

Academic Council of the Faculty of Law – at its meeting held on May 26, 2014, adopted the Decision to accredit Master Academic Studies – Master in European Integration, for two years study program (120 ECTS).

Senate of the University of Belgrade decided on its meeting held on June 18, 2014 (06-01 No: 61201-2828/3-14) to adopt the proposal of the Academic Council of the Faculty of Law (May 26, 2014), to accredit Master Academic Studies – Master in European Integration, for two years study program (120 ECTS).

The Academic Council of the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law decided on its meeting held on February 25, 2019 to start procedure for the new accreditation of the Master Academic Studies – Master in European Integration (120 ECTS).

RULEBOOK OF THE MASTER ACADEMIC STUDIES - MASTER IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (MEI-120 ECTS) - AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE FACULTY OF LAW – THE TWO-YEAR MASTER PROGRAM

Article 1

Program preparation

This study program had been prepared within the framework of the Tempus Joint European Project “TEMPUS JEP POGESTEJ” – Post-Graduate Studies for European Integration at the law faculties of the universities of Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad and was accredited for its implementation at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law under the title: **Master Academic Studies - MASTER IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**. Ever since Master in European Integration was established, the two-year study regime represented an integral part of the regular master program. However, conditions have been met to formally separate the two-year study regime from the regular master program in academic year 2014-2015. Classes within both regimes will be held jointly.

The following institutions from the European Union (EU) were in the Consortium of the Tempus Joint European Project:

Faculty of Law – University of Maribor (Slovenia) as the grant holder and grant coordinator

Faculty of Law - European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Germany),

Faculty of Law - University of Insubria, Como (Italy),

Faculty of Law - University of Salzburg (Austria),

Faculty of Political Sciences – University of Trieste (Italy),

Institute for Ethnic, Regional and Sociological Studies – ICERS (Slovenia),

Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies – ISCOMET (Slovenia).

Article 2

Title and aims of the study program

The study program shall bear the title **Master Academic Studies - Master in European Integration**, and shall be conducted in English.

The aims of the program shall be to offer adequate knowledge and skills for the work on both legal and non-legal jobs related to the integration into the European Union, which require knowledge of the

law, politics and economics of the European Union, and which can be performed in the state administration, business, media, educational, research and scientific institutions, and the civil sector.

Article 3

Type of studies and result of study process

These studies shall be the second degree studies: master academic studies - Master.

The aims of this program shall be to offer the in-depth knowledge of reasons for and processes of the integration into the European Union, of the law, policies and politics of the European Union and of the relations between the European Union and other international organizations and states, as well as to develop necessary abilities for understanding the integration processes, and interpreting, applying and further researching the European Union law. The end result of this program shall also be to expand the knowledge of practical skills which pertain to the English terminology, the ability to conduct scientific research and to communicate in academic circles, and the usage of internet sources within the scope of this field.

Article 4

Academic title

After successful completion of this program, a student acquires the academic master degree: **Master of Laws in European Integration.**

Precise description of all fulfilled obligation prescribed by the master program as well as notification whether the student had previously completed undergraduate academic studies at the law faculty or at any other social sciences- humanities faculty, shall be outlined in the Diploma Supplement/Transcript of Records.

Article 5

Eligibility requirements for the enrollment into the study program

To be eligible for the enrollment into the two-year program, a student must, under conditions and procedures for the enrollment into master academic studies at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law have a Bachelor Degree with Honor from the law faculty or social sciences – humanities faculty, with at least 180 ECTS.

Students who graduated abroad shall comply with the **Rules for Recognition of Foreign University Diplomas for Purposes of Further Education.** The procedure of the Recognition of Foreign University Diploma shall be completed until the enrollment deadline.

Precondition for the enrollment at Master in European Integration is the proof concerned with a proficiency in English language.

Tuition fee for each academic year of the two-year study regime is equal to the regularly proposed tuition fee for the one-year Master in European Integration program.

Article 6

Duration and the ECTS value of the program

The duration of the program shall be two years, consisting of four semesters, 1200 hours for two

academic years (lectures, practical work, seminars, collective consultations, individual consultations, working hours with mentor, research) (in total 1200 hours during two academic years), with at least 300 hours of lectures and practical work per academic year (in total at least 600 hours during two academic years), credited with 120 ECTS.

Article 7

Program content

First year:

The study program shall consist of four mandatory courses and a choice of five optional courses from the list of optional courses.

The study program shall contain three common mandatory courses, related to the Introduction to the Studies of the EU and called: 1) Introduction to the Economic System of the EU, 2) Introduction to the Legal System of the EU, and 3) Introduction to the Political System of the EU.

The course Practical Skills, consisting of research methodology, English legal terminology, and Internet skills, is also mandatory.

In the first semester of the first year the above mentioned four mandatory courses (**15+3=18 ECTS**) shall be attended, as well as one optional courses chosen from the list of sixteen optional courses. Each optional course is valid **8 ECTS**. Student shall also have to prepare a public individual presentation of a certain course related case-study, which shall be followed by a questions&answers session with a professor and audience (Individual Presentation of a Case-Study). Individual Presentation of a Case-Study is valid **2 ECTS**. Student shall thus acquire **28 ECTS** at the first semester of the first year of master program.

In the second semester the student shall opt for four courses from the list of sixteen given courses (**4x8=32 ECTS**).

Student shall thus acquire **60 ECTS** at the first year of master program.

Second year:

At the second year of master studies student shall opt for five optional courses from remaining courses on the list of sixteen optional courses. Student shall also have to prepare a one more public individual presentation of a certain course related case-study – **2 ECTS**. Student shall also be obliged to write and defend the master thesis at the end of the study program. Master thesis is valid **18 ECTS**. Student shall thus acquire the relevant **60 ECTS** during the second year.

The „first-year“ program is scheduled as follows:

I Semester	II Semester
Introduction to the Legal, Political and Economic System of the EU 3x5= 15ECTS	Optional Course 2 8 ECTS
Practical Skills 3 ECTS	Optional Course 3 8 ECTS
Optional Course 1 8 ECTS	Optional Course 4 8 ECTS
Individual Presentation 2 ECTS	Optional Course 5 8 ECTS
Total 28 ECTS	Total 32 ECTS

Total first-year program – 60 ECTS

The „second-year“ program is scheduled as follows:

I Semester			II Semester	
Optional Course	1	8 ECTS	Optional Course	5
Optional Course	2	8 ECTS	Individual Presentation	2 ECTS
Optional Course	3	8 ECTS	Preparation and scientific research for Master thesis	10 ECTS
Optional Course	4	8 ECTS	Defence of Master thesis	8 ECTS
Total			Total	28 ECTS

Total second-year program – 60 ECTS

Mandatory courses at Master in European Integration (MEI):

- 1. Practical Skills** (Research Methodology, English Terminology, Internet Skills)
- 2. Introduction to the Legal System of the EU**
- 3. Introduction to the Political System of the EU**
- 4. Introduction to the Economic System of the EU**

List of optional courses, from which students opt for ten courses during two academic years:

1. Judicial System of the EU
2. International Private Law of the EU
3. EU Company Law
4. EU Tax Law
5. EU Competition Law and Policy
6. European Human Rights Law
7. Labor and Social Law of the EU – Human Rights Aspect
8. EU Environmental Law and Policy
9. EU Trade Policy and Law
10. EU Securities Law
11. International Relations of the EU
12. Geopolitical Perspectives and Consequences of the EU Enlargement
13. Common Agricultural Policy of the EU
14. Immigration and Asylum Policy of the EU
15. Accession of Serbia to the EU
16. European Private Law

Article 8.

Basic data on the course schedule and the ECTS value of courses

Duration: The study program lasts four semesters (60 weeks).

Program: The study program shall contain three common mandatory courses: 1) Introduction to the Economic System of the EU 2) Introduction to the Legal System of the EU, and 3) Introduction to the Political System of the EU, as well as the course Practical Skills, and ten courses from the list of sixteen optional courses.

Each student shall attend thirteen courses, plus Practical skills.

Each student shall be obliged to prepare two individual presentations of the case-study.

Student shall also be obliged to write and defend the master thesis at the end of the study program.

Practical Skills: It shall comprise of lectures in legal terminology, computer skills and methodology of research and scientific drafting (30 hours/classes).

Duration of the courses: Each introductory course shall consist of 45 hours of active work (30 hours of lectures and 15 hours of practical work). Practical skills shall consist of 30 hours (15 hours of lectures and 15 hours of practical work). These four mandatory courses shall be delivered during the first semester of the first year.

Courses for which students opt shall consist each of 45 hours (30 hours of lectures and 15 hours of practical work). These courses shall be delivered during the four semesters, in 5 to 6 weeks and in the framework of the “blocks” of concentrated work related to 3 or 4 courses at the same time.

If there are not enough registered students for certain courses, the Management of the program shall have the right to make necessary changes in the course schedule in the given academic year.

Practical work classes: They shall offer class discussions, debates, seminar paper presentations, case studies etc.

Individual Presentation of a Case-Study: Student shall have to prepare a two public individual presentation of a certain course related case-study, which shall be followed by a questions&answers session with a professor and audience. Individual Presentation of a Case-Study is valid 2 ECTS.

Master thesis: It shall be based on research and shall be prepared in the appropriate academic manner (use of literature, notes, quotation, references etc.). Master thesis shall be credited 18 ECTS (preparation and scientific research for Master thesis – 10 ECTS and defence of Master thesis – 8 ECTS).

Credits (ECTS):

Introduction to the Legal System of the EU course - **5 ECTS**

Introduction to the Political System of the EU course - **5 ECTS**

Introduction to the Economic System of the EU course - **5 ECTS**

One optional course – **8 ECTS** (10x8=**80 ECTS**)

Practical Skills - **3 ECTS**

Individual Presentation of a Case-Study - **2 ECTS x2=4 ECTS**

Final Master paper - **18 ECTS**

Credits (ECTS): in total **120 ECTS**

60 ECTS per academic year:

First academic year:

Four mandatory courses – 18 ECTS

Five optional courses – 40 ECTS

Individual Presentation of a Case-Study – 2 ECTS

Preparation and scientific research for Master thesis – 10 ECTS

Defence of Master thesis – 8 ECTS

In total : 60 ECTS

Second academic year :

Five optional courses – 40 ECTS

Individual Presentation of a Case-Study – 2 ECTS

In total : 60 ECTS

The outline, teaching methods and ECTS values for each of the courses are given in the tables which are an integral part of this document.

Article 9.

Student's obligations:

In the first semester of the first academic year student shall be required to attend three courses related to the Introduction to the Studies of the EU, Practical Skills course, one optional course and to prepare individual presentation of a case-study. During the second semester of the first academic year, student shall be obliged to attend four optional courses.

In the first semester of the second year, student shall be required to attend four optional courses. During the second semester of the second academic year, student shall be obliged to attend one optional course, to prepare one more individual presentation of a case-study and to prepare and submit Master thesis and defend it successfully before a panel.

The student shall firstly pass the exam of the Practical Skills, then of three mandatory courses: Introduction to the Legal System of the EU, Introduction to the Political System of the EU, Introduction to the Economic System of the EU and only then after the exams of the rest of ten opted courses, as well as other obligations.

Students shall have an opportunity to fulfill their obligations in the following third academic year.

Article 10.

Master thesis

The student shall be required to prepare and defend during the second semester of the second year Master thesis of approximately 90,000 to 110,000 characters (45 to 55 pages), which shall be credited with 18 ECTS.

The procedure for registration, completion and defense of the Master thesis is regulated by a separate relevant University of Belgrade Faculty of Law rules regulating Master thesis.

Article 11.

Language of the study program

The official language of the studies at the Master in European Integration is English.

Entire administration, delivery of certificates and communication with the Management shall be

conducted in English.

Article 12

Evaluation of the students` success

Evaluation of the students` achievements in classes and in exams, as well as in defending their Master thesis, shall be expressed numerically, but also by capital letters in the Certificate Supplement in a following way:

- Grade 10 - A+
- 9 - A
- 8 - B
- 7 - C
- 6 - D
- 5 - F

Final examination grade for Practical Skills Module is „passed“ or „failed“.

Master thesis is evaluated numerically from 5 to 10, but also expressed by an adequate capital letter.

Article 13

Evaluation of the teaching staff

Students shall evaluate the quality of lectures and seminar classes given by the teaching staff through evaluation forms, offered at the end of each course.

Article 14

Possibility of attending courses at other faculties

Students may enroll into a course or a number of courses at other faculties of law or other appropriate academic institutions, either in Serbia or abroad, if the relevant courses are complementary with the Study program **Master in European Integration**, and provided an agreement of the cooperation has been signed among referential academic institutions.

Exam(s) taken at other faculties of law or referential institutions shall be recognized as if they were taken at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, where the student has registered for this study program.

The same is valid for students of other faculties of law or other appropriate academic institutions, either in Serbia or abroad, when the agreement is provided for their attendance of certain activities at Master in European Integration at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law.

Article 15

Final provisions

The Rulebook enters into force eight days after its announcement at the Faculty of Law notification board, and shall apply from academic year 2019/2020.

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