who have a degree from a University programme entirely taught in English are exempted from this requirement. Knowledge of French or German is desirable, but not essential for the application process.

## **Selection Process**

Applications are assessed by the Board of Admissions. Successful candidates are chosen on the basis of their academic merit and qualifications, following an online interview. Athens Law School is committed to ensuring diversity and inclusion in the selection process and focuses on creating a welcoming and safe learning environment for all our students.

# **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 - European
	Private Law
Mode	Full-time (intensive)
Credit value	75 ECTS
<b>Statutory Tuition</b>	
Fees (2022-2023)	€ 2.200
Language	English
Start date	10 October 2022
Duration	1 year
Application deadline	16 June 2023
(for all students)	
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, **Dr Konstantinos Serdaris, or visit our website.** 

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