



MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM - MASTER OF LAWS IN ENGLISH

Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava opens a new accredited two-year Master's degree study programme in English in academic year 2018/2019, 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.

For more information, please, follow the website

<https://www.flaw.uniba.sk/en/study/masters-degree-programme-in-english/>

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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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Program Overview

Master's degree program – Master in Laws is a program 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 program in English. Unlike other Faculties of Law in the region our program is neither only certified postgraduate program or life-long education, nor Master degree program in the non-legal field of study e.g. legal specifics. **The graduate of the program 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 program – 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 program 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 Program "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 program lays emphasis on gaining **practical skills through clinical education and moot courts**.

Program 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 program 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

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 program 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 program 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 program 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 program 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 program with substantial legal education.

Applicants might be admitted to the Master's degree program 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 third countries might be subject to 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 knowledge of English will be subject to written 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 studying abroad decision on recognition of documents on education issued abroad
- Academic transcripts including final grades



Important Deadlines

Application period:

1st call till 30/04/2018

and

2nd call till 31/07/2018

Admission test:

25/06/2018

and

05/09/2018

Academic year:

Winter term: from mid September 2018 to

December 2018*

Exams: from January 2019 to mid February 2019

Summer term: from mid February 2019 to May

2019*

Exams: from May 2019 to June 2019

Holiday: from July to August

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



**Tuition fee for an academic year:
EUR 3.500,-**

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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. Moreover,



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

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.



