

DESCRIPTION OF DEGREE PROGRAMME (admission year: 2020-2021)

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Title of the degree programme	National Code
European and International Business Law Master`s Degree Programme, Full-time study	6281KX005

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Official name of the awarding institution(s)	Language of instruction
Mykolas Romeris University	English

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Kind of study	Cycle of studies	Level of qualification
University studies	II cycle	VII level

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Mode of study and length of programme in years	Length of the degree programme in ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours
Full-time study 2 years	120	3240	651	2589

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Group of Study Fields	Field of the programme
Law	Law

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Degree and/or qualification awarded
Master of Law

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Accreditation organization	Period of reference
Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education	2022.08.31

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Purpose of the programme
The objective of European and International Business Law programme to prepare highly qualified business law specialists, who are able to provide legal advice to the transnational and European business environment, to explain the latest business law issues and trends, to analyse and assess business-related legal situations, promptly and effectively deal with legal problems faced by business, conduct research and provide suggestions for the legislator on the improvement of business environment regulation.

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Profile of the programme		
Study content: discipline(s)/subject area(s)	Orientation of the programme	Distinctive features
<p>The total amount of studies – 120 ECTS credits, 68 ECTS credits consist of the main subjects studies, 30 ECTS credits are dedicated to the preparation and defense of a master’s thesis. While preparing the master’s thesis the practice is being implemented. As according to the applicable legislation in France a master’s degree should involve at least one foreign language studies subject and the assessment of the foreign language knowledge is obligatory condition to obtain a Master’s diploma, the intended joint programme also involves foreign language studies (options of English and French are provided, 11 ECTS credits), however, students whose native language is French, choose to study English. The programme also provides with 162 hours of practice estimating 6 ECTS credits. In addition, it is provided non-legal subject in order to extend an economical knowledge of the students (5 ECTS credits).</p> <p>The programme study subjects are grouped into: common legal subjects (“International Private Law“, ”European and International Labour Law“, “International Tax Law“, ”Comparative Contract Law in context of economic analysis“), specialized legal disciplines especially actual for modern international business (“European and International Corporate Law“, ”European and International Insolvency Law“, “International Banking Law“, “Industrial Property Law“, “European and International Competition Law“, “International Commercial Litigation“, “Special Contracts of International Business“, “International Transport Law“) and specialized non-legal subject actual for specialists of international business law (“Economical Integration of the European Union“). The students who have not completed a course in International Private Law as part of the main studies</p>	<p>All of the subjects, which are included in the programme, are of deepening nature. Each individual programme course provides the knowledge in appropriate field of international and European legal regulation which is relevant for business.</p>	<p>European and International Business Law Program is a joint study programme, it will be carried out in two high schools – Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania) and the University of Savoy (France). The study programme will be performed in English language. Studying this programme gives individuals the opportunity to gain a Master of Laws degree in two high schools, i.e. to get two high school diplomas.</p>

<p>programme are obliged to choose in addition the studies of this subject.</p> <p>The form of the studies and the assessment will be estimated by the Studies Programme Committee.</p>		
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Qualification requirements and regulations

According to the Description of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework, level VII qualifications are acquired through graduate university (II cycle) studies.

The qualification provides for complex activities consisting of different interrelated tasks which may cover several related areas of professional activities. That is the reason why the performance requires expert evaluation of the most recent knowledge in the close and more distanced areas of activities; discovery of new facts in applied research of the professional activity area, creative theoretical knowledge and application of the results of scientific research.

The activities are performed independently, by way of setting prerogatives of an activity area, making independent decisions, which are oriented towards improvement and perfection of the activities. The activities imply managing the activities of other employees, thus qualifications of this level include abilities to independently carry out applied research, to provide consultations in an area of activities, to coordinate projects related to the upgrading of other individuals' qualifications and implementation of innovations, to analyse and present activity results.

As the technological, management and organizational progress is witnessed in all areas of activities, the activities and their environment are subject to constant change, the changes are difficult to anticipate, the activities consist of volatile combinations of tasks. The activity change requires the ability to make innovative decisions based on research results, to assess alternative solutions and possible social and ethic consequences of the activities.

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Admission requirements	Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning	Specific requirements for graduation
<p>Applicants enrolling for the joint European and International Business Law master degree programme (implemented in English) must meet the following criteria:</p> <p>1) have a bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) in law from a university;</p> <p>2) sufficient knowledge of the English language no less than B2 level (following the "Common Outline of European Languages" adopted by the European Council.</p> <p>Evaluation of English language certificates corresponded to level B2: TOEFL Paper 513-547, TOEFL IBT 65-78, IELTS 5.5-6.0. This proficiency level will be also proved by other objective documents (e.g., in Mykolas Romeris University it is deemed that students whose foreign language knowledge during bachelor's studies (second course) was assessed with 8 (good) meet B2 level).</p> <p>The competitive score consists of two</p>	<p>Non-formal education or self-training skills to work as a lawyer shall not be recognized.</p>	<p>To collect 120 credits, to develop and defend a Master thesis.</p>

elements: the mark of the final exams and (or) the final thesis multiplied by 0.8 and the average of all the other marks in the diploma and its annexes. For applicants, who have a MRU leader's diploma and wish to enroll in Business Law Master's programme, two extra points to the competitive score are added.

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Access to further studies

Acquisition of a master's degree in law entitles to continue studies in the legal area and other fields of research (social science) in the third cycle of studies (PhD) and to acquire a PhD in social sciences.

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Occupational profiles of graduates with examples

Graduates of the European and International Business Law programme will be able to work in the private sector (law firms, business consulting companies, various international companies and national organizations having business interests abroad, banks and other financial institutions, insurance companies, notaries' offices, etc.), as well as in public sector (national, European and international institutions promoting business growth, business supervising and monitoring agencies), in academic and research institutions in which graduates will be able to deepen their knowledge in the field of international and European business law and continue their research and give lectures (for example, in Lithuanian and foreign universities, institutes, research centers), also in commercial litigation bodies (institutions of pre-trial dispute settlement, tribunals, courts of arbitration) and other organizations (such as associations promoting and defending interests and rights of consumers and employees). In addition, diploma holders will be able to work as independent consultants or set up their own companies providing legal business consulting services.

Excellent possibilities of graduates' career and employment can be demonstrated by the fact that the joint master programme will be carried out in the universities of two different countries and this will give students the opportunity to gain more diverse and versatile experience, get more knowledge and skills, improve professional foreign language skills, gain international work experience and develop the ability to work in a multicultural environment.

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Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
<p>When implementing the studies programme different studies methods ensuring the achievement of the programme's results will be applied in the joint studies programme:</p> <p>I. To gain knowledge:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. academic teaching; 2. involving lecture; 3. problematic teaching; 4. concept mapping; 5. concept hedgehog; 6. critical literature reading; 7. introduction questions lecture / discussion. <p>II. To train the communication and team work capacities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. discussions; 2. debates; 3. panel discussion; 4. learning in groups; 5. negotiations; 	<p>Students' achievements are assessed by using 1-10 point grading system.</p> <p>The main method is the exams (in written form) of particular subjects, which test the development of specific subject competences.</p> <p>For interim tests of particular subjects the following assessment methods are applied:</p> <p>Frontal verbal questioning - a verbal interview method, where the lecturer provides a group of students with questions, gives a few seconds to think and then names the student who should provide the answer. Such method brings the students to consider, measure, analyse and draw conclusions, and is used for assessment forming.</p> <p>Individual verbal interviews - performs the functions of formative, summative or final assessment. It enables to develop logical thinking, well-formed language and clear expression of ideas. When maintaining the thesis on individual verbal interview, the student demonstrates his knowledge in a particular area.</p>

- 6.▫ presentations;
- 7.▫ consulting;
- 8.▫ role objective game.
- III. To train the critical thinking:
 - 1.▫ arguments „pros“ and „cons“;
 - 2.▫ debates;
 - 3.▫ discussions;
 - 4.▫ case analysis;
 - 5.▫ brainstorming.
- IV. To train problems solving capacities:
 - 1.▫ problematic thinking strategy;
 - 2.▫ problematic teaching;
 - 3.▫ concept mapping;
- 4.▫ various graphical visualization techniques (e.g. mind/concept mapping) method.
- V. To train the discussions capacities:
 - 1.▫ discussions;
 - 2.▫ introduction questions lecture discussion;
 - 3.▫ panel discussion;
 - 4.▫ arguments „pros“ and „cons“;
 - 5.▫ debates;
 - 6.▫ case analysis;
- 7.▫ learning base on practical content;
- 8.▫ cooperative learning.
- VI. Reflection (feedback):
 - 1.▫ non-complete sentences;
 - 2.▫ reflection questions;
 - 3.▫ criteria assessment.

Colloquiums (could constitute of a test (open and closed questions) and a practical task). Here the feedback on the graduates' achievements and progress is received. It is applied in a pre-examination stage.

Case studies (in written or verbal form) – the feedback is received, whether the practical content based teaching method and case study method during the seminars have achieved their aims: are the students able to provide the particular solution on problematical issue and also to demonstrate specific subject competences. It may be applied for both individual and group work assessment. Moreover, on examination of particular case in a group, cooperation skills are also developed and assessed.

Mind and concept mapping method is directed for checking the cognitive abilities (to consider, classify, analyse, structure and summarize), also develops logical and critical thinking.

Presentation (report) is used both for the final assessment, in showing the outcomes of a master's thesis, and for the interim tests of particular subjects' topics. Hereby abilities to read research literature, laws, case law, to make conclusions independently, to express ideas in logical order, to speak in front of the audience, to communicate efficiently are tested. It may be individual or in a group. Written survey method - during exam or a course credit test the students have to answer the questions in written form and to demonstrate gained knowledge and capability to adapt it when dealing with the practical situation.

Synopsis - a paper work, which aim is to perform the thorough analysis of a subject, topic or sources of literature. It reflects the knowledge of the student, the ability to analyse, logical thinking. It allows learning scientific vocabulary, to master scientific language style, to develop the ability to perform the compression (compression), structuring and quotation of the referred text. The references are made in written or verbal form. This method is applicable for formulating an assessment.

The volume of it is set by the lecturer.

For the assessment of the performance in particular subjects, the cumulative score system is applied, which motivates to study the subject thoroughly during the period of the semester. Cumulative score system, as well as its particular elements and its assessment value to the final score is published publicly in advance. The cumulative score consists of interim test scores (colloquium, verbal interview, etc.). The final score consists of cumulative score and final exam's score. An exam is considered as passed if the final assessment is positive, i.e. 5 points or more.

The final assessment consists of a master's thesis preparation and public defense. The thesis shows the student's ability to creatively and critically analyze theoretical and practical problems, to represent research data and, in accordance to the above, to formulate independent conclusions. The preparation of thesis should be started in the first semester, and should be defended in the last semester.

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Generic competences		Programme learning outcomes	
1.	Independent work and planning: capability to plan and analyze in detail the selected scientific or relevant practical problem independently, while using the skills of creative, critical, intuitive thinking.	1.1	Ability to plan the learning process independently and purposefully, to choose the direction of professional activities' development, to adapt to the changing work environment and to act in a multicultural business environment responsibly, honestly and transparently.
2.	Initiative and entrepreneurship: ability to take the initiative and create a workplace for themselves in private or public sector, while using knowledge of the business environment, as well as pursuit of new ideas and projects.	2.1	Ability to act as an independent expert and, using acquired knowledge of business law, to self-initiate, develop, manage and end transnational and European business, to assess and model business creation, development, management and end situations analytically, to generate new ideas in a multicultural business environment, to make social responsible and ethical decisions, to assess alternative solutions and their potential impact on the business environment.
Subject specific competences		Programme learning outcomes	
3.	Professional knowledge: knowledge of national, regional (European Union) and international legal acts and principles regulating the business sphere.	3.1	Ability to analyse and explain the transnational and European business environment characteristics, the forms of business organization, particularity of their legal regulation and procedures, peculiarities of dispute resolution, specific features of transnational and European regulation of labour relations, business contracts and other particular branches of business law.

4.	Ability to carry out the research work: data collection, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, aggregation and presentation.	4.1	Ability to analyse, synthesize and evaluate the data necessary for scientific research of business legal environment and innovation in this field, to integrate knowledge of business law, to apply scientific knowledge methodology, to clearly and unambiguously formulate logical conclusions based on business law knowledge, focusing on professional development and improvement and to convey these findings to both specialist and non-specialist audiences in native and foreign language.
5.	Ability to apply the knowledge gained in professional activity: rendering of qualified consultations and other legal services on professional issues.	5.1	Ability to advise on issues related to establishment, management, performance and termination of activities of European and international company, to deal with a wide range of legal problems, including extremely complex, when there is incomplete or limited information, to provide suggestions that would enable the reduction of the rise of problems detected as well as interests alignment and satisfaction of the individual business participants.
5.2		Ability to draft, analyse and assess the European and international business contracts professionally.	
5.3		Ability to provide representation and dispute resolution legal services in multicultural transnational and European business environment professionally both in a team and independently.	
6.	Evaluative analysis of the sources of business law: the ability to assess the laws in the field of business regulation with due competence, provide the legislative proposals in order to improve the said laws and the business environment.	6.1	Ability to critically analyse, interpret, compare and assess the legislation for transnational and European business legal relations, to provide creative suggestions for the improvement of this legislation in order to ameliorate the business environment.

16. COURSE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM WITH CREDITS

Code	Course units	ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours	Programme competences							
						Generic competences		Subject specific competences					
						1	2	3	4	5		6	
						Key learning outcomes							
						1.1	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	6.1
1st YEAR		60	1620	476	1144								
1 SEMESTER		30	810	250	560								
Compulsory courses		30	810	250	560								
	European and International Company Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x			x
	European and International Insolvency Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x			x
	European and International Labour Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x		x	
	International Banking Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x			x
	International Tax Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x			x
2 SEMESTER		30	810	226	584								
Compulsory courses		30	810	226	584								
	European and International Competition Law	6	162	50	112		x	x	x	x			x
	Foreign Language (French)	6	162	66	96	x				x	x	x	
	Industrial Property Law	6	162	50	112		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	International Commercial Litigation	6	162	50	112	x		x	x	x		x	x
	Master Thesis	6	162	10	152	x		x	x				x

2nd YEAR		57	1539	142	1397							
3 SEMESTER		27	729	124	605							
Compulsory courses		27	729	124	605							
	Comparative Contract Law and Economic Analysis	5	135	22	113			x	x		x	x
	Conferences on Contemporary Issues of Private Law and International Law	1	27	8	19				x		x	x
	Contemporary Issues of International Business Law	5	135	22	113			x	x			x
	Economical Integration of the European Union	4	108	20	88		x	x		x		
	European and International Principles of Contract Law	5	135	14	121			x	x		x	x
	International Transport Law	2	54	12	42			x	x	x	x	
	Special Contracts of International Business	5	135	26	109	x	x	x	x		x	x
Optional course 1					0							
	Foreign Language (English)	3	81	22	59		x			x	x	
	Foreign Language (French)	3	81	44	37	x			x	x		
4 SEMESTER		30	810	18	792							
Compulsory courses		30	810	18	792							
	Internship	6	162	18	144	x			x	x	x	x
	Master Thesis	24	648	0	648	x		x	x			x