

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

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Title of the degree programme	National Code
Mediation LL.M. Master's Degree Programme (English)	6215KX003

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

3.

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 years	60	1620	286	1334

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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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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 aim of the program is to prepare lawyers-experts in mediation with an international qualification LL.M. degree, who will be able to solve various types of national and private international disputes by way of an advanced alternative to the classical judicial process - mediation. These specialists will also gain extensive and systematic knowledge of other ways of resolving disputes and their applicability, will be able to advise the parties to the dispute on the most appropriate way to resolve a particular dispute. Upon completion of this program, students will have the necessary knowledge and practical skills to carry out the mediation procedure professionally and / or to properly represent their clients in mediation.

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Profile of the programme		
Study content: discipline(s)/subject area(s)	Orientation of the programme	Distinctive features
<p>The total volume of the study program is 60 credits. All subjects in the program are from the main field of study.</p> <p>All subjects included in the program are in-depth. Each program course provides knowledge in the relevant field of mediation. After student gains special knowledge out of basic subjects - Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation Theory and Practice, Negotiations in Legal Disputes, Restorative Justice, Conflict Management, Family Mediation, Evaluation and Characterization of Dispute Parties in Mediation, Peculiarities of International Dispute Resolution, Intercultural Communication and Commercial Mediation - he will be able to fully meet current labor market needs in relation to diverting legal disputes by means of peaceful, out-of-court dispute resolution, in particular mediation.</p> <p>5 subjects are studied every semester.</p>	-	<p>1) The programme is not oriented to the solution of national disputes by mediation in Lithuania, but to the solution of private international disputes, therefore the content of all subjects to be taught is also oriented to the specific category of disputes with the international element and the peculiarities of working with such subjects.</p> <p>2) The programme is planned to be taught only in English in such way strengthening the knowledge of the students' foreign language necessary for consulting subjects of private international disputes.</p> <p>3) The programme is of a shorter duration than usual master degree programmes (1 year) and does not require the preparation of a master's thesis, also is more oriented towards the development of practical rather than scientific skills.</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>		

11.

Admission requirements	Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning	Specific requirements for graduation
<p>Candidates willing to enroll to the Mediation LL.M. study program must meet at least one of the following conditions: 1) completed university undergraduate studies or university integrated studies in the field of law. 2) completed first cycle studies at the university in a field of study other than law and additional studies in the field of law of not less than 60 study credits. Additional law studies must be completed before the application to the master program. 3) completed college studies in the field of law and additional studies in the field of law of not less than 60 study credits. Additional law studies must be completed before the application to the master program. 4) completed undergraduate or postgraduate studies in a field other than law at the university and have at least 3 years of work experience in the application of law in the field related to health care sector. In this case, additional 15 study credits studies in the field of law must be completed before the start of the program. Professional experience in the application of the law shall be assessed in accordance with the rules of admission. More information on admission to master's studies is available here: https://www.mruni.eu/priemimo-taisyklos-i-magistranturos-studijas/</p>	<p>Procedure for Recognition of Academic Credits at Mykolas Romeris University "https://intranet.mruni.eu/mru_lt_dokumentai/centrai/akademiniu_reikalu_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. All studies in the field of Law require additional requirements for recognition of academic credits at MRU.</p>	<p>Gather 60 ECTS credits and successfully pass the final exam.</p>

12.

Access to further studies
Completion of the LL.M program do not grant the right to continue studies in PhD (law) studies.

13.

Occupational profiles of graduates with examples
<p>We expect to accept to the Mediation LL.M. programme foreign and Lithuanian students, who intend to become dispute settlement specialists, representatives (council) to the parties to the dispute, negotiators, mediators or conciliators in the future. It is likely that a large part of LL.M. graduates will be interested in providing mediation services, the other - using their acquired competencies in mediation assisting the parties involved in the dispute as consultants, others - will become professional dispute resolution specialists capable of identifying the most appropriate way of solving the problem according to the characteristics of the particular dispute and its parties</p>

14.

Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Lectures, seminars, benchmarking, self-study of literature and summarized material presentation, discussions, individual simulations simulating dispute mediation (mediation pageant), individual or group of problematic situations individually analysis, project work, practice, professional practice of observation and participation in selected institutions, offices.	Student's achievements are evaluated using 10-point scale. Programme concludes with a final Master's Thesis and it's assertion. Student's knowledge gained during studies is assessed by the total (cumulative) rating system. Taken into account: student self-analysis of literature and the payment to present assimilated knowledge during debates, discussions, individual reports or at the time of practice; the payment to use gained knowledge for analyzing specific situations; active participation in the exercise and their attendance. Study subjects are completed by examination.

15.

Generic competences		Programme learning outcomes	
1.	-	1.1	Is able to understand the methods of dispute resolution and their applicability, as a result of it - is able to advise the parties to the dispute regarding the choice of the most appropriate way of resolution for the particular dispute and professionally conduct the mediation procedure and / or properly represent their clients involved in mediation.
2.	-	2.1	Is able to provide professional mediation services on a stand-alone basis or in a team, and to properly prepare the documents needed to initiate, execute and complete this procedure.
3.	-	3.1	Is able to provide high-quality independent dispute resolution expert services and, using the knowledge of alternative dispute resolution, independently start, develop, manage legal counseling and dispute resolution business, generate new ideas in a multicultural environment, adopt socially responsible and ethical decisions.
Subject specific competences		Programme learning outcomes	
4.	-	4.1	Is able to analyze complex phenomena of intercultural social life – private international disputes, their legal environment, and draw conclusions necessary for their decision by the most appropriate means, taking into account the peculiarities of the particular dispute and its participants, also norms of private international law.
5.	-	5.1	Is able to apply optimal methods of counseling individuals to encourage and enable conflict analysis, interpret, solve problems, think critically, monitor, evaluate and analyze facts, and draw conclusions that enable peaceful resolution of disputes.

6.	-	6.1	Is able to organize and carry out the mediation process using modern information technologies.
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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	6.1
1st YEAR		60	1620	286	1334						
1 SEMESTER		30	810	160	650						
Compulsory course units		30	810	160	650						
	Mediation Theory and Practice	6	162	32	130	x	x	x			x
	Negotiation in Legal Disputes	6	162	32	130	x					
	Restorative Justice	6	162	32	130	x					
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	6	162	32	130	x		x			
	Conflict Management	6	162	32	130			x		x	
2 SEMESTER		30	810	126	684						
Compulsory course units		24	648	102	546						
	Family Mediation	6	162	32	130		x			x	
	Peculiarities of International Dispute Resolution	6	162	24	138	x			x		
	Parties' Evaluation and Characterization in Mediation	6	162	32	130		x		x		
	Final Examination	6	162	14	148	x	x			x	x
Alternatively elective course units 1		6	162	24	138						
	Business Mediation	6	162	24	138	x			x		
	Intercultural Communication	6	162	24	138			x	x		