

DESCRIPTION OF DEGREE PROGRAMME (admission year: 2022-2023)

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Title of the degree programme	National Code
Law Master's Degree Programme (Specialization - International Law) (in English)	6211KX016

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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 1,5 years	90	2430	506	1924

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Group of Study Fields	Field of the programme
Law	Law

6.

Degree and/or qualification awarded
Master of Law

7.

Programme Director	Contact information
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Accreditation organization	Period of reference
Centre for Quality Assessment in Higher Education	2023.05.31

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Purpose of the programme
The purpose of the study programme is to prepare international law specialists of high qualifications, focused on representation and defence of rights and interests of states, international organizations, international companies, and private persons in the international arena, who demonstrate knowledge and are capable of conceptual thinking, identifying, comprehending, analysing and qualifying and solving problems of international legal regulation, suggesting the methods for solving and prevention of these problems that are motivated, logical and based on international law norms, and that are capable of ensuring effective application of international law and international cooperation and coherence of international, regional and national law. The study program responds to the challenges of globalization, insofar as international aspects are rapidly pervading the national systems and limitations between national and international matters.

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Profile of the programme		
Study content: discipline(s)/subject area(s)	Orientation of the programme	Distinctive features
<p>The program of the international law is wide and includes 4 closely related areas of law:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - common international law (subjects of international law of treaties, international dispute settlement and ect. are studied); - special part of international public law (most of the subjects are studied in this part: international humanitarian law, refugee law, space law, ect.); - international private law (subjects are studied: international commercial transactions, disputes in private international law and ect.); - European Union law (European and International Company Law). <p>The program combines analysis of different branches of the international law. Students are studying 7 compulsory and 3 of 6 offered elective study courses related either to human rights and public international law or private international law.</p>	<p>Research orientated with a practical component consisting of international internship and a practice sessions.</p>	<p>the degree programme is taught in English language and it give an opportunity to study one semester abroad. Within the programme, in the first semester student can choose either human rights and public international law or private international law specialization.</p>
Qualification requirements and regulations		
<p>According to the Description of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework, level VII qualifications are acquired through graduate university (II cycle) studies.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		

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Admission requirements	Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning	Specific requirements for graduation
The bachelor degree in the field of Law and good knowledge of professional English language (at least B2 level)	<p>Procedure for Recognition of Academic Credits at Mykolas Romeris University</p> <p>"https://intranet.mruni.eu/mru_lt_dokumentai/centrai/akademiniu_reikalai_centras/teises_aktai/Studiju%20kreditu%20prip.tv._ENG%20porfolio.pdf" establishes the principles and procedure for the recognition of learning outcomes achieved by a person in other Lithuanian and foreign higher education institutions and in the non-formal and informal learning competencies, related to higher education, and the recognition of study credits at Mykolas Romeris University.</p> <p>All studies in the field of Law require additional requirements for recognition of academic credits at MRU.</p>	To acquire 90 ECTS and to prepare and defend Master thesis, in such a way getting other 30 ECTS.

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Access to further studies
Access to the third cycle studies of law

13.

Occupational profiles of graduates with examples
<p>Graduates who acquire Master's Degree in law after accomplishing the study programme will be able to seek employment as a specialists in the departments of international law of the State institutions; as a lawyers in international arbitration or other judicial institutions; as a diplomats; as a leaders of international business; as a policy-makers, as an employees in international organisations and EU institutions; as an employees of the law departments in international companies working in Lithuania and abroad; law firms; as an employees in a international agencies for research and in non-governmental sector.</p>

14.

Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
<p>The teaching and learning process is organized in lectures, seminars, and independent studies (research work, individual assignments, project activities, essay writing, presentations and e-learning in Moodle environment). Innovative teaching / learning methods are applied in the course of the study process: research methods (search for information sources, analysis, comparison, qualitative and quantitative research); problem-oriented teaching/learning methods (based on problem solution); method of critical thinking (based on tasks and problem solution); case studies (based on tasks and case studies); methods of graphical visualization (emphasising the work of a lecturer and based on a team work); method of cooperative learning (based on the team work and tasks); learning through interaction (based on the team work and tasks); individual and group oriented independent study (based on tasks), discussions (based on the problem solution);</p>	<p>Students' achievements are assessed using the 10-point grading scale on the basis of the criteria, methods, and procedures presented in Mykolas Romeris University order on Study Evaluation approved on 2012-03-16 by MRU Senate ruling No. 1SN-30 . The programme of studies is concluded with the procedure of public defence of the final Master thesis.</p> <p>Assessment methods: questioning (frontal and individual); individual / group presentations; colloquium; project activities; written papers; submission of papers / reports / models / projects in written form and their oral presentation; real-life situation simulation test; mind map; essay; graphical visualisations; definition map; survey of literature and other information sources; report writing; moot-court; oral or written examination (integrated test for control of theoretical and practical knowledge).</p>

debates (based on knowledge and insight); simulation (based on the problem solution); project method (based on the tasks); individual tutorials (student oriented).

15.

Generic competences		Programme learning outcomes	
1.	Fluent and reasoned written speech and the speech: the ability to express argument based thoughts and the findings, and provide them properly to both orally and in writing, using rules of international law.	1.1	Demonstrating well-developed skills of independent learning and work organization and planning, which allows targeted and independent continuation of studies, development in professional activities and adapt to changing multicultural work environment.
Subject specific competences		Programme learning outcomes	
2.	The problem analysis, solution of the complex international legal situation: the ability to analyze, qualify actions under international law of the subjects of international law, to determine complex international legal problems, their causes, and to propose reasoned, logical ways to resolve them, even if the solution requires integration of different international law sub-branches and knowledge of other law branches.	2.1	Demonstrating knowledge in international law and comprehension of peculiarities of international legal regulation and practice, its interconnection with national and regional legal systems and its influence on them, measures and methods for solving international disputes, the specific features of the regulation under specific branches of international law.
3.	Solving of practical situations: the ability to deal with international law may arise in practical situations, using knowledge acquired during the learning process and international legal practice, to draw conclusions from the international sources of law and the existing doctrinal level of information and substantiate it..	3.1	Analysing and qualifying actions of international law subjects and assessment of factual situation under international law, spotting international legal problems and suggesting logical and reasonable measures and methods for solving the situation or dispute, which are best suited for the relevant situation and expectations of the situation / dispute, even when the solution requires integration of knowledge of different branches of international law and national law, and the use of international judicial practice.
4.	Expert assessment of international law sources: expert assessment of international legal documents and other sources of international law and application in various areas of international law, the rendering of the conclusions regarding the national legislation compliance with international legal regulation, adoption of autonomous decisions oriented to the development and improvement of the international legal regulation and international legal relations, in systematic application of theoretical knowledge and research results.	4.1	Applying knowledge of international law and sources of international law and decisions of international courts, arbitral tribunals and administrative institutions for a specific case, solving international legal problems and practical situations in a new and unfamiliar environment or wider (interdisciplinary) environment related to study area in such a way, as to effectively ensure solution of international law problems.

5.	The knowledge of dispute resolution in international legal situations,: the ability to qualify complex international legal situation or dispute and suggest for the parties of the situation/dispute the methods and instruments for the settlement of the situation or dispute.	5.1	While applying methodology of scientific cognition, to critically analyse, interpret, compare and assess international legal documents and other sources of international law, formulate conclusions that are logical, clear, have only one meaning and are based on knowledge and international court practice, as well as solutions for improving of international legal regulation, and to be capable of presenting these solutions to both professional and non-professional audiences.
6.	The international legal relations and it's regulation development understanding of a deepening nature: a deeper focus on knowledge of legal relations regulated by international law, which extends knowledge acquired during undergraduate studies, , and creates the conditions for further purposefully and autonomous international legal studies, practical and scientific activities.	6.1	While acting independently or in a group, systematically apply theoretic knowledge and research results, and solve problems within different areas of international law at a national or international level, while providing services of consultation, representation, defence, drafting legal documents, dispute resolution and etc., to adopt independent decisions that are based on international and national legal norms, ethical and socially responsible, aimed at development and improvement of international legal relations.

16. COURSE STRUCTURE DIAGRAM WITH CREDITS

Code	Course units	ECTS credits	Student's workload	Contact work hours	Independent work hours	Programme competences					
						G. C.	Subject specific competences				
							1	2	3	4	5
						Key learning outcomes					
						1.1	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.1	6.1
1st YEAR		60	1620	488	1132						
1 SEMESTER		30	810	298	512						
Compulsory course units		12	324	116	208						
	International Human Rights Litigation	6	162	66	96			x	x		
	Dispute Settlement in Private International Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x	
Alternatively elective course units 1		18	486	182	304						
	International Humanitarian Law	6	162	66	96	x	x	x	x	x	x
	International Law of the Sea	6	162	50	112						
	Refugee Law	6	162	66	96	x	x	x	x	x	x
	European and International Company Law	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x	x
	International Family and Succession Law	6	162	66	96	x	x				
	Litigation in International Consumer Cases	6	162	66	96		x	x			
2 SEMESTER		30	810	190	620						
Compulsory course units		30	810	190	620						
	International Law of Treaties	6	162	50	112				x		

	Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights	6	162	34	128	x			x		
	Privacy and Data Protection	6	162	22	140						
	International Aviation Law	6	162	34	128	x			x		x
	International Dispute Settlement	6	162	50	112	x	x	x	x	x	
2nd YEAR		30	810	18	792						
3 SEMESTER		30	810	18	792						
Compulsory course units		30	810	18	792						
	Master Thesis	6	162	18	144	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Master Thesis	12	324	0	324	x	x	x	x	x	x
	Master Thesis	12	324	0	324	x	x	x	x	x	x
