



HELLENIC REPUBLIC

**National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens**

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SCHOOL OF LAW  
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**LL.M. in International & European Law**

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–LL.M. Thesis' Guide

## 1. Purpose and Learning results

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The dissertation provides an opportunity to combine and apply the knowledge acquired during the studies. The basic and necessary characteristic of the thesis is originality, which marks a significant added value to the acquired knowledge and reflects the personal contribution and ability of the student. Originality may refer to filling a gap in the literature and/or drawing new conclusions to old or recurring issues.

Having completed the postgraduate thesis, the student

- has studied in depth a specific topic in the Master's specialization areas.
- has applied the relevant knowledge obtained from the course and has developed analytical and synthetical skills,
- has learnt to search for appropriate scientific information from the relevant bibliography,
- has acquired skills in writing academic texts; and
- has developed skills in organising and orally presenting the topic of the dissertation.

## 2. Assignment and Approval of LLM Thesis

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The Postgraduate thesis is assigned in the spring semester and must be submitted no later than 30 September of the year in which the second semester is taught. The student must submit the thesis with a 'declaration of non-Infringement of Intellectual property rights'. The thesis must be individual, original and research-based.

The student submits the proposed title of the thesis, the name of the supervisor, and an abstract of the proposed thesis. The Faculty Assembly appoints the supervisor and the members of the three-members examination committee. The language of the thesis is English. The title of the thesis may be finalized upon application of the student and the agreement of the supervisor to the Steering Committee of the Programme. For the thesis to be approved, the student must present it and defend it before the three-member examination committee. Postgraduate thesis, if approved by the examination committee, will be published in the digital repository "PERGAMOS", according to the decisions of the Senate of the University of Athens. At the request of the supervisor and the student, if the thesis contains unpublished original results, only the abstracts may be published. The full text of the thesis will be published later.

## 3. The Supervisor and the Three-Member Examination Committee

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The Supervisor and the members of the three-member examination committee are appointed from the following categories that provide educational work in the Programme:

- a) Members of Teaching Research Staff, Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the School or other Departments of the Institution or other Higher Educational Institution with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the Programme has tuition fees,
- b) Emeritus Professors or retired members of the Faculty, or other Departments, or

- other Institutes of the National Academy of Sciences or other higher education institutions,
- c) Cooperating Professors,
  - d) Appointed Teaching Staff
  - e) Visiting Professors or Visiting Researchers,
  - f) Researchers and special functional scientists of research and technological institutions as provided for under Article 13A of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centres and institutes of the country or abroad.
- By decision of the Assembly, the supervision of thesis may also be assigned to members of the Department who have not undertaken teaching duties in the Programme.

#### 4. LLM Thesis' Drafting Process

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##### **a) Finding a topic**

Sources for the topics may include lectures in the course, discussions with faculty members, and staff providing educational work in the LLM, literature, current events as well as the student's personal interests. The nature of the topic should allow the student to approach it with as much originality as possible. This will add merit to the thesis. In all cases, in order to complete the thesis within the required time frame, the topic should be tailored to the student's abilities and skills.

##### **b) Contact with faculty members and academic staff**

The purpose of this contact is to discuss the topic and to receive guidance from the supervisor on the precise definition and scoping of the topic.

##### **c) Identification of the topic**

The type of study, the objectives, the methodology, the research hypotheses, the identification of the necessary resources, the time and the limitations of the work should be decided.

##### **d) Submission of the thesis proposal including**

- The title
- The objectives
- The bibliographic documentation
- The structure of the thesis
- Detailed timetable
- Potential limitations
- Ways to overcome these limitations

##### **e) Preparation/Drafting of the dissertation**

The Thesis is divided into the following parts:

- The introduction, which identifies the topic to be analysed, the reasons for studying the topic, its importance (e.g. for science or society, the international community), the methodology for developing the topic and the expected results or conclusions (in general).
- The theoretical part, which includes the review of literature/articles, i.e. the theoretical framework of the topic.

- The results of the research, which will lead to accepting or rejecting the research hypotheses, the relationship between the issues studied and the presentation of the conclusions based on the empirical evidence.
- Conclusions and recommendations for further research

## 5. Structure of the Thesis

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### **Order of tasks:**

- Standard thesis cover page
- Acknowledgements (optional)
- Contents
- Main text (introduction, main body, conclusions, etc.)
- Annexes (if any)
- Bibliography

### **Thesis formatting:**

- Font: Times New Roman
- Text font size: 12 pt with 1.15 line spacing.
- Footnote font size: 10 pt with 1 pt line spacing
- Page size: A4 double-sided
- Margins: 2 cm (top, bottom, right), 2,5 cm left
- Alignment: full.

### **References and bibliography:**

For the creation of references and the compilation of bibliography you can consult the database of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Libraries "Bibliographic Reference Systems"



Research question:

Sub-questions:

Short description of your research (plan), the research method(s) and the coherence between the research question and the sub-questions:

(preliminary) Structure

(indicative) Table of contents

(preliminary) Bibliography



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**APPLICATION FOR THESIS ASSIGNMENT**

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## **LL.M THESIS**

**[First Name, Fathers Name, Last Name]**

**R.N.: .....**

**[Thesis Topic]**

### **Examination Committee:**

a) .....(Supervisor)

b)

c)

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