

DECISION

Amendment of the Regulations of the Intensive Postgraduate Studies Programme of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens entitled "LL.M. in International and European Law"

THE SENATE OF THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Whereas:

1. the provisions of Law 4957/2022 "New Horizons in Higher Educational Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality and connection of higher education institutions 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 No. 135557/Z1/1-11-2022 "Implementation of the provisions of Law 4957/2022 "New horizons in Higher Educational Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality and connection of higher education institutions with society and other provisions" (A 141) for the organization and operation of postgraduate programmes and other issues,
3. the provisions of Law 4386/2016 "Regulations for research and other provisions" (A' 83), as amended and in force,
4. the 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),
5. the provisions of Law 3374/2005 and -in particular- Articles 14 and 15 "Quality assurance in higher education. System of transfer and accumulation of credits - Diploma Supplement" (A' 189), as amended and in force,
6. the decision F5/89656/B3/13-8-2007 "Implementation of the Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (B'1466),
7. the decision No. 1432/20-01-2023 of the Senate of the University of Athens, by which the Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the University of Athens were approved (V' 392)
8. the decision of the Senate of the University of Athens, by which the Programme "LL.M. in International and European Law" and in Greek: "LL.M. in International and European Law" of the Faculty of Law was re-established (V' 3318)
9. the decision of the Senate of the University of Athens, No. 697/05.07.2021, by which the Regulations of the Programme "LL.M. in International and European Law" and in Greek: "LL.M. in International and European Law" of the Faculty of Law were approved (B' 3318)
10. the extract from the minutes of the Assembly of the Law School of the University of Athens (meeting 26.4.2023)
11. the extract from the minutes of the Senate of the University of Athens (session 25.7.2023)
12. the fact that the present decision does not entail any expenditure to the State budget,

Decides:

the amendment of the Regulation of the intensive Postgraduate Studies Programme of the School of Law of the University of Athens, entitled "LL.M. in International and European Law" and in Greek: "LL.M. in International and European Law", from the academic year 2022-2023, in accordance with the provisions of Law 4957/22 and the Regulation of Post-

graduate and Doctoral Studies of the University of Athens, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. OBJECT-PURPOSE

1.1 The aim of the Programme “LL.M. in International and European Law” (Programme) is to deepen and promote knowledge and research in the field of international and European law, considering the development needs of the country. In particular, the preparation of a thesis aims at the production of scientific research of high quality in the subjects and the creation of scientists capable of contributing to the progress of science and teaching.

1.2 The Programme leads to the award of the master’s degree “LL.M. in International and European Law”, after the full and successful completion of the studies based on the curriculum, in the following specializations:

1. Public International Law
2. European Union Law (European Union Law)

1.3 The titles are awarded by the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

1.4 Learning outcomes, qualifications acquired through the successful completion of the Programme. The holders of the “LL.M. in International and European Law” will have received systematic knowledge of specialization in the basic disciplines of Public International Law and European Union Law, so that they will be able to conduct independent research and at the same time will have the skills for a career in legal practice.

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 of the NKUA

2.2 At the level of the School, 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 need for the establishment/amending a Postgraduate 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 applications from prospective postgraduate students and approve their enrolment in the programme,
- d) assign teaching work among the lecturers of the Programme and may assign auxiliary teaching work in Programme to PHD students of the Faculty, under the supervision of a Professor of the Programme.
- e) set up examination committees for the examination of the theses of postgraduate students and appoints the supervisor for each thesis,
- f) certifies the successful completion of the course of study and awards the Postgraduate Diploma,
- g) approve the report of the programme, following the recommendation of the Steering Committee (SC),
- h) assign postgraduate students to carry out auxiliary teaching work in first cycle programmes of the School,

(j) exercise any other lawful authority.

By decision of the Assembly of the School the responsibilities of paragraphs d) and f) are transferred to the Board 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. The members of the SC are determined by decision of the Faculty Assembly. The Steering Committee 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, and recommends its approval to the Research Committee of the Special Account for Research Grants,
- b) prepare the report of the Programme 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 Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies;
- e) recommend to the Faculty Assembly the allocation of teaching work, and the assignment of teaching work,
- f) Recommend 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 comes from the members of the Faculty's teaching staff, with priority of professor or associate professor rank, and is appointed by decision of the Faculty's 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) recommends to the SC and the other bodies of the School and the Institution issues related to the effective operation of the Programme,
- d) be the Scientific Officer of the Programme and exercises the corresponding responsibilities,
- e) monitors the implementation of the decisions of the Programme bodies and the Internal Regulations for 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 of 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 appoints an employee or employees - depending on the

number of Programmes and the workload - as the person(s) responsible for the Postgraduate Programmes of the School.

c) External collaborators for the secretarial and administrative support of the Programme may be hired, in accordance with the applicable procedure, at the expense of the Programme budget. External collaborators shall report to the School's Secretariat.

ARTICLE 3. CATEGORIES AND NUMBER OF APPLICANTS

3.1 The following are admitted to the Programme:

α) Graduates of Law Schools / Departments. Graduates in subjects related to the subject of specializations can be admitted by decision of the Steering Committee.

b) Those who have proven very good knowledge of English language at level C1 and above.

3.2 The maximum number of students admitted is set at twenty-five (25) per specialization and is determined annually by the announcement, according to the number of lecturers of the LL.M., the student-faculty ratio, the logistical infrastructure, the classrooms, the absorption of graduates by the labour market.

3.3 In addition to the number of admissions, if they meet the minimum criteria, they are admitted per specialization:

3.3.1 up to three (3) judicial officers or diplomatic staff or officials of the State Legal Council

3.3.2 one (1) member of the categories of Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff per year, provided that the work performed at the Institution is related to the subject of the Programme.

3.4 Scholarship holders of the State Scholarship Foundation (for postgraduate studies), foreign scholarship holders of the Greek state, for the same or related subject matter as that of the Programme, are admitted without examinations, provided that the other requirements are met.

ARTICLE 4. METHOD OF ADMISSION

4.1 Students are selected in accordance with the applicable law, the Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the NKUA and the provisions of these Regulations.

4.2 No later than 31st May of each year, by the decision of the Faculty Assembly, upon the recommendation of the SC, a Call for Applications on admission of postgraduate students to the LL.M Programme is published and posted on the websites of the Faculty and the Institution. Candidates may apply for two specializations per year, of the same or of different Programme specializations, but, if they are successful in both, they may only enrol in the specialization they have declared as first choice. The 'application form' is available on the Postgraduate Studies website of the Faculty and on the website of the Programme. The relevant applications with the necessary supporting documents are submitted to the LL.M. Secretariat within a time limit specified in the Call for Application and may be extended by decision of the Faculty Assembly.

4.3 The Faculty Assembly entrusts the selection process of admissions to the SC.

4.4 Necessary supporting documents are:

- Application for participation
- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of identity card
- Copy of a diploma or certificate of completion of studies
- Detailed grading of undergraduate courses
- English language certificate (C1 level and above). Knowledge of other languages, in particular French, will be considered in the selection process. *If you do not have a C1 certifi-*

cate of proficiency in English, you must submit with your application form a declaration of the language in which you wish to be tested. This test will be carried out on a legal text by a member of the School's teaching staff after the admission tests have been held. The mark for the foreign language will be marked by the final marking of 'pass' or 'fail' and not by a numerical mark.

- Scientific publications, if any
- Evidence of professional or research activity, if any
- Recognition of a foreign academic degree, if available
- Certificate of service (only for judicial officials / diplomatic officials / employees of the State Legal Council)

4.5 For students from foreign institutions, who do not present a certificate of recognition of academic qualifications from Hellenic NARIC, the following procedure is followed:

The Faculty Assembly appoints a committee responsible for determining whether a foreign institution or a type of foreign institution is recognised. For a qualification to be recognised it must:

- the institution awarding the qualifications is included in the list of foreign institutions kept and updated by Hellenic NARIC
- 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 is not recognised, unless the part of the studies that took place in the Greece is in a public university.

4.6 The evaluation of candidates and the selection of admissions is based on the following criteria:

- Evaluation, (written or oral), by a three-member committee appointed by the Faculty Assembly. The method of evaluation is defined in the Call for Application
- Certified knowledge of English language
- Degree level
- Grade in undergraduate courses in a subject related to the Programme
- Relevance of the candidate's university degree and knowledge to the subject of the Programme
- Knowledge of other foreign languages
- Degree in the degree or diploma thesis (if any)
- Scientific publications, participation in conferences
- Relevant research or professional activity
- Possession of a master's or doctoral degree

4.7 Based on the overall criteria, the SC prepare by 15 September the evaluation list of students and submits it to the Faculty Assembly for approval. If the number of successful candidates in a specialization 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. Successful candidates must register with the Programme Secretariat within thirty (30) days of the decision of the Faculty Assembly. In case of non-registration of one or more students, the runners-up (if any) will be invited to enrol in the Programme, based on their order in the approved merit list.

ARTICLE 5. DURATION OF STUDY

5.1 The duration of the Programme leading to the award of the Postgraduate Studies Diploma (Master's degree) is defined as two (2) academic semesters, without summer vacation, which includes the time for the preparation of the thesis.

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

5.3 Students, after a reasoned request to the Faculty Assembly, may suspend their studies for a period not exceeding two (2) consecutive semesters. The above-mentioned reasoned request must 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 organisations 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 student suspension do not count towards the maximum period of regular study.

At least two weeks before the end of the suspension, the student must re-enrol in the programme to continue the studies with the rights and obligations of an active student. Students may, upon request, terminate their suspension and return to the Program only if they have applied for a suspension for two consecutive academic semesters. The request to discontinue suspension must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of the second semester of suspension.

5.4 The duration of the suspension or extension of the submission of the thesis is 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) credit hours (ECTS) are required for the LL.M. degree. All courses are taught weekly and, where appropriate, include mid-term exercises, visits to regulatory or other institutions and mock trials. Courses may also be organised in seminar courses, with different lecturers under the supervision of the instructor.

6.3 Recognition of courses is not possible. In case the students succeed in a second specialization of the same or a different Programme, they must attend the compulsory courses that are identical to those of the previous specialization they have attended. They must also take elective courses different from those taken in the first specialization.

6.4 The language of teaching and writing of the postgraduate thesis is English.

6.5 During their studies, postgraduate students are required to attend and successfully complete postgraduate courses, conduct research and write scientific papers, as well as prepare a postgraduate thesis.

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

6.7 The courses shall be taught face-to-face or at a distance in accordance with Article 7 hereof.

6.8 The indicative programme of courses per specialization is as follows:

1. Public International Law

Winter semester		Spring semester	
One Core Module	ECTS	One Core Module	ECTS
Fundamentals of international law	10	International Law Processes	10
Four Optional Modules		Four Optional Modules	
Seminar I (PIL)	5	Seminar II (PIL)	5
International Human Rights Law	5	International Environmental Law and Energy Law	5
Law of the Sea	5	Business and Human Rights	5
Law of the World Trade Organisation	5	International Investment Law & Arbitration	5
International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law	5	International law and domestic courts	5
Diplomatic and consular law	5	Diplomacy through experts	5
International humanitarian law	5	Cybersecurity and International Law	5
The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition	5	EU Tax Law	5
Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union	5	EU Economic and Monetary Union Law	5
European Union External Relations Law	5	Environmental Law and EU Internal Market	5
		International and European Banking Law	5
		ΣΥΝΟΛΟ – TOTAL	30
		SUMMER PERIOD - LLM THESIS	15
		TOTAL	75

2. European Union Law

Winter semester		Spring semester	
One Core Module	ECTS	One Core Module	ECTS
Fundamentals of EU law	10	The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: between Governance and Security	10
Four Optional Modules		Four Optional Modules	
Seminar I (EUL)	5	Seminar II (EUL)	5
The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition	5	EU Tax Law	5
Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU	5	EU Economic and Monetary Union Law	5
European Union External Relations Law	5	Environmental Law and EU Internal Market	5
International Human Rights Law	5	International Environmental Law and Energy Law	5
Law of the Sea	5	Business and Human Rights	5
Law of the World Trade Organisation	5	International Investment Law & Arbitration	5
International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law	5	International law and domestic courts	5
Diplomatic and consular law	5	Diplomacy through experts	5
International humanitarian law	5	Cybersecurity and International Law	5
		International and European Banking Law	5
		TOTAL	30
		SUMMER PERIOD-LLM THESIS	15
		TOTAL	75

B. Course Content/Description

The compulsory modules are taught 3 hours per week (1 hour seminar-tutorial) and the elective modules two hours per week.

- **Fundamentals of International Law – The Human Dimension of International Law** The course aims at providing an approach to the main chapters of international law through the lens of human rights and to highlight the major changes in theory and practice since the Second World War and especially since the beginning of the 21st century, as well as the challenges ahead.
- **Seminar I (PIL)** The seminar aims at further developing key and contemporary issues of the main course. It will have an interactive character and the students will have the opportunity to present their dissertations.
- **International Law Processes: The International Judicial Function** This course concentrates on international law processes, with a focus on the law and procedure of international courts and tribunals and the development of international law through international jurisprudence.
- **Seminar II (PIL)** This course aims, through the discussion of current issues in international law, to provide in-depth understanding of international law.
- **Fundamentals of EU Law** This course introduces students to the specific features of the EU as an autonomous legal order of a constitutional nature and its relationship with national and international law. It explores the role of Member States, the Market, and the Citizen, as well as the mechanisms of judicial protection in the EU.
- **Seminar I (EUL)** The course aims at further studying issues that are analysed during the main course. Students draft and present assignments concerning contemporary developments in the field of EU Law.
- **The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: Between Governance and Security** This course introduces students to the specific features of the EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ). It explores the history of its creation and the role of EU institutions involved in the relevant policy, as well as the horizontal quest for security in the above area. It analyses the main features of EU governance in the areas of border control, asylum, and migration policy, as well as the external dimension thereof; judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters together with police cooperation will be examined through the lens of security mechanisms.
- **Seminar II (EUL)** This course is the continuation of Seminar I. Students draft and present their assignments concerning contemporary developments concerning fundamental issues of the EU legal order.
- **International Human Rights Law** The course discusses in considerable depth the architecture of the international system of human rights protection while focusing on specific substantive issues to further delve into its operation in practice.
- **Law of the Sea** The purpose of this course is to provide students with a profound understanding of the law applicable to one of the most dynamic areas of international law, the international law of the sea. The seas are critical to States interests and human prosperity, being a highway for commerce, a shared resource and a conduit for threats to security.
- **Law of the World Trade Organisation** The aim of this course is to offer students a thorough understanding of the law of the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- **International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law** The course aims to provide an in-depth approach to international air, space and telecommunications law and highlight, as

well as analyze, the challenges that arise for international law by the inherent interaction of these areas of activity.

- **Diplomatic and Consular Law** This course covers the regulation of diplomatic and consular relations under public international law. It provides students with a thorough analysis of the sources and content of diplomatic and consular law, focusing on the practice and literature in applying the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.
- **International Humanitarian Law** This course will examine in detail the basic rules and principles of IHL, delineating their scope and their interplay.
- **International Environmental and Energy Law** The course discusses the peculiarities of international environmental law regarding the sources of its norms and the repercussions of their breach, focusing on issues pertaining to energy and climate change
- **International Investment Law and Arbitration** This course addresses the foundations, rules and policy underlying the contemporary international investment law regime and aims at providing students with a solid understanding of how international investment arbitration works.
- **Business and Human Rights** The course discusses in considerable depth the presence of businesses in a globalized market and their impact on human rights, labour rights, environmental concerns, and sustainable development.
- **International Law and Domestic Courts** The course will cover a variety of topics with respect to the interpretation and application of international law in domestic courts, engaging into a thorough analysis from different micro and macro perspectives.
- **Diplomacy through Experts** The course aims to deepen understanding in international institutional law, international affairs, and contemporary diplomatic practice. It builds on interactions with diplomats and practitioners who share their expertise on multilateral diplomacy and current issues of global diplomacy.
- **Cybersecurity and International Law** The course aims to highlight the role of international law in relation to the maintenance of cybersecurity, exploring the available (as well as the desired) legal mechanisms for dealing with the so-called “cyber-threats” at the international level.
- **The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition** This course introduces the students to the founding economic model of the EU and the principles and mechanisms of the EU internal market, namely free movement of goods, persons, services, and capitals, as well as free competition. Emphasis is given to the recent developments in EU legislation and in the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU).
- **Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU** This course introduces the students to the mechanisms of fundamental rights protection in the European Union. Special emphasis is put on fundamental rights as a component of the «rule of law» mechanism as well as on the interaction between the EU system, on the one hand, and the national and international instruments for fundamental rights protection, on the other.
- **EU External Relations Law - Δίκαιο των Εξωτερικών Σχέσεων της Ε.Ε** The course highlights the main features of the legal and institutional framework for the European Union (EU) external relations and focuses on specific issues such as the activity of the EU as a member of international organizations, the invocability of international rules within the EU legal order, the mixed agreements and the imposition of sanctions.
- **EU Tax Law - Φορολογικό Δίκαιο της Ε.Ε** This course introduces students to the fundamental principles and rules of European Union Tax Law. This course explores the integration

process in the field of taxation through primary and secondary EU law, as interpreted by the case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), and it focuses on recent developments at the European level and their interaction with OECD initiatives in the field of taxation. Topics discussed comprise the Customs Union rules, the EU Member States' obligations in the field of internal taxation and direct taxation, the VAT system, as well as the new EU rules against tax avoidance practices.

- **EU Economic and Monetary Union Law** The course highlights the main features of the legal and institutional framework for the European Union's Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). Students will become familiar with the legal basis on which the EMU is built and its institutional arrangements and will be guided through the causes and applied solutions to the economic crisis in the EU after 2008, as well as the future directions of the Euro area.
- **Environmental Law and EU Internal Market** The course focusses on the dynamic character of EU environmental law as parameter of the global commitment to sustainable development. It aims at providing students with a thorough understanding of the use of legal rules for the protection of the environment and their close relation with the internal market. It introduces students to EU legal instruments and methods of environmental governance. Special focus is placed on energy governance and the efforts for climate mitigation and the attainment of a clean energy transition.
- **International and European Banking Law** The course "International and European Banking Law" covers the key elements of EU banking regulation, as these were shaped under the constant influence of international financial standards (namely, those developed, inter alia, by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Financial Stability Board). European Banking Law will be discussed in its historical context, up to the current existing framework, which has been created as a response to the (2007-2009) global financial crisis and the more recent fiscal crisis in the euro area, leading to the Banking Union. Prudential banking regulation and supervision, the bank crisis prevention and management framework, the rules on deposit guarantee and the arrangements on the provision of emergency liquidity assistance to credit institutions will be discussed in turn, along with the role of EU institutions (including the European Central Bank) and the banking sector-specific EU agencies. The quite extensive relevant case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union will also be part of the curriculum, and students are expected to make presentations on some of the court's most important judgements.

ARTICLE 7. DISTANCE LEARNING

The training process may be carried out using modern distance learning methods, in particular in the following cases:

- in cases of force majeure or exceptional circumstances, where it is not possible to carry out the educational 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.

Responsible for the support of the distance learning process, as well as for issues related to the protection of personal data, is the Digital Governance Unit of the University of Athens.

The NKUA maintains an electronic platform accessible to persons with disabilities, through which asynchronous distance learning services are provided. The electronic platform may post educational material per course, which may include notes, presentations, exercises, indicative solutions, as well as 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 students and is protected by Law No. 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 semester, each of which includes at least thirteen (13) weeks of teaching and three (3) weeks of examinations. The courses of winter and spring semester are re-examined in September. Students who want to improve their grade may be re-examined in September.

8.2 In case of an impossibility to hold a course, it will be covered. The date and time of the make-up is posted on the LL.M. website.

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

8.4 The assessment of postgraduate students and their performance in the courses is carried out at the end of each semester by written oral examinations or by the completion of assignments throughout the semester, or may be based on mid-term progress examinations, written assignments, or a combination of all the above. The method of assessment is determined by the instructor of each course. When conducting written or oral examinations as methods of assessment, it is mandatory to ensure the integrity of the process. Grading shall be on a scale of 1-10. The results of the examinations are announced by the lecturer and sent to the Secretariat of the Programme and the Department within four (4) weeks after the examination of the course at the latest. If the above limit is repeatedly exceeded by an instructor, the Director of the Programme shall inform the Faculty Assembly accordingly.

8.5 The percentage of assignments and seminars in the final grade of each course is determined for each course separately, following the recommendation of the lecturer of each course.

8.6 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.

8.7 Alternative methods may be used for the assessment of students with disabilities and special educational needs following a decision of the SC and considering the relevant guidelines of the Disabled Students Accessibility Unit.

8.8 In cases of illness or recovery from serious illness, (e.g. oral remote examination) the instructors are recommended to facilitate the students in any appropriate way. During oral examinations the instructors shall ensure that they are not alone with the student being examined.

8.9 Students are required to retake the courses they have failed. Assignments that are separately graded and have been successfully assessed will not be re-examined.

8.10 Correction of grades is allowed, if there is an obvious clerical or cumulative error, following a letter from the responsible instructor and a decision of the Faculty Assembly.

8.11 There are two examination periods for each course. The first follows the end of each semester and lasts up to three weeks and the second takes place in September and lasts up to three weeks. The second period is taken by a student who has failed one or more courses in the first or second semester. If the student fails twice in the same course (and in up to two courses), will be examined, at a request, by a three-member committee of faculty members

who have the same or a related field of study as the course and who are appointed by the Steering Committee. If the student fails again, will be removed from the Register by decision of the Assembly on the recommendation of the Steering Committee.

8.12 The papers must be retained for two (2) years under the supervision of the instructor of the course. After this time, the papers cease to be valid and are destroyed under the responsibility of the Faculty Assembly, unless criminal, disciplinary or any 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 considered 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:

$$\text{Βαθμός πτυχίου/διπλώματος} = (\sum_{k=1}^N \text{ΒΜ}_k \cdot \text{ΠΜ}_k) / \Sigma\text{ΠΜ}$$

where:

N = number of courses required for the corresponding degree

ΒΜ_k = grade of the course k

ΠΜ_k = credit points of the course k

ΣΠΜ = total number of credits for the corresponding degree

In order to obtain a Master's degree, each postgraduate student must attend and successfully pass all the compulsory courses and the required number of courses selected from those offered by the Programme and complete a postgraduate thesis, thus accumulating seventy-five (75) ECTS.

ARTICLE 9. PREPARATION OF POSTGRADUATE THESIS

9.1 The assignment of the postgraduate thesis is carried out during the spring semester. The thesis shall be submitted no later than 30 September of the year in which the second semester is taught. The candidate shall also submit a 'Declaration of Non-Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights', which shall be attached to the Thesis.

9.2 The thesis must be a) individual, b) original, c) the product of scientific research, and d) written in accordance with the writing guidelines posted by the Programme on its website.

9.3 Upon application by the candidate stating the proposed title of the thesis, the supervisor and an abstract of the proposed thesis, the SC appoints the supervisor and constitutes the three-member examination committee for the approval of the thesis, one of whose members is the supervisor. The language of the postgraduate thesis shall be English.

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

9.5 In order to the Master's thesis be approved, the student must present it and defend it before the three-member examination committee.

9.6 The Supervisor and the members of the examination committee of the Master's thesis are appointed from the following categories 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 Department or other Departments of the NKUA or other Higher Educational Institution or Higher Military Educational Institution, with

- additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the Programme has tuition fees,
- b) Emeritus Professors or retired members of the Department or other Departments of the School 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 operational scientists of research and technological institutions of Article 13A of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centres and institutes in Greece or abroad.

By decision of the Assembly, the supervision of dissertations may be assigned to members of the Faculty, who have not undertaken teaching duties in the Programme.

9.7 The postgraduate thesis, if approved by the examination committee, is obligatorily posted in the Digital Repository "PERGAMOS", according to the decisions of the Senate of the University of Athens.

9.8 If the thesis contains original, unpublished results, only the abstracts may be published on the website, upon request of the supervisor, co-signed by the postgraduate student, and the full text may be published later.

ARTICLE 10. OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

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

10.2 The Institution ensures that students with disabilities and/or special educational needs have accessibility to the proposed texts 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 seminars of research groups, discussions of literature information, visits to laboratories, 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 Committee, may decide to expel postgraduate students if:

- have exceeded the maximum number of absences,
- have failed the examination of a course or courses 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 the present 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 resignation.

10.6 If a postgraduate student is withdrawn from the Programme may apply for a certificate for the courses in which he/she has successfully examined.

10.7 Postgraduate students of the NKUA may enrol in Programs of the same or other universities in Greece or abroad in the framework of educational or research cooperation pro-

grams in accordance with the legislation.

10.8 It is possible to study simultaneously in an undergraduate and a postgraduate programme of study or in two (2) Postgraduate Programmes of another Department of the same or another Institution.

10.9 At the end of each semester, each course and each lecturer are evaluated by the postgraduate students (see Article 17).

10.10 Postgraduate students may request a Diploma Supplement in Greek and English.

10.11 For their participation in the "LLM in International and European Law", postgraduate students pay a tuition fee of 4,800. The fee shall be paid at the time of enrolment in the LLM. In case of resignation or withdrawal of the postgraduate student, the registration fee shall not be refunded.

ARTICLE 11. EXEMPTION FROM TUITION FEES

11.1 Students who meet the financial or social criteria and the requirements for excellence during the first cycle of studies, in accordance with the applicable law, are exempted from the tuition fees. This exemption is granted for participation in a single Programme. 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 exemption from tuition fees is submitted after the completion of the selection. 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 non-EU countries are not entitled to exemption.

11.4 The examination of the criteria for exemption from tuition fees is carried out by the School Assembly 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 The members of the categories Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff who are admitted as supernumeraries in accordance with paragraph 3.3.2 of article 3 of this regulation, are exempted from the payment of tuition fees.

11.7 If members of the same family up to the second degree of consanguinity or consanguinity by blood or affinity are studying simultaneously in an Postgraduate Programme of the NKUA, there is the possibility of a 50% reduction in the tuition fees paid.

ARTICLE 12. AWARDS

The Programme may award prizes for excellence to the first student of each specialization upon completion of the first and second semester courses, following the recommendation of the Steering Committee and the decision of the Departmental Assembly, according to the provisions of the Regulations of the University of Athens. The awards have no financial benefit. The award shall be signed by the Director of LL.M. and the Dean of the Faculty

ARTICLE 13. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FINANCING OF THE PROGRAMME

13.1 For the proper operation of the Programme classrooms and seminars, auditoriums equipped with audio-visual equipment and laboratories of the Law School are available.

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

13.3 The funding of 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,
- f) own resources of the Higher Educational Institution and
- (f) the state budget or the public investment programme.
- (g) any other legitimate source.

13.4 The payment of tuition fees is made by the student or by a third natural 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 is carried out by the Special Account for Research Grand of the NKUA.

13.6 The resources of the Programme are distributed as follows:

- a) an amount corresponding to thirty percent (30%) of the total income from tuition fees is shall be retained by the Special Account for Research Grand of the NKUA. This amount includes the percentage of retained by the Special Account for Research Grand of the NKUA 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 Special Account for Research Grand of the NKUA shall be the same as for revenue from the corresponding funding sources,
- b) the remaining amount of the total income of the Programme is allocated to cover the operating costs of the Programme.

ARTICLE 14. ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHING/TEACHERS TO THE PROGRAMME

14.1 The teaching work of the Postgraduate Studies Programmes is assigned, following a decision of the Assembly, to the following categories of instructors:

- a) members of Teaching Research Staff, Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the Department or other Departments of the UoA or other Higher Educational Institution or Higher Military Educational Institution, with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the Programme has tuition fees,
- b) emeritus professors or retired members of the Department or other Departments of the School or other departments 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 expert scientists of research and technological institutions of article 13A of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other national or foreign research centres and institutes
- g) scientists of recognized prestige, who have specialized knowledge and relevant experience in the subject matter of the Programme

14.2 All categories of lecturers 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 the remuneration of each lecturer shall be determined by decision of the Faculty Assembly. Lecturers who have the status of faculty member may be paid additionally for the work they contribute to the Programme if 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 the Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, if they fulfil their minimum legal obligations.

14.3 By decision of the Faculty Assembly, the School may assign auxiliary teaching work to doctoral students of the School, under the supervision of an instructor of the Programme.

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

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

- a) the full name of the instructor,
- b) the status of instructor
- (c) the type of teaching work per teaching member (module, seminar, or workshop),
- (d) the number of teaching hours per module, seminar, or workshop.

14.5 The allocation of teaching work is 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 shall be taken before the beginning of each academic semester. By a reasoned decision of the Faculty Assembly, the teaching assignment may be modified during the academic year.

14.6 Teaching staff (during the period they are on sabbatical leave or suspension), may provide teaching work for the Programme, if they consider that their programme allows it, 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 POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA

15.1 The student completes the studies for the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies by completing the minimum number of courses and credits required for the award of the LL.M., by successfully completing the postgraduate thesis and the payment of all tuition fees. The Assembly shall determine the completion of the studies to award the Master's Diploma.

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

15.3 The Master's Diploma certifies the successful completion of the 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 including) and Good (5 to 6.5 not including).

15.4 The type of the Diploma for each type of Master's Programme is common for all Departments and Faculties of the NKUA and is included in the Regulations for 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 Law" is awarded in one of the following specializations:

1. "Public International Law"
2. "European Union Law"

ARTICLE 16. OATH-CEREMONY

16.1 Taking the oath 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 School of Law, in the presence of the Director of the Programme, the Dean or the Deputy Dean of the School and, where possible, a representative of the Rector.

16.2 A request for the oath-ceremony of postgraduate students 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 School's Secretariat for an exemption from the obligation of inauguration. The exemption from the obligation of inauguration is approved by the Dean of the School and the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs.

ARTICLE 17. EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMME

17.1 Evaluation by the National Authority for Higher Education

The Programme is evaluated in the framework of the periodic evaluation/certification of the Faculty organised by the National Authority for Higher Education. In this context, the overall assessment of the work performed 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 deemed not to meet the conditions for its continued operation, it will continue to operate until the graduation of the already registered students in accordance with the founding decision and the regulations for 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 assessed:

- a) the content of the Programme of Studies in accordance with the most recent research in the specific subject area of the Programme, to ensure the contemporary character of the Programme
- b) the course workload, as well as the progress and completion of postgraduate studies by the students,

- c) the degree of satisfaction of the students' expectations of the Programme of Studies, the support services offered 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 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 2030-2031 provided that it meets the criteria of internal and external evaluation, in accordance with applicable law.

ARTICLE 19. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

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

Issues, which are not regulated by the applicable law, by the Regulation for 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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