

**LL.M. - MASTER IN
SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN LAW
& EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**



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South East European Law & European Integration (LL.M.)

Dear Colleague,

since 2004 the Faculty of Law at the University of Graz offers a Master Programme in South East European Law & European Integration. The programme is entirely taught in English and provides a profound postgraduate education with a focus on South East Europe and the upcoming enlargement of the European Union.

The special geographical position of Graz has long enabled the 2003 "Cultural Capital of Europe" to act as a gateway between South Eastern Europe and (Western) Europe, and to establish unique academic and economic relations with this region. The Master programme wants to bring together young graduates and members of the practicing legal professions, both from South Eastern Europe and from the member states of the European Union.

Courses of the programme cover Community law and the various legal processes of European integration and approximation. In addition, participants gain a unique insight into the legal traditions and the legal culture of South Eastern Europe. In its five modules, the current curriculum of the LL.M. programme offers a broad spectrum of courses on commercial law, therefore catering to the needs of the practicing professions.

We would be delighted if our programme would meet your interest and would seem worth recommendation to your best and brightest students. We include a number of brochures and a poster while up-to-date information is always available at www.seelaw.eu. We would also be most interested in any feedback you may wish to share with us now or in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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WELCOME

"Europe's unification will not be complete until the Balkan countries are members of the Union." This statement by former President of the European Commission Romano Prodi at the Thessaloniki summit in 2003 still holds true today: The advancing European integration has made South Eastern Europe the centre of the European Union's enlargement and integration efforts. This is one of the reasons why I am especially honoured to introduce our Master programme on South East European Law and European Integration (LL.M.) to you.

The LL.M. programme focuses on the special situation of the region of South Eastern Europe and its approximation to the European Union, studying its legal past, present and future. Austria was amongst the first countries to recognize this region's potential, calling it the "region of the future." Being held at the University of Graz, the Master programme takes place in the very heart of Europe. The special geographical position of Graz has long enabled the 2003 "Cultural Capital of Europe" to act as a gateway between South Eastern Europe

and (Western) Europe, and to establish unique academic and economic relations with this region. Our LL.M. programme follows this tradition that has proudly been maintained by the City and the University of Graz over centuries. The Master programme wants to bring together young graduates and members of the practicing legal professions, both from South Eastern Europe and from the member states of the European Union. Courses of the programme cover Community law and the various legal processes of European integration and approximation. In addition, participants gain a unique insight into the legal traditions and the legal culture of South Eastern Europe.

In its five modules, the current curriculum of the LL.M. programme offers a broad spectrum of courses on commercial law, therefore catering to the needs of the practicing professions. I strongly believe that attending this one-of-a-kind LL.M. programme will give participants an enormous advantage in their professional life, providing them with the necessary tools for a successful career in the "new" Europe.



MODULE 1 EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Introduction to EU Legal English
History and Politics of European Integration
Deepening and Widening of the EU
External Action of the EU, with Special Reference to SEE
International Economic Institutions in SEE

Module 1 follows an interdisciplinary approach to the process of approximation of South East European countries to European structures (European Union, Council of Europe), but also to the world economic order. The participants should learn to use English as a technical language (course on "EU Legal English"). In addition, participants will be introduced to research approaches

MODULE 2 EU LAW & SEE

Foundations of EU Law, with Special Reference to the Law of the Internal Market
State Aid and Public Procurement Law
The EU Court System
Unification & Approximation of Private Law in the EU

to the dynamics of integration (both from a historical and a political science point of view). Women and gender studies will also be considered. The first module should enable participants to understand the legal subjects that will be studied in their socio-scientific context. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits. All courses are compulsory.

Module 2 aims at providing participants with fundamental knowledge on EU law. The participants should study the European court system as well as the case law of the European courts of justice concerning the classic subjects of the Single European Market. The knowledge of the selected case law and of EU primary law, and especially of the four freedoms, should serve as a basis for understanding new legal problems that arise in the context of South Eastern Europe's European integration. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits. All courses are compulsory.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE

The aim of this Master programme is to offer a qualified training based on South East European law to graduates of legal or equivalent studies and to already practising members of the legal profession, both from Austria and from abroad. As regards the contents, the programme deals with the transformation processes within the respective countries and with the stabilisation and association processes in the context of European integration. Questions concerning the structure of functioning democracies and the development of structures that are in conformity with the rule of law and with the free market economy will also be dealt with. The programme focuses on European law as well as on South East European countries' private and public commercial law.

DURATION AND STRUCTURE

The duration of the Master programme is of three semesters, including the time needed to write the Master thesis and pass all the oral and written exams.

In the first two semesters, five modules must be attended. The duration of each module is of two weeks since the courses are held as intensive courses. In the third semester, participants are expected to write a master thesis. Participants must attend courses with 243 contact hours, and a total of 90 ECTS-credits are awarded for the whole Master programme (including the contact hours, self-study time and the Master thesis).

In justified cases (e.g., professional reasons, illness), the duration of the programme can be extended to a maximum of three years upon written request of the participant to the head of the programme.

1st and 2nd semester

MODULE 1
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

MODULE 2
EU LAW & SEE

MODULE 3
PRIVATE LAW & SEE

MODULE 4
BUSINESS LAW & SEE

MODULE 5
MODULE 5 A
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
IN SEE

MODULE 5 B
COMMERCIAL AND
CORPORATE LAW & SEE

3rd semester

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MODULE 3 PRIVATE LAW & SEE

Introduction to Private Law
in SEE

Insolvency Law in SEE

Security Rights in
(Im-)movables in SEE

European Liability Law

European Labour and
Social Security Law

Module 3 studies the return of private law to those countries of South Eastern Europe that had been dominated by socialist legal thought for decades. Students should assess this movement in both its legal historic and cultural dimensions. In addition, participants will be enabled to evaluate tendencies

MODULE 4 BUSINESS LAW & SEE

Foreign Direct Investment and
Joint Ventures in SEE

Antitrust and Competition Law in
SEE

International Sales Transactions

International Tax Law

Transnational Litigation and Arbitration

of unification in certain areas of private law, and to question the interaction of private law with the harmonisation initiatives of the European Union. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits. All courses are compulsory.

In **Module 4**, those areas of private and public commercial law that are of central importance for doing business in South Eastern Europe will be studied in more depth. The participants should learn to find cross-national solutions for recurring legal problems that arise when doing business, and they should also get to know „best practices“ that were developed by legal practitioners. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits. All courses are compulsory.



MODULE 5 A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN SEE

Comparative Constitutional Law
in SEE

Comparative Administrative Law
in SEE

The Impact of European Integrati-
on on Regionalisation in SEE

Legal and Financial Aspects of
the EU's Cohesion Policy

Protections against Bribery and
Corruption in SEE

Module 5 A (compulsory optional courses) consists of five interconnected compulsory optional courses. This module does not aim at merely conveying knowledge; instead, participants and lecturers should discuss current legal developments concerning the public administration in South Eastern Europe. Par-

ticipants should be enabled to critically question their own national experiences and to develop scenarios for implementing European integration strategies. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits.

MODUL 5 B COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW & SEE

European Company Law

Intellectual Property Law

Commercial and Corporate Law in
Selected Countries in SEE

Module 5 B also consists of interconnected compulsory optional courses. This module does not aim at merely conveying knowledge; instead, participants and lecturers should discuss current legal developments concerning commercial and corporate law in South Eastern Europe. In legal practice, these are topics of utmost relevance. Within the realm of these courses, participants should be enabled to critically question their own national legal systems and to effortlessly acquaint themselves with the national legal orders of South Eastern Europe. The module consists of 45 contact hours and awards 12 ECTS-credits.

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NETWORK

The LL.M. programme's lecturers represent a unique network of academics and practitioners. All are deeply engaged in European affairs, some of them active in European institutions, others teaching in major universities in South Eastern Europe. The City and University of Graz are thus at the center of an academic network comprising more than 30 lecturers in a diversified and stimulating learning environment.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition fee

The tuition fee for the whole duration of the LL.M. programme (3 semesters) amounts to € 7,800. In addition, a membership fee for the Austrian National Union of Students must be paid when enrolling and at the beginning of every subsequent semester (approximately € 18 per semester). Other costs during each semester, such as travel, accommodation and food, must be borne by the participants themselves.

Admission and cancellation

The deadline for applications is 30 June of every year. Applications should be signed, scanned and sent to llm.graz@uni-graz.at. By signing the application form, the applicant's registration for the Master programme becomes legally binding. After the admission procedure, the Director of the programme notifies applicants of their admission to the programme in writing. The LL.M. programme operates a rolling admissions process, i.e. admission decisions are taken in the order that applications were re-

ceived, and only until the maximum number of participants has been reached. A positive admission decision is a necessary requirement for the enrolment as an "extraordinary student" at the University of Graz. However, enrolment becomes effective only after the tuition fee has been fully paid.

Two weeks after receiving the positive admission decision, applicants have to pay a first instalment of € 1,000 to confirm their participation (this payment will not be refunded in case of cancellation). If the payment is not made, the participation will be cancelled automatically without any notification. The remaining fee has to be paid before the start of the Master programme.

Cancellation of the application must be made in writing. Up until 1 month before the start of the programme, the cancellation fee amounts to 50% of the tuition fee. After the start of the programme, a cancellation fee

amounting to 80% of the tuition fee must be paid.

Application for tuition fee waivers

Only a limited number of (partial) tuition fee waivers are available. Tuition fee waivers are only awarded in so far as programme places have not already been allocated to full-paying applicants in the course of rolling admissions. Applications for tuition fee waivers must be submitted until 31 May of every year. After the admission procedure, the Director of the programme notifies participants of their admission to the programme and, where appropriate, awards (partial) tuition fee waivers. In case of cancellation, the confirmation payment of € 1,000 will not be refunded. The regular cancellation policy mentioned above does not apply.

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