

The Commission for Accreditation and Quality Control (Certificate and Decision No.: 612-00-01438/2007-04, issued on 4 September, 2009) decided to accredit Master Academic Studies – Master in European Integration (60 ECTS).

Senate of the University of Belgrade decided on its meeting held on June 18, 2014 (06-01 No: 61201-2827/3-14) to adopt the proposal of the Academic Council of the Faculty of Law (May 26, 2014) for certain changes and improvements of the study program, in order that the procedure of the re-accreditation of the Master Academic Studies – Master in European Integration be completed.

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 (60 ECTS).

## **RULEBOOK OF THE MASTER ACADEMIC STUDIES - MASTER IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION - AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE FACULTY OF LAW – MEI 240 ECTS**

### *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**.

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 judiciary and

all legal professions, 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 this 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 240 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.

### *Article 6*

#### **Duration and the ECTS value of the program**

The duration of the program shall be one year, consisting of two semesters, 600 hours (lectures, seminars, collective consultations, individual consultations, working hours with mentor), credited with 60 ECTS.

### *Article 7*

#### **Program content**

The study program shall consist of four mandatory courses and the list of optional courses, from which each student chooses three 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 the above mentioned four mandatory courses shall be attended by all students of the study program **Master in European Integration**.

In the second semester the student shall opt for three courses from the list of seventeen given courses.

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

#### **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 three courses:

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 two semesters (30 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 (in the first semester), plus three courses from the list of seventeen courses (in the second semester).

Each student shall attend six courses, plus Practical skills.

Each student shall be obliged during the course of the year to prepare and defend the final master thesis.

**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 of lectures and of 15 hours of practical work). Practical skills shall consist of 30 hours (15 of lectures and 15 of practical work). These four mandatory courses shall be delivered during the first semester.

Courses for which students opt shall consist each of 45 hours (30 of lectures and 15 of practical work). These courses shall be delivered during the second semester, in 4 to 5 weeks and in the framework of the four “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, upon the consultation with students, to make necessary changes in the final offer of courses and course schedule in the given academic year.

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

**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** (3x8=**24 ECTS**)

Practical Skills - **3 ECTS**

Preparation and scientific research for Master thesis - **10 ECTS**;

Defence of Master thesis - **8 ECTS**.

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Three mandatory courses, together **15 ECTS**; three optional courses, together **24 ECTS**; Practical Skills - **3 ECTS**; Master thesis - **18 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:**

The student shall be required to attend three courses related to the Introduction to the Studies of the EU and Practical Skills course in the first semester, and to attend three opted courses in the second semester.

The student shall firstly pass the exam of the obligatory courses Practical Skills, Introduction to the Legal System of the EU, Introduction to the Political System of the EU, Introduction to the Economic System, and only then after the exams of the rest of three opted courses.

The student shall prepare and submit Master thesis and defend it successfully before a panel.

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

#### *Article 10.*

##### **Master thesis**

The student shall be required to prepare and defend during the second semester 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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**Belgrade**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

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