



Capacity Building for Legal and Social Advancement in the Philippines



Postgraduate Education within the Bologna Process

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European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

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Countries integrating the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) are:

- Since 1999: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Norway, Holland, Poland, Rumania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.
- Since 2001: Croatia, Cyprus, Liechtenstein, and Turkey.
- Since 2003: Albania, Andorra, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Holy See, Northern Macedonia, Russia, and Serbia.
- Since 2005: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldavia, and Ukraine.



Countries integrating the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

- Since 2007: Montenegro. Since 2010: Kazakhstan.
- Since 2015: Byelorussia
- Monaco and San Marino are the only countries in the Council of Europe not joining the EHEA.
- Countries that have applied to EHEA membership, but have been refused, are Israel, Kirghizstan, Kosovo and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.



University Education:

First cycle → Bachelor Degree

Second cycle → Master Degree

Third cycle → Doctoral Degree

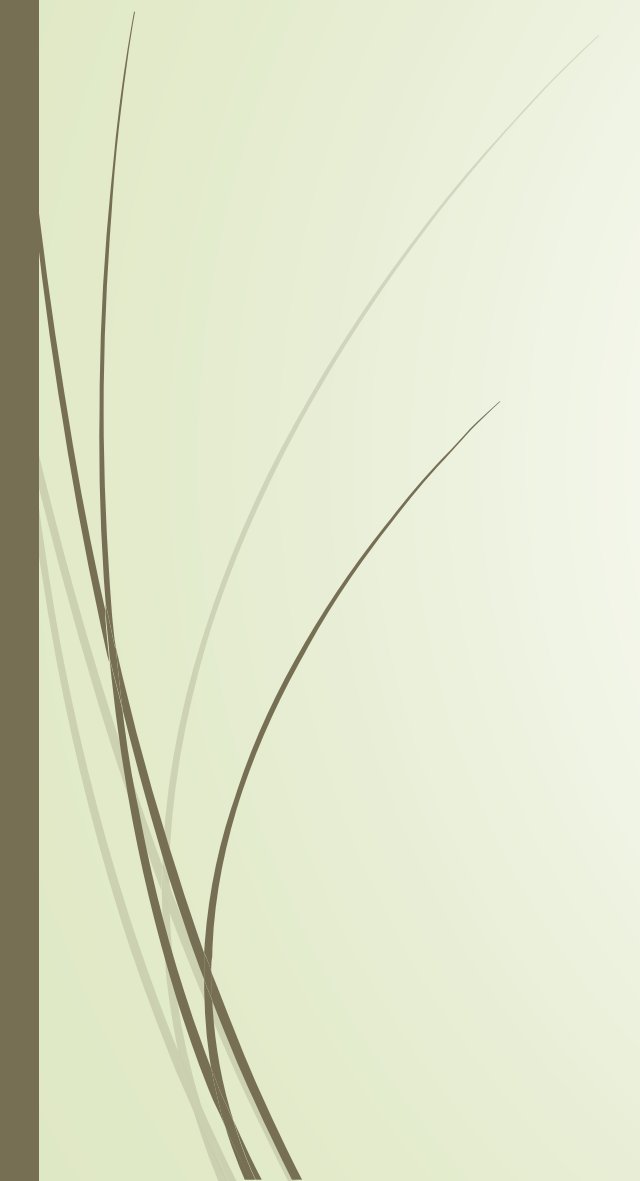


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1. Structure of Master Programmes

- 1.1. Number of semesters
 - 1.2. Number of credits
 - 1.3. Number of tracks
 - 1.4. Types of courses
 - 1.5 Other activities
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Countries following the 3+2 structure: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Norway, Portugal, Slovak Republic.

Countries following the 4+1 structure: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, United Kingdom (Scotland).

Countries following the 4+2 structure: Cyprus, Georgia, Greece, North Macedonia, Russia.



Countries following other structures:

2+2 → France

3+1 → Montenegro & United Kingdom

3+1 & 3+2 → Belgium & Croatia

3+1, 3+1.5 & 3+2 → Malta & Sweden

3+1, 3+1.5, 3+2 & 4+1 → Ireland

3+1, 3+2 & 4+1 → Bosnia and Herzegovina

3+1 & 4+1 → Serbia

3+1, 3+2, 4+1 & 4+2 → Netherlands

3+1.5 & 3+2 → Switzerland, Luxembourg & Lithuania

3+1.5, 3+2 & 4+2 → Latvia

3+1.5, 3+2 & 3.5+2 → Poland

3+1.5, 3+3, & 3.5+2, 4+1.5 & 4+2 → Moldova

3+2 & 3.5+2 → Denmark

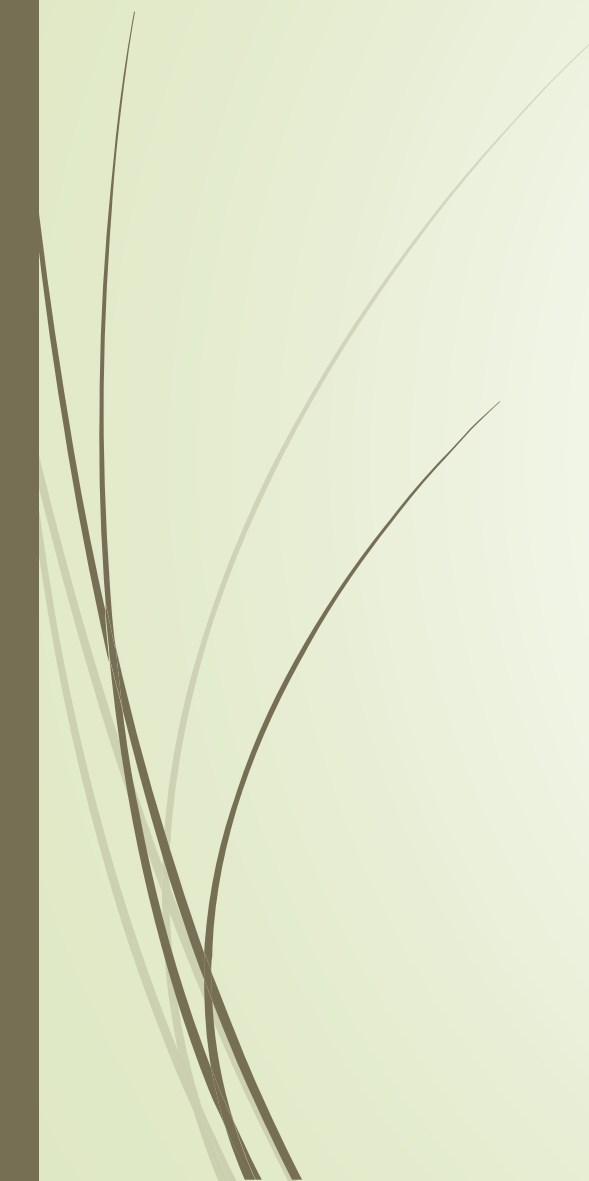

3+2 & 4+2 → Romania

4+1.5 → Ukraine


4+1, 4+1.5 & 4+2 → Spain & Belarus

4+1.5 & 4+2 → Turkey

all the possible combinations → Kazajstan



In the Bologna System the emphasis is not so much on the number of academic years but on the amount of credits.



The 2015 Bologna Process Implementation Report confirmed that most countries combine Bachelor Degrees of 180 ECTS and 240 ECTS.

The most common model of Master Degrees is that of 120 ECTS.



European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

1 credit = 25 hours for the student

1 credit = 7.5 hours of class attendance

+

15 hours of studying and homework

+

2.5 hours of evaluation activities

(writing essays, making oral presentations and/or written exams, etc.).



1.3. Number of tracks

One-Track Master

Two-Track Master

Three-Track Master ...





1.4. Types of courses:

Core courses → compulsory for all students

Core courses for a specific track → compulsory only for those students taking that track

Optional courses → optional for all students

Optional courses for a specific track → optional only for those students taking that track



One-Track Master

EU International Law

ASEAN International Law

International Banking & Finance Law

International Trade & Investment Law

International Taxation

International Arbitration

Internship

Master Thesis





One-Track Master

Core Courses: EU International Law
ASEAN International Law
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Optional Courses: International Trade & Investment Law
International Banking & Finance Law
International Taxation
International Arbitration
International Intellectual Property Law
International Environmental Law
International Humanitarian Legislation
International Criminal Law



Two-Track Master

Core Courses: EU International Law
ASEAN International Law
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Track 1: International Arbitration
International Banking & Finance Law
International Trade & Investment Law
International Taxation

Track 2: International Intellectual Property Law
International Environmental Law
International Humanitarian Legislation
International Criminal Law



Two-Track Master

Core Courses: EU International Law
ASEAN International Law
Master Thesis

Core Courses Track 1:
International Banking & Finance Law
International Trade & Investment Law

Core Courses Track 2:
International Environmental Law
International Humanitarian Legislation

Optional Courses:
International Arbitration
International Taxation
International Intellectual Property Law
International Criminal Law
Internship



Compulsory Course in all Bachelor's & Master's Programs

“End of studies project”, a.k.a. “Final Project”

In Bachelor's Programs --> “Bachelor dissertation”,
“Undergraduate dissertation”,
“Honors thesis” or
“Bachelor thesis”.

In Master's Programs --> “master thesis” or
“master dissertation”.



Master Thesis

Introduction to individual research.

Between 6 and 30 ects credits.

Depending whether the Master has a professional or a research orientation.

Always in the last semester of the Master.

Not to be defended until all other courses have been passed.



Master Thesis

All faculty members in the Program are potential supervisors.

List of supervisors & topics provided at the beginning of the Master.

Thesis supervisor assigned at the beginning of the last semester.



Master Thesis

Requirements (length, space between lines, etc.)

Structure:

Introduction

Methodology

Literature Review/State of the Art

Research/Fieldwork

Conclusions

Works Cited/References

Annexes (illustrations, charts, maps, etc.)



Defence and Evaluation of the Master Thesis

- Supervisor's Report
 - Evaluating Board of 3 faculty members
 - Oral defence
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- No teacher can be a member of the board grading any of the thesis he/she has supervised that year.



Internships

Always in the last semester of the Master Program.

Short-term placement in companies or institutions.

Company supervisor --> evaluation





1.5. Other activities

Apart from the “regular” courses, the master thesis and the internship, a Master can also include talks by experts, workshops, a visit to the courthouse, etc.

These extra activities are not part of the student’s assessment.



2. Functioning of Master Programmes

2.1. Master Coordinator(s)


Administrative Coordinator

Master Thesis Coordinator

Internship Coordinator

2.2. Academic Commission

2.3. Quality Assurance Committee



3. Internationalization of Master Programmes

3.1. Exchange programmes

European Union Erasmus Programme

AUIP (Asociación Universitaria Iberoamericana de Posgrado)

3.2. Double masters

3.3. Joint masters