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Dean of the Faculty of Law

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are very excited to inform you, that the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava as one of the few law faculties in the Central and Eastern Europe is opening a new Master's degree programme in English language in the academic year 2017/2018.

The new Master's degree programme will be a two-year study programme and will focus mainly on **the European Union law and international law. Since the programme will be provided in English, it will be open to foreign students.**

The new Master's degree program in law is a result of the successful project: "Law of European Integration and Globalization (LEIG)" supported by the European Social Fund, which pursued innovation of law education at the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava and also ran in English. LEIG established a number of courses taught in English, focused on the European Union law and international law, and was carried out as a preparation for an establishment of the new Master's degree programme in English.

Unlike other programmes 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, but represents a Master's degree programme in the field of study - Law. **The graduate of this programme will acquire a regular Master degree in Law that will entitle him to membership in any of the respective professional chambers or to practice of any of the legal professions.**

The new Master's degree programme is also intended for foreign students, who have achieved a bachelor's degree in law or equivalent degree in a programme with substantial legal education, and the name of the bachelor's degree programme should have comprised the term "law". The new Master's degree programme will offer a wide spectrum of courses, from which the students may choose in coherence with their individual interests in accordance with the programme structure. Within the program, the students may focus on the Law of International Trade or on the Law of International Organizations.

More information on the new Master's degree programme at Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava is included in the attached Information sheet or on our website <https://www.flaw.uniba.sk/en/study/masters-degree-programme-in-english> that is regularly being updated.



MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME - MASTER OF LAWS IN ENGLISH

Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava is preparing a new two-year Master's degree programme in English, focused mainly on European Union law and international law.

The graduate will be able to analytically and synthetically consider all legal fields with a theoretical, philosophical and ethical basis, especially with broad knowledge of European Union law and international law. The graduate will be fully applicable in practice, especially in multinational law offices and multinational business corporations, international governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as central governmental authorities.

In case of a successful accreditation, the Master's degree programme will be opened in the academic year 2017/2018.

For more information, please, follow the website www.flaw.uniba.sk or contact michaela.krescankova@flaw.uniba.sk.



Choose from over 20 mandatory elective courses and 15 elective courses!

Join international moot court competitions or internships!

Get knowledge and experience for work in multinational companies and international organizations.

Duration:
2 years full-time

Number of students:
max. 100

Number of ECTS credits:
120

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Programme Overview

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



In addition to the introduction of a considerable number of **new courses** that have been already taught for more than three years and modernization of current teaching methods, the programme lays emphasis on gaining **practical skills through clinical education and moot courts**.

Programme Structure

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.

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

*Detailed description of all mandatory courses is available online.

The applicant is not admitted to any specific legal concentration, however during his studies, **the student can select among the mandatory-elective courses according to his 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.

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

The Master's degree programme is not about memorizing of knowledge, rather about using all relevant sources of law, including commentaries, law books, online legal sources in order to apply them correctly.



International Moot Courts

Master's degree programme would like to provide the active and talented students the opportunity to apply their gained theoretical knowledge and skills in the authentic and equally demanding environment of international law competitions in which the best law students from around the world 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 has to participate in one of the moot court courses valued 5+5 ECTS, either as a regular student or among the most successful ones as the competitor representing the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava. The aim of the programme is to prepare and encourage the participation of students in following prestigious international moot courts:

The European Law Moot Court Competition (ELMC)

The Central and East European Moot Competition (CEEMC)

The Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (Vis Moot)

The Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (Jessup)

The International Criminal Court Trial Competition (ICC Trial Competition)

European Human Rights Moot Court Competition (EHRMCC)



Admission Requirements and Procedure

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree in law, LL.B., or equivalent degree of a programme with substantial legal education. Majority of courses already passed during bachelor studies shall be of a legal character, and the name of the Bachelor's degree programme shall comprise - Law. All applications will be assessed on an individual basis.

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

- Admission test comprises an written examination of general knowledge of European Union law and international law on-site. Applicants from the third countries might be subject to an examination by electronic means – **maximum 150 points.**
- Adequate knowledge of English is demonstrated by 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. In case that the applicant does not have a language certificate available, the adequate knowledge of English will be subject to the written and oral examination – **maximum 150 points**

** Minimum number of points is not specified. The final evaluation of the applicant's language knowledge will be assessed overall. If there are concerns as to the level of English knowledge of the applicant, but there is a certain potential of improvement, the Faculty of Law will provide additional language courses for selected applicants.*

Application

The applicant shall fill in the application form available on the www.flaw.uniba.sk. The application shall include following attachments:

- CV
- Letter of motivation
- Proof of payment of the application fee (EUR 60.00)
- Certified documents proving academic degrees; graduation diplomas
- Proof of an adequate knowledge of English; photocopies of certificates
- Applicants from EU member states or Slovak applicants (studying abroad) decision on recognition of documents on education issued abroad
- Academic transcripts including final grades



Important Deadlines

Updated information on the Master's degree programme available on the webpage:
end of June 2017

Application period:
07/08/2017 – 08/09/2017*

**Applicants subject to visa requirements are recommended to apply at latest by 31/08/2017*

Admission test:
13/09/2017 or 27/09/2017

** Applicants from third countries might be subject to examination by electronic means earlier, in another date.*

Academic year:
02/10/2017 – 22/12/2017 (winter term)
02/01/2018 – 16/02/2018 (exams)
19/02/2018 – 18/05/2018 (summer term)
21/05/2018 – 30/06/2018 (exams)



Tuition fee for an academic year:
EUR 3.500,-

More information on:
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Practical Information for Prospective Students

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.
- More information on: <http://uniba.sk/en/international-relations/incoming-students/erasmus/practical-information/visa-and-temporary-residence/>

Accommodation

- Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava provides a limited number of University accommodation.
- More information on: <http://uniba.sk/en/international-relations/incoming-students/erasmus/practical-information/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.
- More information on: <http://uniba.sk/en/international-relations/incoming-students/erasmus/practical-information/health-insurance/>



Studying in Slovakia

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!

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.

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.

How to get to Bratislava?

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.



