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## PREFACE



Dear postgraduate students,

The School of Law, which together with the Theological, Medical and Philosophical Schools formed the core of the University of Athens, which was founded in 1837 under King Otto's reign, nurtured generations of worthy scientists and important players in the political life of the country, offering invaluable educational work. From 1982 until 2013, it operated as a Department of Law within the Faculty of Law, Economics and Political Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), while by the Presidential Decree 85/2013 it was transformed into an autonomous single-unit School.

This Guide contains the basic guidelines for postgraduate studies at the School of Law, the current legal status, the requirements for the award of a Master's degree, the indicative curriculum, the lecturers and the content of the courses, as well as the services provided.

On behalf of all the members of the teaching and administrative staff, we congratulate you and welcome you to the Postgraduate Studies Programme.

## OBJECT - PURPOSE

From the academic year of 2020-2021, the first English-language postgraduate programme of legal studies in Greece, the **LLM in International & European Legal Studies**, is operating at the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The **aim** of the LL.M is to deepen and promote knowledge and research in the field of contemporary European Private Law and International and European Business Law, as it is shaped and developed on the basis of international law on the one hand and the European *acquis* on the other, taking into account the development needs of the country. In particular, the preparation of a thesis aims at the production of scientific research of high quality and the creation of scientists capable of contributing to the progress of science and teaching. It is

addressed to students who are interested in either contemporary European private law or International and European business law. It is an initiative which took shape and was realised in the framework of the cooperation between the Law School of Athens and the **European Law School Network**, a network of eight distinguished European Law Schools of the Universities: Humboldt zu Berlin, Paris 2 (Panthéon-Assas), King's College London, La Sapienza Roma, University of Amsterdam, NKUA, Católica Portuguesa Lisbon and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, contributing to the internationalisation of higher education in Greece, thus contributing to the internationalisation of higher education in Greece.

The LL.M has both a **professional** and a **research** focus through the familiarization of students with case law and the practical application of law. Its European orientation aspires to create legal scholars who will combine theoretical and practical knowledge and who will move fluently both in the academic environment and in the context of European institutions, but also in the increasingly competitive environment of modern business.

#### EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the **LL.M course "European Private Law"**, students are expected to:

- **analyse** in depth issues of both property and personal law, which are at the heart of contemporary EU legislation and case law,
- **highlight** dimensions of the private law of transactions that are relevant to international law through the study of international literature and case law.

Upon completion of the **LL.M course "Private Law and Business Transactions"**, students are expected to:

- **examine** the issues of modern business law that are at the heart of EU legislation and case law,
- **manage** issues of international trade, as it has evolved through the international treaties, by studying international literature and case law.

The LL.M in International & European Legal Studies provides students with a **uniform legal education** in the scientific fields it examines, in order to ensure quality standards and to

ensure that the graduates have developed a solid theoretical and practical background that will allow them to successfully cope with the ever demanding legal environment, while developing their careers at the highest level of national and international practice. By studying the literature and case law, students of the LL.M enrich their knowledge of the newest approaches/methods in legal issues related to modern economic transactions such as banking law and consumer protection law, deepen and acquire a high level of expertise in theoretical and applied areas of European private law, financial and economic law, with particular emphasis on the international and mainly European dimension of modern economic transactions.

In addition, it is necessary to take into account the particular orientation of each student, which is achieved to a certain extent through:

1. the choice of a specialisation, i.e. between the above LL.M courses, and the by choice compulsory modules, which the student chooses freely from an offered list,
2. the preparation of supplementary assignments in the context of various modules, in order for the students to immerse in the research process,
3. the courses under the form of a “seminar”, where current legal issues are studied and papers are prepared,
4. the organisation of conferences and workshops, in which postgraduate students can participate, and especially the Summer Academies within the framework of the European Law School Network.

## NETWORK OF EUROPEAN LAW SCHOOLS

This LL.M programme allows the School of Law of NKUA to become a member of the European Law School Network (<https://www.european-law-school.eu/en>), which consists of some of the leading law schools in Europe: the Humboldt University of Berlin, the University Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), King's College London, the University of Rome "La Sapienza", the University of Amsterdam, the University Católica Portuguesa of Lisbon and the Autónoma University of Madrid.

Through the European Law School Network, Summer Schools are organized and take place annually in the various European cities of the Network's member law schools, with the participation of distinguished personalities. The interested parties may attend the weekly Summer Schools either in person or remotely. All participants benefit from the Network's strong contacts with International and European Organisations and major law firms in

Europe. Thus, they acquire all the tools for a successful academic and professional career at national and European level.

## STRUCTURE AND BODIES OF THE LL.M



The competent bodies for the operation of the LL.M according to Law 4957/2022 are:

2.1 At Foundation level, the competent bodies are the Committee for Postgraduate Studies and the Senate.

2.2 At Faculty level, the competent bodies are:

- a. The Faculty Assembly
- b. The Steering Committee (SC)
- c. The Director of the LL.M

## CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

The selection of students is made in accordance with the current legislation, the Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the University of Athens and the provisions of the Regulations of the LL.M.

Admitted to the LL.M are those who: a) have a law degree from a School of Law of a national university or a corresponding Faculty or School of a foreign university and (b) have a very good knowledge (C1 level and above) of the English language, as evidenced by the presentation of one of the language certificates of an equivalent level accepted by the Higher Staff Selection Board (ASEP). A very good knowledge of at least one of the following languages will be taken into account: French or German. By decision of the SC, graduates of higher education institutions, who hold a degree in subjects relevant to the field of the offered LL.M courses may, exceptionally, be admitted.

The maximum number of students admitted to the Postgraduate Studies Programme is set at twenty-five (25) students per LL.M course (without prejudice to article 4.8 of the Regulation). In addition to the 25 students admitted per LL.M course, foreign students from



the partner Universities of the European Law School Network are also admitted to this LL.M's programme, under the specific conditions laid down in Article 4.7 of the Regulation, who are proposed by the academic institutions participating in the aforementioned Network. These foreign students are not included in the maximum number of twenty-five (25) students per LL.M course, but the total number of foreign students must not exceed fourteen (14) students for both LL.M courses.

In addition to the number of admissions, by decision of the Assembly, and following the recommendation of the SC, up to two (2) judicial officers per LL.M course may be admitted, provided they meet the minimum criteria. In addition, one (1) member of the categories of the Laboratory Teaching Personnel (in Greek ΕΔΙΠ) and the Specialised Technical Laboratory Personnel (in Greek ΕΤΕΠ) may be admitted as supernumerary, in accordance with the legislation in force. Scholarship holders of the State Scholarship Foundation (in Greek ΙΚΥ) (for postgraduate studies), foreign scholarship holders of the Greek State, for the same or related subject as the ones of the LL.M, are admitted without examinations, provided that the other requirements are met.

Candidates apply to the Law School's Secretariat following a notice of invitation issued by the end of May each year, which specifies: a) the requirements for participation in the selection procedure b) the number of candidates c) the documents to be submitted and the deadline for submission d) the selection procedure and criteria e) the date of the exams. Candidates may apply each year for two LL.M courses, either of the same or of different LL.M programmes, but if they are successful in both, they may only enrol in the LL.M course declared as their first choice.

Necessary documents are:

- Application for participation.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- A photocopy of two sides of the identity card.
- A copy of the degree or certificate of completion of studies.
- A certificate with the detailed grades of all the undergraduate courses (if no copy of the degree or the certificate of completion of studies is available).
- An English language certificate (level C1 and above) (In case the candidate does not have a certificate of adequate language proficiency, the following must also be declared in the application: 'I wish to sit the English, German or French language exam or I will submit to the

Secretariat by 31.8.20XX a language certificate of level C1 or a certificate of successful completion of the exam'. This exam is carried out on a legal text by a member of the faculty's teaching staff, after the admission exams have been held. The foreign language grade is recorded with the final classification as "successfully" or "unsuccessfully" and not with a numerical grade).

- Scientific publications, if any.
- Evidence of professional or research activity, if any.
- Recognition of a foreign academic degree.

*(For students from foreign institutions who do not already have a certificate of recognition of a foreign academic degree from D.O.A.T.A.P (Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center), the Faculty Assembly appoints a committee competent to determine whether a foreign institution or the type of a foreign institution's title is recognized, i.e. whether it has been included in the National Register of Foreign Higher Education Institutions, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 299 and 304 of Law 4957/2022.)*

- Certificate/diploma in German and/or French (optional).
- A 400-word motivation letter, describing the reasons that motivate the candidate to attend the LL.M programme.
- Service certificate (only for judicial officers)

Admission to the LL.M programme requires successful participation in an evaluation by a three-member committee formed by the Assembly of the Faculty of Law, following a proposal by the S.C. Candidates are selected on the basis of their academic ability to successfully complete and meet the requirements of the LL.M and the courses offered in it, as evidenced in particular by their degree, their grades in courses relevant to the subject matter of the LL.M, their performance in a dissertation/thesis, if provided for in the undergraduate studies, and their relevant research or professional activity.

The three member Committee will take into account the information in the candidate's file accompanying his/her application and will assess him/her following an oral interview, which will take place in English by means of remote communication.

On the basis of the overall criteria, the S.C prepares the student evaluation table by September 15 and submits it to the Assembly for approval. In the event of a tie, the tied candidates are admitted at a rate not exceeding 10% of the maximum number of admissions. Enrolment shall take place before the start of the teaching period, following an announcement by the LL.M's Secretariat. In case of non-enrolment of one or more students,

the runners-up shall be invited to enrol in the LL.M, based on their (in order of success) in the approved evaluation table.

### **DURATION OF STUDIES**

The duration of studies in the LL.M leading to the award of the Master's degree is set at two (2) academic semesters, without summer vacation, which includes the time for the preparation of the thesis.

Students may, after a reasoned request to the Assembly, interrupt their studies for a period not exceeding two (2) consecutive semesters. The above-mentioned reasoned request shall 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 justified and accompanied by all the relevant documents from the competent public authorities or bodies 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 studies.

At least two weeks before the end of the suspension period, the student must re-enrol in the programme in order to continue his/her 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 the suspension must be submitted no later than two weeks before the beginning of the second semester of the suspension.

There is also the possibility of an extension of up to two (2) months for the submission of the thesis, following an individual and justified request of the student and approval by the Assembly. 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 S.C, which makes a recommendation to the Faculty Assembly.

For their participation in the LL.M, postgraduate students pay tuition fees amounting to 1100,00 euros per semester. The fee is paid at the beginning of each semester. In case of resignation or deletion of the student, the attendance fee is not refundable. It is clarified that the attendance fee is of a contributory nature, in the sense that it is returned to the student community in the form of infrastructure, documentation and activities and in no

case does it concern fees of the regular staff. Students who meet the criteria of Article 86 of Law 4957/2022 are exempt from the tuition fee. The exemption is granted for participation in a single LL.M programme and the exempted students do not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the LL.M programme per academic year.

## **POSTGRADUATE TITLES – DEGREE GRADE CALCULATION**

The Postgraduate Academic Diploma/Degree (Master's degree) is awarded in the following **scientific specializations/ LL.M courses:**

**a) European Private Law**

**b) Private Law & Business Transactions**

The student completes the studies for the award of the Diploma for Postgraduate Studies by completing the minimum number of modules and credits required for the award of the Diploma, the successful completion of the postgraduate thesis/courses. The Assembly shall certify the completion of the studies in order to award the Postgraduate Diploma (Master's Degree).

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

The type of Master's degree per genre of LL.M programme is common for all the Departments and Faculties of the NKUA and is included in the Regulation for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the Foundation.

### **Calculation of the Degree Grade**

The grading scale for all courses and the thesis is set from zero (0) to ten (10). A student is considered to have succeeded if he/she receives a grade of five (5) or higher in all courses/modules. To calculate the grade for the Master's degree, the grade of each course/module and of the thesis is multiplied by the corresponding number of credits and the sum of the individual multiples is divided by the total number of credits required for the award of the Master's Degree. The grade is calculated to the second decimal place. The postgraduate degree grade is classified as 'good' [for students with an average grade of less than six and a half (6,5)], 'very good' [for students with an average grade of between six and a half (6,5) and eight and a half (8,5)] and 'excellent' [for students with an average grade of eight and a half (8,5) and above].

## INAUGURATION



The participation in the inauguration ceremony is not a constituent element for the successful completion of the studies, but it is a necessary condition for the granting of the written title of the diploma. The inauguration ceremony takes place in the context of the Faculty Assembly and in the presence of the Director of the LL.M Programme, the Dean of the Faculty, his/her Deputy and, if possible, a representative of the Rector.

A request in order for a postgraduate students' inauguration ceremony to take place in the Great Ceremonial Hall of the Main Building is examined on a case-by-case basis by the Rector, based on an assessment of the possibilities and the number of graduates, which will be indicated by the Secretariat of the LL.M programme to the Directorate of Education and Research.

Postgraduate students, who have successfully completed the LL.M Programme, in exceptional cases (studies, residence or work abroad, health reasons, etc.), may apply to the Secretariat for exemption from the obligation to participate in the inauguration ceremony. The exemption from this obligation is approved by the President of the School and the Vice- Rector of Academic and Student Affairs.

### CURRICULUM - COURSE CONTENT - TEACHERS

During the two semesters of the LL.M programme, a total of nineteen (19) modules are taught, of which six (6) are defined as compulsory and the remaining thirteen (13) as optional. The optional modules are common to both courses/specialisations of the LL.M. The successful completion of at least four (4) modules is required for the completion of each semester. At least two (2) of these modules are selected from the list of recommended compulsory modules for each specialisation/course per semester, while the remaining two (2) are freely selected either from the list of recommended compulsory modules for each specialisation/course per semester, or from the list of recommended optional modules per semester, which are common to both specialisations/courses.

The indicative programme of modules per specialisation/course is as follows:

#### **A. LL.M COURSE "European Private Law"**

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	
<b>COMPULSORY MODULES</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>COMPULSORY MODULES</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Copyright Law	10	Consumer protection law	10
Energy Law	10	European Family Law	10
Information Technology Law	10	Liability and EU Law	10
<b>OPTIONAL MODULES</b>		<b>OPTIONAL MODULES</b>	
Comparative Legal Systems	5	Business and Human Rights	5
International and European Tax Law	5	Business ethics	5
International Civil Procedure Law	5	Comparative Public Law	5
Fundamental Rights in the EU	5	Data Protection Law	5
Public Law of Investments	5	European Economic Criminal Law	5
New Technologies and International Law	5	Law of Patents	5
		Comparative and European Labour Law	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>SUMMER PERIOD</b>	
		<b>THESIS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>75</b>

**B. LL.M COURSE "Private Law & Business Transactions"**

<b>SEMESTER 1</b>		<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	
<b>COMPULSORY MODULES</b>	<b>ECTS</b>	<b>COMPULSORY MODULES</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
Banking and Financial Transactions	10	The International Economic Law of business transactions	10
Law of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs	10	International Insolvency Law	10
Law and Economics	10	Modern Issues of Competition Law	10
<b>OPTIONAL MODULES</b>		<b>OPTIONAL MODULES</b>	
Comparative Legal Systems	5	Business and Human Rights	5
International and European Tax Law	5	Business ethics	5
International Civil Procedure Law	5	Comparative Public Law	5
Fundamental Rights in the EU	5	Data Protection Law	5
Public Law of Investments	5	European Economic Criminal Law	5
New Technologies and International Law	5	Law of Patents	5
		Comparative and European Labour Law	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>SUMMER PERIOD</b>	
		<b>THESIS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>75</b>

Each module/course is taught for 2 hours per week, with the content specified by the professors in the Curriculum according to the current legislation.

- **Copyright Law**

The main issues of European intellectual property law are examined. Particular emphasis is placed on contemporary issues of EU intellectual property law in the light of the international context, as well as on recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- **Energy Law**

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with the basic concepts, general principles, institutions and procedures of Energy Law. In this context, the development of energy law in the modern era is analysed, based on the current legal provisions and the available case law of national and international courts. As EU Energy Law, with its contribution to the liberalization of the energy market and the European Green Deal, essentially defines the legal framework throughout Europe, the course focuses in particular on these aspects.

- **Information Technology Law**

The course focuses on the problems arising from the approach of law and new technologies and, focusing on information as a legal good, is divided into two sub-sectors: a) the substantive law sector, in which the new individual rights (the right to the information society and its limitations, such as the protection of personal data, privacy of communications and intellectual property) and the problems of enforcement of regulations and control of the legal use of new technologies - with the Internet as the main example and b) the sector of information technology applications for law, where the new technological tools, on which knowledge of existing law now depends, are being explored in particular. Reference is also made to research efforts to apply artificial intelligence in the field of law and to the legal systems – experts.

- **Consumer Protection Law**

This course/module introduces students to the main issues of European consumer protection law. Particular emphasis is placed on the most recent legal instruments of European consumer protection law, as well as on the recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- **European Family Law**

The course aims to discuss some important issues in the field of family law from an international perspective. In particular, the role of the case law of the European Court of Human Rights in this area will be explored, with an emphasis on the common perceptions of the member states of the European Convention on Human Rights regarding the various institutions of the family and the functioning of the family. The national legal frameworks on the subject will also be approached from a comparative perspective.

- **Liability and EU law**

The course focuses on selected issues of (contractual and non-contractual) liability that arise in connection with EU law. In the context of the course, EU law rules governing the obligations and in particular the liability of persons involved in individual areas of transactional activity (e.g. payment and investment services, supply of digital content, sales of goods), as well as (from a comparative point of view) applicable national rules and model rules drawn up at EU level are examined. Reference is also made to issues relating to the liability of the European Commission. In addition, reference is made to the liability of the Union and the Member States in the event of a breach of Union law. Emphasis is placed on the case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union and on current EU legislation.

- **Comparative Legal Systems** (Comparative Legal Studies)

The course examines, inter alia, the first steps of this scientific branch in France and Germany, the influence of the European Civil Codes on the legislation of states in other regions of the world, the 1st World Congress of Comparative Law in Paris in 1900, the classification of laws into “families” according to the teaching



and writings of important jurists, the consequences of decolonization, indigenous laws, and new approaches/methods of Comparative Law. Special attention is given to theories of legal transplants, legal constituents, comparison of legal cultures and legal traditions, legal pluralism.

- **International & European Tax Law**

Students will study the main issues of International and European tax law. Particular emphasis is placed on the latest initiatives of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and recent case law of the Court of Justice of the European Union. Indicative topics include the relationship between international and national tax law, double taxation, issues of international tax evasion, tax avoidance and tax planning, sources of European tax law, the harmonisation of direct and indirect taxation, proposals for Commission Directives and financial transaction tax.

- **International Civil Procedure Law**

The course aims to search, analyze and synthesize data and information through international and Greek literature on cutting-edge issues in international procedural law. Some indicative Topics are: Arbitration and European procedural international law (European procedural law for civil and commercial cases and European family procedural law), New York Convention of 1958, Regulations 1215/2012, 4/2009, 2019/1111.

- **Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU**

The course familiarises students with the mechanisms for the protection of fundamental rights in the European Union. Particular emphasis is given on the role of fundamental rights as an element of the rule of law and on the political, legal and economic instruments available to the Union to ensure the rule of law (political sanctions under Article 7 TEU, recourse to Article 258 TFEU, financial conditionality mechanism). It also examines the Union's long-standing relationship with international instruments for the protection of fundamental rights, in particular the ECHR, with an emphasis on developments regarding the issue of the Union's accession to the ECHR. The evolution of the protection of fundamental rights through the case law of the CJEU and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights is presented and analysed. The content, scope, level of protection and permissible restrictions on individual fundamental rights are also examined.

- **Public Law of Investments**

The teaching of public investment law is implemented as a Jean Monnet module within the framework of the Erasmus+ 2021-2027 EU programme. The Jean Monnet module on Public Investment Law examines the legal treatment of an investment in Greece throughout its life cycle, ensuring an integrated and holistic

approach to the legal framework (European, international and national) that regulates the pre-introduction (promotion and facilitation), introduction (market access, control and financing) and post-introduction (protection) stages of an investment.

- **New Technologies and International Law**

International law and new technologies coexist: technological innovations influence and facilitate the application of international rules, while, on the contrary, law is called upon to regulate technological challenges, which, to a large extent, reveal its current limits. The course focuses, for obvious reasons, on this second dimension of the international law-new technologies relationship.

- **Business and Human Rights**

The course examines in considerable depth the presence of business in a globalised market and its impact on human rights, labour rights, environmental concerns and sustainable development.

- **Business Ethics**

From Max Weber, and beyond, it is well known that the capitalist economy owes much to the values of Protestant ethics. Moreover, in today's post-industrial societies the role of social networks and subsequently of social ethics cannot be underestimated. Hence the growing interest in business ethics, understood as the study of the ethical dimensions of the production, distribution, marketing, sale and consumption of goods and services.

- **Comparative Public Law**

The aim of the course is to provide a deeper understanding of fundamental concepts of public law. Indicative topics: concept of state sovereignty - popular sovereignty - relations between national constitution and European law - principle of supremacy of European law - federal system - fundamental rights: privacy, freedom of expression and new technologies, freedom of religion, prohibition of discrimination, protection of social rights and the role of the state. Understanding of the different systems of judicial review and judicial protection: case law of the EU Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, the US Supreme Court, National Supreme courts, particularly the German Federal Constitutional Court.

- **Data Protection Law**

The course examines personal data cases and provides the sufficient basis for the critical evaluation of the views expressed by theory and jurisprudence in the field under investigation, especially at the level of the foundation of legal judgments. Indicative topics: Objective delimitation of the scope of application of the General Data Protection Regulation, Concept and categories of data (simple and

sensitive), Subjective delimitation - beneficiaries and data subjects, The permissibility of processing,

The rule: The prohibition - Lawful bases for processing, The consent of the subject, Principles of processing: lawfulness, proportionality, accuracy, secrecy, transparency, Rights of the subject (access, information, objection [right to be forgotten], etc.), Sanctions of unlawful processing.

- **European Economic Criminal Law**

This course introduces students to European Economic Criminal Law. After a brief introduction to the Lisbon Treaty, which focuses on the legal bases of EU criminal law, the relevant legislative procedures as well as judicial control, students will become familiar with the policy adopted by the EU to deal with economic crime. All the relevant legislative framework will be examined alongside the key decisions of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

- **Law of Patents**

The course examines the main issues of patent and industrial design law. It focuses on the International Convention on the European Patent and takes an approach that is both theoretical and practical, with an emphasis on case law from various jurisdictions and the Technical Boards of Appeal of the European Patent Office. The course makes extensive use of the training material developed by the European Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the World Intellectual Property Organisation. It also examines the main decisions on patent law and industrial designs of the US Supreme Federal Court and focuses on comparative aspects of European and US patent law.

- **Banking and Financial Transactions**

This course introduces students to the main topics of banking and financial transactions. Particular emphasis is placed on the European legal framework and legal practice, as well as recent case law from domestic and foreign jurisdictions. In particular, it focuses on the law, documentation and legal issues affecting major transactions in global financial markets.

- **Law of Trademarks and Distinctive Signs**

The subject of the course is mainly European trademark law, but also Greek trademark and distinctive signs law. The course attempts a comparative analysis of the law and case law (see court decisions) on trademarks and unregistered distinctive signs in the EU, Greece and the US. Emphasis is placed on the European trademark and the case law of the EU Court of Justice. The most important decisions of the US Supreme Federal Court on trademarks are also studied. International trademark conventions are examined, such as the Paris Convention, the Madrid Protocol on the International Trademark and the TRIPS Protocol.

- **Law and Economics**

This course introduces students to the economic analysis of law. It seeks to highlight how economic theories and behavioral economics can influence the lawmaking process in civil and public law. Students are introduced to the basic principles of economic theory, as well as behavioral economics and psychology.

- **Comparative and European Labour Law**

The aim of the course is to introduce the postgraduate students to the international - and multi-level - dimension of European labour law. This is primarily determined by the rules of primary and secondary law of the European Union, which shape the content of basic individual chapters and institutions of labour law (concept of worker, free movement of workers, equal treatment and non-discrimination, fundamental freedoms and rights, transfer of undertakings and collective dismissals, leave and working time, atypical and modern forms of employment, work in a digital environment, protection of the workplace, etc.). In this context, questions of interpretation and application of the rules of Union law are examined (interpretation in the light of Union law, direct effect and the principle of the primacy of Union law in relation to national law, preliminary reference procedure). A second level of teaching is that shaped by the rights and guarantees of the revised European Social Charter.

- **The International Economic Law of Business Transactions**

The course covers basic rules of international economic law that affect international business transactions mainly (but not exclusively) between individuals. It addresses issues of jurisdiction and nationality in international business transactions and analyzes the interpretation of international uniform law related to international business. It also analyses the theoretical and practical aspects of the internationalisation of contracts related to international business transactions and examines the impact on international business of international public-private partnerships, multinational enterprises, small and medium-sized enterprises and state-owned enterprises. The course addresses the World Trade Organization's regulatory framework relating to international business transactions (with an emphasis on subsidies and countervailing duties), the international regulation of foreign direct investment, emerging principles of international competition law, and the relevant contemporary role of special economic zones. Finally, the course discusses the impact of multilateral and unilateral economic sanctions on international business transactions.

- **International Insolvency Law**

This course examines the many and varied problems that arise in the case of insolvency proceedings opened in one state and involving the assets and creditors of the insolvent person or entity in several states. Among the issues addressed in

the course are the following: The history of bankruptcy law/insolvency law of different states; the principles followed by each national insolvency law, e.g. the legal transplants of insolvency law from one state to another; the European Insolvency Regulations; the UNCITRAL Model Law 1997; cooperation protocols as a method of dealing with international insolvencies; insolvency in the context of a group of companies; preventive restructuring as a purpose of modern [international] insolvency law; the legal transplants of insolvency law from state to state; the European Insolvency Regulations; the UNCITRAL Model Law 1997; cooperation protocols as a method of dealing with international insolvencies; insolvency in the context of a group of companies; preventive restructuring as a purpose of modern [international] insolvency law.

- **Modern Issues of Competition Law**

All businesses in all sectors of the economy are affected by EU competition law, in Europe and abroad. Monitoring compliance with competition rules is vital for both the EU and its Member States. The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of EU competition law, exploring both the substantive law provisions and the procedural and practical aspects of enforcement. Thus, the aim is to enable students to critically reflect on the key principles and policies at the heart of competition law. In particular, to understand how the law governs business practices that may restrict competition in markets and to analyse how competition law can restrict anti-competitive activities and facilitate free competition.

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The lockers of the Law School for the service of the public are located on the ground floor of the building on 45 Akadimias Street.

Face-to-face service for students is provided on: MONDAY 11:00am-1:00pm  
WEDNESDAY 11:00am-1:00pm  
FRIDAY 11:00am-1:00pm

Telephone contact with the relevant officials of the Secretariat will be made from Monday to Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the telephone numbers listed on the School's website [https://www.law.uoa.gr/prosopiko/techniko\\_kai\\_dioikitiko\\_prosopiko/](https://www.law.uoa.gr/prosopiko/techniko_kai_dioikitiko_prosopiko/) for cases where communication by e-mail is not possible.

#### CLASSROOMS - EXAM ROOMS



The Law School has at its disposal auditoriums/classrooms for the delivery of courses and computer laboratories for the teaching of laboratory courses as well as a library. Especially for the implementation of the academic activities of the LL.M:

The classrooms of the Theoretical Sciences Building (3 Sina and 57 Solonos street) and of the building on 45 Akadimias Street.

The auditoriums and classrooms have modern audiovisual and computer equipment, as well as wired internet connection.

Postgraduate students can use the following transport media to access the School of Law.

Information about the public transport timetables:

<https://www.oasa.gr>

<https://stasy.gr>

## LEGAL INFORMATICS LABORATORY

The Legal Informatics Laboratory of the Law School is located on the 3rd floor of the building at 47, Akadimias Street. In this area, students by using their registration number and personal identification number (PIN) that they have set and by following the registration procedure are allowed free access to the internet and selected digital libraries through a number of available PCs. The software library includes Microsoft Office, MATLAB, POM-QM for Windows, Mathematica, Python, R, Weka, etc.

## LIBRARY OF THE LAW SCHOOL



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Phone: (+30) 210 368 8113 email: [law@lib.uoa.gr](mailto:law@lib.uoa.gr)

The Library of the Law School is located in the building of the Old Chemistry Department (104 Solonos Street). The single Library was created in 2016 and is an evolution of the Legal Training Centres - Study Centres, which date back to the founding of the University of Athens and the Law School (1837). Its collection is comparable to the corresponding collections of major university libraries abroad and covers all branches of Continental and Anglo-Saxon law in Greek and foreign language bibliography. It has rich digital material, develops its own digital legal collection and provides access to national and international legal databases. It is organised and operates according to the modern standards of academic libraries, has well-trained staff who organise the collection and serve the needs of users through the administrative and financial support, service and lending departments, as well as the acquisitions and library processing department. The Library meets the needs and requirements of the members of the Law School and the wider legal community, providing comprehensive access to timely and accurate legal

information. It also promotes the academic activities of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, supporting the educational, cultural and humanitarian role of the NKUA.

It occupies spaces of 1300 m<sup>2</sup> on the ground, first and second floors of the Old Chemistry Department (virtual visit and tour on the Library's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA6v5nuKmISHP-6VNUo-OiA>).

For the in-person service, the library has two reading rooms on the second floor and one on the first floor, while there are also study stations on the ground floor where the collections are housed, sorted by legal field. The total number of service places on all levels is 275. During periods of high demand (exam period), both of the building's two auditoriums are available as reading rooms.

The library also has Wi-Fi and infrastructure for the use of personal computers. It also has 17 PCs for public use (search stations in the OPAC catalogue, internet access and paper writing).

It hosts about 100,000 volumes of books, the majority of which date from the early 20th century to the present day, and has a collection of rare books dating back to around 1600. The collection is continually developed through purchases and donations.

It also has approximately 1,000 titles of legal journals in print or electronic form, most of which are now available electronically through the Greek and foreign-language subscription databases <http://law.lib.uoa.gr/ypiresies/baseis-nomikon-dedomenon.html>, which are secured and covered from various sources (funds from the Library, the Dean's Office and the Law School's LL.M programmes, through the Joint Venture of Greek Academic Libraries).

The Library is in the process of configuring spaces and acquiring equipment for workstations to support Students with Disabilities (PWD), while it is in direct cooperation with the Accessibility Unit of the University of Athens.

More information on the official website of the Library [http://law.lib.uoa.gr/\(gre\)](http://law.lib.uoa.gr/(gre)), <http://www-en.lib.uoa.gr/libraries/law.html>, but also on the social networking pages (fb and insta).

### **Library and Information Centre**

All electronic resources and related electronic services are included in the Library's website and the Information Centre, which is hosted and maintained by the Library Computing Centre (LCC) of the University of Athens. More specifically, the electronic services offered are: access to online electronic information resources, open public catalogue OPAC, electronic publication of NKUA journals, bibliographic databases, single platform of institutional repository/digital library "Pergamos", special digital libraries and collections, subject portals, ordering of articles, interlibrary loan, "Ask a Librarian" service.

## **UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE**



### **Foreign language teaching center**

The School of Foreign Languages of the University of Athens is an independent and autonomous academic unit, which provides advanced teaching of 25 foreign languages. Students at the NKUA have reduced tuition fees.

### **Students' Cultural Club**

The Cultural Club is a space for collective expression and creation. Students are exposed to works of art and are encouraged to create their own artworks. It includes 5 areas: music, theatre, dance, film and photography.

### **University Gym-Swimming Pool**

The athletic facilities of the University of Athens are located on the University Campus (Panepistimioupoli). They consist of open fields, an indoor gym and a swimming pool. A

variety of sports programmes and classes are held. They can be accessed and used by postgraduate students.

#### Student dormitory

The Student Dormitory houses 1064 students with social criteria.

<http://fepa.uoa.gr/prosbash.html>

#### Department of Student Food Service

The University provides free meals to postgraduate students. For the conditions and other specific issues related to student meals, please refer to the University Club's website.

[https://www.lesxi.uoa.gr/foititiki\\_merimna/tmima\\_sitisis\\_foititon/](https://www.lesxi.uoa.gr/foititiki_merimna/tmima_sitisis_foititon/)

#### Health service

The service covers students who have no other kind of health and hospital care

[https://www.lesxi.uoa.gr/foititiki\\_merimna/ygeionomiki\\_ypiresia/](https://www.lesxi.uoa.gr/foititiki_merimna/ygeionomiki_ypiresia/)

#### Psychosocial intervention unit

The unit offers help and support, as well as training in difficulties management mechanisms <http://psychpar.lesxi.uoa.gr>

#### International Student Support Unit

The unit supports foreign students, before and after their arrival in the country, on issues of procedures, actions and communication with other public institutions <https://issu-el.uoa.gr/>

### SERVICES PROVIDED TO POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

#### **E – CLASS**

E-class is an integrated e-course management system and supports the asynchronous e-learning service at the NKUA without restrictions and commitments. The service is accessed using a simple web-browser without the requirement of specialized technical knowledge. The integration of augmentative tele-education methods into the learning process at the NKUA supports and enhances teaching and access to knowledge, providing combinations of new methods to complement traditional teaching modes.

#### **Electronic Secretariat Services**

Through the Electronic Secretariat service, which is based on the Information System

(UniTron), students of the LL.M programme in "Commercial Law" have access to a number of electronic services.

### **Academic Identity Card**

The provision of the academic identity card started in the academic year 2011-2012 and supports multiple benefits - privileges for all the members of Greek higher education institutions (students of the three cycles of study, permanent, visiting and contract lecturers, administrative and technical staff), as well as members of research institutions (research, administrative and technical staff). The Academic ID card can be used to certify the identity and status of the individual, gives access to academic/research services, such as the library, use of controlled parking spaces, etc. and special discounts on tickets for all means of transport, tickets for cultural events, museums, trade fairs, etc.

<http://academicid.minedu.gov.gr/>

### **Digital Services**

The following online services are provided to postgraduate students: Email services, wireless network (Wi-Fi) connection, posting of personal web pages, virtual private network (VPN), alumni network, open academic courses, academic video lectures, watching live lecture broadcasts, completing electronic questionnaires. (For a detailed presentation of the digital services for the students of the LL.M visit the webpage

[https://www.uoa.gr/el/foitites/ilektronikes\\_ypiresies/psifiakes\\_parocheis/](https://www.uoa.gr/el/foitites/ilektronikes_ypiresies/psifiakes_parocheis/) )

## **OTHER STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Support for Students with Disabilities (SWDs)**

For students with disabilities and/or special educational needs, certain accommodations are provided, such as:

During the teaching period, they must be informed in time by a designated employee of the Secretariats of the Departments about the schedule, time and place of classes and any changes related to their student status.

During the examination period, candidates must take the exams in accessible areas, be accompanied, if necessary, to the exam rooms by employees of the NKUA or by their own familiar persons and take the exams in the manner prescribed as appropriate.

Throughout the academic year, there should be a teacher to whom they can turn to discuss their problems. The Professor will then be able to mediate with the University authorities to resolve these problems.

In addition, for students with disabilities and special educational needs, there is an "Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities" at the NKUA, which aims to ensure in practice equal access to academic studies for students with different abilities and requirements, through the provision of adaptations to the environment, supportive IT technologies, access services, as well as psychological and educational counselling.

### **Academic Advisor**

The Academic Advisor guides and supports the students of the LL.M by providing a variety of advice regarding the LL.M and the possible further development of the student's studies.

This service is part of a sound educational process that creates the appropriate conditions for effective knowledge transfer without neglecting the need for communication and support for other issues that may be of concern to the students.

### **Student Advocate**

An institution with the following responsibilities: the examination of student requests for problems with academic and administrative services and the search for solutions to these problems, the facilitation of the student's contacts with the institutions and administrative services, the examination of reports-complaints of students for violation of provisions and rules of university legislation and ethics, and the information of students regarding their rights and obligations as members of the University Community.

### **Advisory services**

Students are given the opportunity to access counselling services for career guidance and psychosocial problems through the special units and structures of the Institution. Indicatively mentioned are the Liaison Office for Career Guidance, career counselling and connection to the Labour Market (visit the website of the Liaison Office (<https://www.career.uoa.gr/ypiresies/> for more information) and the Mental Health Centre in Vyrona-Kaisariani, the Psychosocial Intervention Unit and the Counselling Centre for Adults (the pages of these units and services can be found at [https://www.uoa.gr/foitites/symboleytikis\\_ypiresies](https://www.uoa.gr/foitites/symboleytikis_ypiresies)).



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