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MASARYK UNIVERSITY

Masaryk University in Brno is the second oldest university in the Czech Republic and the premier university in Moravia. Founded in 1919, only three months after the creation of the Czechoslovak Republic itself, it was named after T. G. Masaryk, the first President of Czechoslovakia. Today Masaryk University comprises nine faculties with more than 190 departments, institutes and clinics covering a broad range of academic disciplines and fields of research. Masaryk University offers an outstanding environment for study and research, along with a broad range of degree programmes, and one of the best university information systems in Europe.

- The buildings of the university are concentrated close to Brno's historic old city centre. All of the historical buildings have been renovated. The university has undergone major development in the form of a new university campus opened in 2010. It consists of 24 teaching and research pavilions, along with an information centre with library and classrooms, a lecture centre with auditorium, a sports hall and gym, student dormitories, university restaurants and cafés.
- About 40,000 students, approximately 33,000 from the Czech Republic and about 7,000 from Europe and the rest of the world over 60 countries in all study at the university, making it the country's second largest higher education institution.

THE FACULTY OF LAW -PAST AND PRESENT

he Faculty of Law of Masaryk University is one of the Czech Republic's top law schools. Its tradition goes back to the very establishment of Masaryk University in 1919; which originally only had two faculties, and the Faculty of Law was one of them. The Faculty soon became famous as a centre for the normative theory of law promoted by Hans Kelsen. The successful era came to an abrupt end when the faculty was closed down by the Nazis in 1939. Immediately after World War II it was reopened but closed down again after five years for political reasons, this time by the Communist rulers of the country. Only the more relaxed political climate of the late 1960s made a fresh start possible: the faculty reopened in 1969.

- Since then, the faculty has managed to resume its original place in the system of legal education in the Czech Republic. The city of Brno, which after the collapse of the Communist regime in 1989 was restored to its pre-war standing as the legal centre of the country, creates an environment especially friendly to law studies. The Supreme and the Constitutional Courts of the Czech Republic, the Supreme Administrative Court of the Czech Republic, the Chief Public Prosecutor's and Ombudsman's offices are all based here, and the many contacts between the faculty and top judicial bodies and other legal authorities have a positive impact on the quality of education.
- The faculty prepares its students for a wide range of legal professions and for careers in state and public administration, industry and commerce, as well as for academic careers. It has an enrolment of about 3,600 students.

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

aculty of Law offers degree programmes of study on all levels. The Bachelor's programmes in Public Administration and in Legal Specializations lead to a Bc. degree. The Public Administration can be extended in a follow-up Master's degree. The main programme of the Faculty is the full-time Master's programme in Law and Legal Science. The highest level of degree can be obtained through the postgraduate doctoral programmes, in a full-time or a combined form of study.

BACHELOR

Public Administration Legal Specializations

- Study mode: Combined
- Standard length of study: 3 years
- Degree conferred: Bc.

These Bachelor's degree programmes are designed for practitioners in public administration, social work, the police, trade and industry, and other related fields, secondary school graduates or non-law degree holders who wish to increase their knowledge and obtain qualifications in specific areas of law to enhance their career opportunities and advancement. The specializations include International Commercial Law Studies, Commercial Law Studies, Public Administration, Senior Officer of Justice, Theory and Practice of Criminal and Administrative Procedure.

MASTER

Law and Legal Science

- Study mode: Full-time
- Standard length of study: 5 years
- Degree conferred: Mgr.
- The Master's degree programme Law and Legal Science provides qualifications required for practising law in all legal careers. Graduates are fully qualified lawyers. The programme consists of ten semesters. The focus in the opening semesters is on legal philosophy and history, Roman law, theory of law and the state, constitutional law and political science. The following semesters are devoted mainly to private law subjects such as civil law, civil procedure, commercial law, labour law, international private law and international trade transactions, family law and intellectual property law. The last part of the study focuses above all on public law subjects, such as penal law, administrative law and tax law, international public law, EC law and environmental law. The programme is concluded with a Mgr. dissertation and a state examination.

Public Administration

- Study mode: Combined
- Standard length of study: 2 years
- Degree conferred: Mgr.
- The principal objective of the follow-up Master degree programme is to provide specialized professional education, especially for the staff of all fields and levels of public administration. The contents of the programme follow the knowledge and skills acquired in the Bachelor degree programme.

DOCTORAL

Theoretical Legal Sciences

- Study mode: Full-time or combined
- Standard length of study: 4 years
- Degree conferred: Ph.D.
- The Ph.D. Programme is designed for law graduates with a Mgr. degree wishing to pursue academic or research careers. The following fields of study are offered: Administrative and Environmental Law, Civil Law, Commercial Law, Constitutional Law and Theory of State, Criminal Law, Financial Law and Financial Sciences, History of the Law and Roman Law, International and European Law, Labour Law, Law of Information and Communication Technologies, Private International Law, Theory of Law. Financial Law and Financial Sciences is taught also in English and Polish.

Comparative Constitutional Law

- Study mode: Full-time
- Standard length of study: 4 years
- Degree conferred: Ph.D.
- This English programme is mostly designed for those interested in pursuing a career in academia as postgraduate researchers or lecturers in the field of comparative constitutional law. Within this broader area, the main focus lies on the problems of constitutional systems in the context of changes in the form of government, state establishment and state regime in a comparative perspective.

Comparative Corporate, Foundation and Trust Law

- Study mode: Full-time or distance
- Standard length of study: 4 years
- Degree conferred: Ph.D.

This is a unique English Ph.D. degree programme designed for students with various expectations: practitioners looking for new professional challenges as well as for students – aspiring legal academics – aiming at scientific or scholarly careers in this challenging discipline.

Legal Theory and Public Affairs

- Study mode: Full-time or distance
- Standard length of study: 4 years
- Degree conferred: Ph.D.
- The English programme is designed for researchers keen to explore the opportunities legal and political theory offer to critically engage with law in its contemporary global environment as well practitioners looking for new challenges and striving to broaden their understanding of legal concepts and instruments.

Intellectual Property Law

- Study mode: Full-time
- Standard length of study: 4 years
- Degree conferred: Ph.D.
- This English programme is mostly designed for practitioners looking for new professional challenges and extensive understanding of regulatory concepts and instruments of IP as well as for aspiring legal academics aiming at scientific or scholarly careers in this challenging discipline.

COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A part from the Ph.D. level, all the other degree programmes are taught in Czech. Within the Master's programme, some of the specialized courses also offered in English, Polish or German. They have been selected so as to give international students fundamental knowledge of the political system and the system of law in the Czech Republic. Also included were issues of international and EC law and general theory of law. Currently there are 55 courses taught in foreign languages (26 courses with the SOC codes, 29 courses with the MV/MX codes).

INSTRUCTION

- All courses held at the Faculty of Law are one-semester courses; while some are scheduled for the autumn or spring semester only, some can be taken any semester. Lectures are held for a minimum of four students and will not be open if the limit is not met.
- <u>Courses with the codes SOC</u> are primarily for students studying at the faculty within the Erasmus+ exchange programme, but are available also to other international students under the condition that there are at least few Erasmus+ students enrolled in the course. The reading list for each course is provided electronically before the first lecture or given by the course coordinator at the first lecture.
 - Basics of EU Environmental Law
 - Comparative Constitutional Law and Politics
 - Competition Policy and Competition Law
 - Constitutional Adjudication Morphology, Genealogy and Legitimacy
 - Copyright Law
 - Czech and Comparative Tax Law
 - Czech Family Law

- Czech Legal Culture
- EU Law
- European Cyberlaw
- European Economic Area
- European Labour Law
- European Private International Law
- General Theory of Law
- International and Czech Environmental Law
- Introduction to Legal English for Erasmus Students
- Introduction to the Czech Civil Law
- Introduction to the European Union Law
- · Law of Succession in the Middle-European Area
- Legal Philosophy
- Marketing for Lawyers
- Public Administration in the Czech Republic
- Roman Law
- Selected problems of Czech Criminal Law
- The Influence and Abandonment of Roman Law Tradition
- Work on Diploma Theses

<u>Courses with the codes MVV, MV, MX</u> are for students in the Czech Master's programme but are open also to other students if there are available places and/or if the teacher gives his/her approval. Some of these courses are open during the semester as intensive (usually as week courses) and are taught by foreign professors visiting the faculty.

- Advanced Cyberlaw
- An Introduction to Administrative Law in the United States
- Business Law
- Contemporary Issues in EU Antitrust Enforcement
- Cybersecurity Law
- European Court of Human Rights and Family Law
- European Union Employment Law

- · German and Austrian Systems of Procedural Law
- German and Swiss Systems of Procedural Law
- German Legal History
- Human Rights in Europe
- International and European Intellectual Property Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Taxation and the Israeli Case
- Introduction into Investment Law and Arbitration
- Introduction to Austrian Private Law
- Law of Domain Names and Online Marketing
- Multilevel Protection of Human Rights in Europe
- Privacy and Personal Data
- Private International Law, Intellectual Property Rights and the Internet
- Public Finance in Poland
- · Racism and the Law
- Resolving US-related Business Disputes
- School of Polish Law
- Software Law
- · Sustainable Development and its Impact on World Economy
- The Twilight of Constitutionalism
- US Criminal Procedure
- Written Communication in Legal German
- The offer of MV/MX courses shown here is not complete as the list is being constantly updated throughout the year. The current full list is available online on: http://www.law.muni.cz/content/en/mezinarodni-spoluprace/courses-in-foreign-languages/. For an up-to-date offer of courses given by the visiting professors check: https://www.law.muni.cz/content/en/mezinarodni-spoluprace/zahranicni-vyucujici/.

EXAMINATIONS, GRADING SYSTEM

xaminations usually have a written and a verbal part. Requirements for each course are given in the detailed list of courses. Student performance in examinations is evaluated in the following way::

Grade	Grade designation	Value
A	Excellent	1
В	Very good	1,5
С	Good	2
D	Satisfactory	2,5
E	Sufficient 3	
F*	Failed	4

* A resit is possible in compliance with the Study and Examination Rules of Masaryk University.

UNIVERSITY AND FACULTY FACILITIES

Libraries and reading rooms: The Faculty of Law has a newly renovated central library that is wheelchair accessible. The library offers more than 250 study places, 18 places with a PC connected to Internet, self-service copying and scanning machines, individual study boxes, as well as seminar rooms and relaxation areas.

Based in the library is the European Information Centre that offers publications of the Council of Europe (with special focus on human rights protection)

and the European Council and provides related information services. Students can also use the second largest library in the country – The Moravian Library – situated conveniently right behind the faculty building.

- **Internet**: A Wi-Fi connection (eduroam) is available in the entire building. The computer rooms are open on weekdays, twelve hours a day. During the weekends and at night, students can use a large 24/7 university computer centre, located in the city centre, equipped with more than a hundred PC stations, self-service copying and scanning facilities.
- **Food**: Masaryk University runs 13 canteens offering all students meals at a discounted price. While the canteen at the Faculty of Law is currently undergoing a renovation, you can use the services of the canteen at the nearby Faculty of Science or the university pizzeria, which is open also on the weekends. The university veggie bar in the city centre offers a wide selection of vegetarian, vegan and raw foods.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Students wishing to spend some part of their study time studying at the university abroad have an extremely wide range of possibilities to choose from – semester or year-long study stays within the framework of various European and non-European mobility programmes, but the mobility under the Erasmus+ Exchange programme is still the most popular with our students. The Faculty of Law has well-established contacts with many international law schools, however the faculty is always interested in discussing further opportunities for cooperation with law schools and law faculties abroad. The current Erasmus+ student mobility partners of the Faculty of Law are the following institutions: AT Leopold Franzens University Innsbruck AT University of Salzburg AT Vienna University of Economics and Business AT University of Klagenfurt **BE University of Antwerp BE University of Gent** BE Catholic University of Louvain BE University of Liege **BE Artesis Plantijn University College** BE Saint-Louis University BG Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" CY Neapolis University Pafos CY University of Cyprus DE Dresden University of Technology DE European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) DE Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg DE University of Konstanz **DE Saarland University DE University of Rostock DE University of Regensburg** DE University of Göttingen DE Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg **DK University of Copenhagen** EE University of Tartu ES Catholic University of Valencia ES University of La Laguna ES University of A Coruña ES University of Girona ES University Alfonso X the Wise ES Santiago de Compostela University ES King Juan Carlos University ES University of Salamanca ES Autonomous University of Barcelona

ES Comillas Pontifical University ES University of Navarra ES University of Lleida FI University of Helsinki FI University of Lapland FR University of Burgundy FR Aix-Marseille University FR University of Caen Normandy FR Paris Descartes University FR Catholic University of Toulouse FR University of Lille GR Aristotle University of Thessaloniki HR University of Rijeka HR University of Zagreb HR EFFECTUS - College for Law and Finance - The University College HR University of Split HU Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary HU Eötvös Loránd University HU Széchenyi István University HU University of Debrecen HU Pázmány Péter Catholic University HU University of Miskolc HU National University of Public Service CH University of Fribourg CH University of Basel IS University of Akureyri IS University of Iceland IT University of Milan-Bicocca IT University of Siena IT University of Milan IT University of Salerno IT University of Trento (UniTrento) IT Niccolò Cusano University-Distance Learning IT Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria IT University of Catania

IT Roma Tre University IT University of Catania LT Kazimieras Simonavicius University LT Vytautas Magnus University LT University of Vilnius LT Mykolas Romeris University LU University of Luxembourg LV University of Latvia MK International Slavic University "Gavrilo Romanovich Derzhavin" NL University of Groningen NL Erasmus University Rotterdam NL Saxion University of Applied Sciences NL University of Maastricht NO University of Tromsø NO University of Bergen PL University of Rzeszów PL University of Warsaw PL John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin PL University of Białystok PL University of Silesia PL University of Gdansk PL Torun School of Banking - WSB University in Torun PL Kozminski University PL University of Warmia and Mazury In Olsztyn PL Nicolaus Copernicus University PL Adam Mickiewicz University PL University of Szczecin PL University of Wroclaw PL University of Lodz PL Bielsko-Biala School of Finance and Law PL Jagiellonian University PL Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce (UJK) PL Warsaw University of Technology PL University of Zielona Góra PL Kujawy and Pomorze University in Bydgoszcz

- PL Medical University of Bialystok
- PT University of Lisbon
- PT Catholic University of Portugal
- PT University of Porto
- RO University of Bucharest
- RO Ecological University of Bucharest
- SI University of Ljubljana
- SI University of Maribor
- SI Graduate School of Government in European Studies
- SI European Faculty of Law in Nova Gorica
- SI University of Ljubljana
- SK Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice
- SK Comenius University
- SK Matej Bel University
- TR Yeditepe University
- TR Cag University
- **TR Istanbul University**
- TR Erzincan Binali Yıldırım University
- TR Istanbul Kemerburgaz University
- TR Istanbul Aydin University
- TR Kadir Has University
- UK The University of Northumbria at Newcastle (Northumbria University)
- UK Nottingham Trent University
- UK Aberystwyth University
- UK Keele University
- UK University of Derby

A C A D E M I C C A L E N D A R 2019 / 2020

The academic year is divided into 2 semesters – autumn semester and spring semester.

Autumn Semester			
Courses	16. 9. 2019 – 20. 12. 2019		
Exam period	2. 1. 2020 – 14. 2. 2020		

Spring Semester			
Courses	9. 2. 2020 – 15. 2. 2020		
Exam period	25. 5. 2020 – 5. 7. 2020		

FURTHER INFORMATION

or detailed information on the application process and practical information about studying at Masaryk University and life in Brno, see the website of the Centre for International Cooperation on <u>http://cic.muni.cz/en</u>.

For more information on Faculty of Law, see our website on <u>http://www.law.</u> <u>muni.cz</u> or <u>http://erasmus.law.muni.cz/content/en/</u>.

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