

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

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Title of the degree programme	National Code
Private Law Master`s Degree Programme (joint study program with Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine)	6281KX002

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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	566	2674

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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 objective of Private Law Programme is to prepare highly qualified specialists, having in-depth theoretical knowledge in selected private law areas, based on results of newest fundamental and applied research, and skills to provide representation and counseling on related private law matters to the extent consistent with the ethical constraints, to identify and analyze relevant legal and professional problems and generate solutions and strategies, to effectively plan and conduct legal research and provide suggestions for the legislator on the improvement of regulation in private law field.

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Profile of the programme		
Study content: discipline(s)/subject area(s)	Orientation of the programme	Distinctive features
All the intended courses are within the study field of Law. The programme consists of 15 compulsory courses.	The programme is oriented towards academic research and professional practice: main fields of study for qualification are organized in a way which enables the graduates to put into practice the acquirements and capacities with skills for further self-guided academic research. The master of Private Law study programme has the skills deepening character, aiming at further specialization within the Civil Law area prior studied by the learners in their bachelor-phase education studies.	The study programme is the first joint programme in Lithuania in the field of private law carried out in two high education institutions – Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania) and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine). The study programme will be performed in English language and it will give individuals the opportunity to gain a Master of Laws degree in two high education institutions.
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
Students wishing to participate in the Programme will need to have obtained a first cycle degree in law (Bachelor of Law). The candidates must have very good knowledge and skills of English (at least B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).	<p>Procedure for Recognition of Academic Credits at Mykolas Romeris University</p> <p>"<a href="https://intranet.mruni.eu/mru_lt_dokumentai/centrai/akademiniu_reikalavimai/centras/teises_aktai/Studiju%20kreditu%20prip.tv._ENG%20porfolio.pdf">https://intranet.mruni.eu/mru_lt_dokumentai/centrai/akademiniu_reikalavimai/centras/teises_aktai/Studiju%20kreditu%20prip.tv._ENG%20porfolio.pdf</a>"</p> <p>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 complete 120 credits, prepare and successfully defend Master's thesis and successfully pass the State exam.

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Access to further studies
Master degree is a necessary prerequisite to enter the third cycle studies.

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Occupational profiles of graduates with examples
Graduates who have successfully completed joint master programme „Private Law” and earned Master of Law degree will have good career opportunities both in graduates’ home country and abroad. Degree holders will be able to work in the private sector (business companies), engage in high qualification professions (advocate, notary, bailiff, bankruptcy administrator), as well as in public sector (for example, in European institutions, international institutions, national courts, quasi-courts, other state and municipal administration entities, engaged in business administrative regulation, in international and national non-governmental organizations, etc.), as well as academic and research institutions.

14.

Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Academic teaching, problematic teaching; concept mapping; concept hedgehog; critical literature reading; introduction questions lecture / discussion.	<p>Frontal verbal questioning</p> <p>Individual verbal interviews</p> <p>Mind and concept mapping method</p> <p>Presentation (report)</p>
Content/process-based learning; arguments „pros“ and „cons“; debates; discussions; case analysis; brainstorming; problematic thinking strategy; problematic teaching; concept mapping; various graphical visualization techniques (e.g. mind/concept mapping) method.	<p>Case studies</p> <p>Frontal verbal questioning</p> <p>Individual verbal interviews</p> <p>Written survey method.</p>

Work in the groups, discussions, debates; panel discussion; learning in groups; negotiations; presentations; consulting; role objective game formulating of the notion, and its' advocacy, etc.	Case studies Presentation (report) Mind and concept mapping method Synopsis
During case studies students get case descriptions (important events, professional activities, etc.) First of all they have to analyze the case individually or in the groups orally or in written. After that teacher organize common discussion of the case. This method helps to develop problem-solving and decision-making competencies.	Case studies Frontal verbal questioning Individual verbal interviews Written survey method Synopsis
Students get case descriptions (important events, professional activities, etc.), they have to analyze the case individually or in the groups orally or in written and prepare for the discussion. Students can also get a problematic issue that they have to analyze individually or in the groups orally (giving a presentation) or in written (preparing synopsis).	Case studies Presentation (report) Synopsis

#### 15.

Generic competences		Programme learning outcomes	
1.	Personal skills	1.1	Ability to take timely decisions, to develop strategies and to critically analyze and reflect on the results of his/her or others professional activities seeking continuous improvement in professional performance. Skills of self-study, work organization and planning, that allow to purposefully and independently continue studies, to improve in professional activity and to adapt to the changing multicultural work environment
Subject specific competences		Programme learning outcomes	
2.	Knowledge, its application	2.1	In-depth knowledge in selected areas of substantive (contract, tort, property, trust, family, intellectual property, corporate law, etc.) and procedural (peculiarities of private law disputes resolution, choice of applicable law, etc.) private law and requirements of professional ethics and ability to apply the knowledge in new and unknown situations

<b>3.</b>	Ability to conduct research	<b>3.1</b>	Ability to independently analyze and interpret different legal and practical concepts and creatively use the results of the newest scientific research in selected issues of private law, ability to formulate well-grounded conclusions oriented towards improvement of private law regulation and based on independent in-depth research results
<b>4.</b>	Special skills	<b>4.1</b>	Ability to consult on related private law matters, to choose timely and effective procedures of national and international private law disputes resolution, to professionally represent in courts, arbitration, public and other institutions in private law matters to the extent consistent with the ethical constraints and taking into account various aspects of cultural and traditional diversity
<b>5.</b>	Special skills	<b>5.1</b>	Ability to identify, systematically analyze, explain in detail and critically assess complex selected substantive and procedural private law issues in comparative legal environment while performing professional activities, ability to offer, logical, well-grounded and creative solutions taking into account possible alternatives; ability to conduct logical, critical and systematic analysis and in-depth assessment of relevant legal documents; ability to identify problematic regulatory aspects and provide creative, well-grounded suggestions to legislator on its improvement

# 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			
						5	1	2	3	4
						Key learning outcomes				
						1.1	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.1
1st YEAR		60	1620	412	1208					
1 SEMESTER		30	810	266	544					
Compulsory course units		30	810	266	544					
	Actual Issues of Public Law	6	162	66	96	x	x	x	x	x
	Topical Issues of Procedural Law	6	162	66	96	x	x	x	x	x
	Actual Issues of Private Law	6	162	66	96	x	x	x	x	x
	International Protection of Human Rights	6	162	34	128				x	x
	Alternative Dispute Resolution	6	162	34	128	x		x	x	
2 SEMESTER		30	810	146	664					
Compulsory course units		30	810	146	664					
	Master Thesis	6	162	10	152	x	x	x		x
	Property Law and Trust Law	6	162	34	128	x		x	x	x
	Corporate Law	6	162	34	128	x		x	x	x
	Problems of International Private Law	6	162	34	128	x		x	x	x
	Civil Rights Protection in International Courts	6	162	34	128	x		x	x	x
2nd YEAR		60	1620	154	1466					

<b>3 SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>666</b>					
<b>Compulsory course units</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>666</b>					
	European and International Contract Law	6	162	50	112	x		x	x	x
	Comparative Tort Law	6	162	50	112	x		x	x	x
	Family Law Unification	4	108	34	74	x		x	x	
	Research Internship	14	378	10	368		x		x	
<b>4 SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>800</b>					
<b>Compulsory course units</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>800</b>					
	Master Thesis	10	270	0	270	x	x	x		x
	Internship	20	540	10	530	x		x	x	x

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