

FACULTY OF LAW

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SUMMARY**

- A. Master and Postgraduate of Law in Chinese Language**
- medium of instruction: Chinese
Major: Juridical Science
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- medium of instruction: Portuguese
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- medium of instruction: Portuguese
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- medium of instruction: Chinese and Portuguese

A. Master and Postgraduate of Law in Chinese Language

- Medium of instruction – Chinese

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master and Postgraduate of Law Programmes in Chinese Language in 2001.

1. Objectives

The objectives of Master and Postgraduate of Law Programmes in Chinese Language are to enhance the academic level of jurists. The Programmes will specifically satisfy the needs and aspiration for profound law studies of local and non-local jurists whose mother tongue is Chinese.

2. Admission Requirements

Applicant must have Bachelor degree in Law. Applicants obtaining average grades 14/20 in Bachelor of Law Programme may be considered for direct admission. Applicants with lower average grades should be interviewed and/or recommended by Selection Committee. In latter case, applicants' scholarship and working experience will be taken into consideration for admission.

3. Admission Examination

Personal interview of applicants may be required.

4. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Chinese.

5. Duration of Study

The period of study of the Master's degree Programme of Law in Chinese Language is two academic years. The first year of the Programme is devoted to course work. In second academic year students is required to write and submit master thesis and pass an oral examination for the thesis. The time for presentation of thesis can be extended according to the University regulation.

6. Graduation Requirement

To graduate from Master of Law Programme, students are required to pass three compulsory courses and three elective courses (all together 24 credits) and obtain at least 14/20 grades for every subjects. In addition, students shall submit the thesis and pass the oral defence of thesis conducted by the Examination Committee.

7. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and the regulations of the Master's degree programmes of Law of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

Study Plan

The Master Programme offers one specialty of Juridical Sciences which covers nine research areas divided into two groups:

Group I:

- 1) Constitutional Law and Basic Law
- 2) Administrative Law and Administrative Procedural Law
- 3) Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law
- 4) Public International Law
- 5) European Union Law

Group II:

- 1) Civil Law and Civil Procedural Law
- 2) Commercial Law and Economic Law
- 3) International Economic Law
- 4) Private International Law

Study Plan of the Programme:

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Subjects:	
<u>For Research Areas of Group I:</u>	
Constitutional Law	4
Administrative Law	4
Criminal Law	4
<u>For Research Areas of Group II:</u>	
Civil Law	4
Commercial Law	4
International Economic Law	4
Common Elective Subjects:	
(Student shall enroll, at least, in three elective subjects)	
Hong Kong and Macau Basic Laws	4
Criminal Procedural Law	4
Administrative Procedural Law	4
Public International Law	4
Organization and Administrative Law of the European Union	4
Economic Law	4
Civil Procedural Law	4
Private International Law	4
Economic and Trade Law of the European Union	4
Intellectual Property Law	4
Environmental and Natural Resources Law	4
History of Legal Cultures	4
Total credits required	24
Year II	Thesis

Notes:

- 1) Students are required to enroll in at least six subjects in which three are compulsory and the others are elective; the elective subjects enrolled by a student must be related to his/ her area of research.
- 2) Each subject whether compulsory or elective is 4 credits. Students of the Programme are required to obtain 24 credits for finishing of the course work of the Programme.
- 3) In addition to the compulsory and elective subjects, the Programme also offers a series of seminars of law subjects including "Methodology of Legal Research". Students should attend all the respective seminars.

[The period of study of the Postgraduate Certificate Programme of Law is one academic year. The programme is conducted jointly with the Master's degree programme. To be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate Programme of Law, applicants must have Bachelor degree in Law and obtain at least average grades 10/20 in Bachelor of Law Programme].

B. Master and Postgraduate of Law in Portuguese Language

- Medium of instruction: Portuguese

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau began to offer Master and Postgraduate of Law Programmes in Portuguese Language in 1995.

1. Objectives

To turn out jurists qualified for teaching and research in area of law and to promote the studies of law and legal development in Macao in the regional and international contexts.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degrees of Law in Portuguese Language are awarded in two special fields:

- Juridical Science
- Political-Juridical Science

3. Admission Requirements

Applicants must have Bachelor's degree of Law. Applicants obtaining average 14 grades (in 20 point scale) or above in Bachelor's degree programme may be considered for direct admission. Applicants with lower average grades can be admitted in accordance with the applicable regulations and should be interviewed and recommended by Examination committee. In the latter case, applicants' academic results, working experience and knowledge of foreign language will be taken into consideration for admission.

4. Admission Examination

Personal interview of applicants may be required.

5. Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction is Portuguese.

6. Duration of Study

The period of study of the Master's degree programme of Law in Portuguese Language is two academic years. The first year of the Programme is devoted to course work. In second academic year, students should submit a master thesis and have an oral examination for the thesis.

7. Graduation Requirement

Students must gain 25 credits within the duration of study and finish all required courses. In the second year, students who pass the examinations of all the required courses will prepare and submit a master thesis. Those who succeed in the oral defense of their master thesis will be awarded Master of Law.

8. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and the regulations of the Master's degree programmes of Law in Portuguese Language of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

Master and Postgraduate of Law In Portuguese Language Juridical Sciences

Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Civil Law	5
Civil Procedural Law	5
Chinese Private Law	5
Required Elective Courses: (Choose two of the following)	
Commercial Law	5
Private International Law	5
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law	5
History of Legal Cultures	5
Total Credits	<hr/> 25
Year II	Thesis

Juridical-Political Sciences

Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Constitutional Law	5
Administrative Law	5
Chinese Constitutional Law	5
Required Elective Courses: (Choose two of the following)	
Public International Law	5
Economic Law	5
Criminal Law and Criminal Procedural Law	5
History of Legal Cultures	5
Total Credits	<hr/> 25
Year II	Thesis

[The period of study of the Postgraduate Programmes in Law is one academic year. The programmes are conducted jointly with the Masters' degrees programmes. Applicants should be holders of Bachelor's Degrees of Law and have proof of relevant language proficiency. The Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded to those who pass the examinations and satisfy the evaluation requirements of all the required courses].

C. Master and Postgraduate of Law in English Language in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law

- medium of instruction: English

Introduction

In order to enhance the consistent role of Macao as a bridge between China and Europe and a considerably ever-increasing relations between China and Europe and the world, there is a need to establish Master and Postgraduate degree programmes of European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law to turn out more qualified jurists, professionals and academics in these fields.

1. Objectives

- To provide quality education and training in the fields of European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law;
- To maintain and enhance the position of the Faculty of Law of University of Macau as an important institute for the studies of Macao Law, European Continental Law, International Law and Comparative Law in the regional areas as well as this global world.

2. Degree Structure

Master's degrees are awarded in three special fields:

- European Union Law;
- International Law;
- Comparative Law.

3. Admission Requirements

- The applicants must possess a law degree. Those who have relevant professional experience and obtained a non-law degree can be exceptionally permitted to submit applications;
- Proof of English proficiency, TOEFL score or score of other recognized English language level tests;
- In compliance with the general admission requirements for other Master's degree programmes offered by the Faculty of Law and the relevant Admission Regulations of the University.

4. Admission Examination

Personal interview of applicants may be required.

5. Medium of Instruction

English

6. Duration of Study

The period of study of the Master's degree programme of Law is two academic years. The first year of the Programme is devoted to course work. In second academic year, students should submit master thesis and have an oral examination for the thesis.

7. Graduation Requirement

Students must gain the required credits within the duration of study and finish all required courses. In the second year, students who pass the examinations of all the required courses will prepare and submit a master thesis. Those who succeed in the oral defense of their master thesis will be awarded Master of Law.

8. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and the regulations of the Master programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

European Union Law

Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Public International Law	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3
Law of the European Union	3
Special Elective Courses: ⁽¹⁾	
Institutional Law of The European Union	5
Economic Law of The European Union	5
Elective Courses: ⁽²⁾	
Policies of the European Union	3
European Social Law	3
Internal Affairs and Immigration Policy	3
Compulsory ⁽³⁾	
Seminars on European Law	2
Total Credits:	<hr/> 25 (Minimum)

Year II

Thesis

- (1) Students have to enrol one from the special elective courses of the respective area of studies.
- (2) Students have to enrol three courses from all the special elective courses and elective courses in the three areas, at least, one must be from the relevant area of studies.
- (3) Students have to enroll, at least, in one seminar of the respective area of studies.

International Law

Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Public International Law	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3
Law of the European Union	3

Special Elective Courses: ⁽¹⁾	
International Economic Law	5
International Criminal Law	5
International Human Rights Law	5
Law of International Organizations	5
Elective Courses: ⁽²⁾	
Law of The United Nations	3
International Humanitarian Law	3
International Environmental Law	3
Law of The Sea	3
Air Law	3
Private International Law	3
General Theory of WTO	3
International Law of Transactions	3
Resolution of International Commercial Disputes	3
Intellectual Property Law	3
Compulsory ⁽³⁾	
Seminars on International Law	2
Total Credits:	25 (Minimum)

Year II	Thesis
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- (1) Students have to enrol one from the special elective courses of the respective area of studies.
- (2) Students have to enrol three courses from all the special elective courses and elective courses in the three areas, at least, one must be from the relevant area of studies.
- (3) Students have to enrol in one seminar of the respective area of studies.

**Comparative Law
Study Plan**

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Public International Law	3
Comparative Legal Systems	3
Law of the European Union	3
Special Elective Courses: ⁽¹⁾	
European Continental Law	5
Common Law	5

Elective Courses: ⁽²⁾

Chinese Law	5
Law of Macau	5
Law of Hong Kong	5
Indian Law	3
Islamic Law	3
Japanese Law	3
History of Legal Cultures	3

Compulsory ⁽³⁾

Seminars on Comparative Law	2
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Total Credits:

25
(Minimum)

Year II**Thesis**

- (1) Students have to enrol one from the special elective courses of the respective area of studies.
- (2) Students have to enrol three courses from all the special elective courses and elective courses in the three areas, at least one must be from the relevant area of studies.
- (3) Students have to enrol in one seminar of the respective area of studies.

[The period of study of the Postgraduate Certificate Programme in Law in European Union Law, International Law and Comparative Law in English Language is one academic year. The programme is conducted jointly with the Master's degree programme. Applicants should be holders of Bachelor's Degrees of Law and have proof of relevant language proficiency. The Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded to those who pass the examinations and satisfy the evaluation requirements of all the required courses].

D. Master and Postgraduate of Law in English Language in International Business Law

- medium of instruction: English

1. Objectives

According to the needs of Macau SAR, the programme will provide training to legal and economic and social professional to enable them to operate both in Macau and in the regional and the international legal environments applicable to business activities.

In relation to candidates not holding a law degree, the key objective of the programme is to provide an avenue for the study of the legal environment of international, regional and Macau business law. The opening of the programme to non-lawyers offers an opportunity for persons involved in business (whether in banking, insurance, trade, real estate, or other financial or economic activities) to study the Macau and international law regulatory framework of business transactions, especially civil law, commercial law, and relevant aspects of international law.

2. Admission Requirements

- Applicants to the Master programme must hold a law degree. Those who have relevant professional experience and hold a non-law degree exceptionally may be admitted to the Master programme;
- Proof of English proficiency may be required (e.g., TOEFL score or other recognized English language knowledge test);
- General admission requirements for other Master programmes at the Faculty of Law shall apply;
- Relevant Admission Regulations of the University shall apply.

3. Admission Examination

Personal interview of applicants may be required.

4. Medium of Instruction

English

5. Duration of Study

The period of study of the Master programme of International Business Law is two academic years. The first year of the Programme is devoted to course work. In second academic year, students should submit a master thesis and have an oral examination for the thesis.

6. Graduation Requirement

Students must gain the required credits within the duration of study and finish all required courses. In the second year, students who pass the examinations of all the required courses will prepare and submit a master thesis. Those who succeed in the oral defense of their Master theses will be awarded Master of International Business Law.

7. General Regulations

The general regulations of the University of Macau and the regulations of the Master's

degree programmes of the Faculty of Law will apply to this programme.

International Business Law

Study Plan

Year I	Credits
Compulsory Courses:	
Introduction to Macau Law	2.5
Introduction to International Law	2.5
Contract Law	2.5
Company Law	2.5
International and Interregional Trade Law	2.5
Legal Issues of Transnational Contracts	2.5
Required Elective Courses: (Choose four of the following)	
Banking Law	2.5
Insurance Law	2.5
Commercial Contracts	2.5
Tax Law	2.5
Labor Law	2.5
Gaming Law	2.5
Anti-Money Laundering Law	2.5
Dispute Resolution	2.5
Intellectual Property Law	2.5
Hong Kong Contract Law	2.5
Chinese Contract Law	2.5
EU Trade Law	2.5
Introduction to US Business Law	2.5
Elective Discipline (to be chosen among those offered in other FLL Master Programmes in English)	2.5
Related Legal Subject Course	2.5
Total credits	25

Year II	Thesis
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[The period of study for Postgraduate Certificate Programme in International Business Law is one academic year. The Programme is conducted jointly with the Master's degree programme. Applicants to the Postgraduate programme must hold a law degree or a degree in other disciplines. The Postgraduate Certificate will be awarded to those who pass the examinations and satisfied the evaluation requirements of all the required courses].

E. Postgraduate Certificate of Introduction to Macao Law Programme

- Medium of instruction: Chinese

1. Objectives

The objective of the Introduction to Macao Law Programme as a complementary program is to provide the participants who obtained Bachelor in Law from the country and region which legal system is different from that of Macao with an opportunity to obtain systematic and fundamental knowledge of the Macao Law, enabling them to conduct studies in Macao legal system.

2. Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree of Law obtained from Universities in other areas, with legal system different from that practiced in Macao, e.g. Bachelor's of Law degree holders from Universities in mainland China.
- Knowledge of the language of instruction.

3. Admission Examination

The applicants must pass the admission examination (written or oral).

4. Medium of instruction

Chinese Language (preference will be given to those with knowledge of the two official languages).

5. Duration of Study

The period of study of the Postgraduate Certificate of Introduction to Macao Law Programme is two academic years.

Introduction to Macao Law Programme

Study Plan

Preparation period	Credits
Portuguese Language	15
Legal Language	5
History of Macau	3
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	23

First Quarter	Credits
Legal History of Macau	2
General Theory of Civil Law	4
Constitutional Law	3
Criminal Law	4
Public International Law	2
Administrative Law I	3
Topics on Public Administration	2
Legal Language (Portuguese)	4
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	24

Second Quarter	Credits
Public Economic Law	2
Criminal Procedural Law	4
Obligation Law	4
Property Law	3
Civil Procedural Law I	4
Administrative Law II	3
Legal Language (Portuguese)	4
	24

Third Quarter	Credits
Family and Succession Law	4
Commercial Law	4
Private International Law	3
Notary and Registry Law	2
Civil Procedural Law II	4
Subjects of Legal Practice	2
Legal Language (Portuguese and Chinese)	4
	23

Total credits **94**

F. Introduction to Macao Law Programme of Short Duration

- Medium of instruction: Portuguese

1. Objectives

The objective of the Introduction to Macao Law Programme of Short Duration is to provide an adaptation of the Macao Law to the participants who obtained Bachelor of Law in countries with legal system of common background and close connection with the Macao Legal System.

2. Admission Requirements

- Bachelor of Law degree from countries with common juridical system origin and close connection with the Macao juridical system.
- Knowledge of Portuguese Language

3. Medium of instruction

Portuguese

Introduction to Macao Law Programme of Short Duration

Study Plan

Subjects

Legal Language

Legal History of Macau
General Theory of Civil Law
Constitutional Law
Criminal Law
Public International Law
Administrative Law I
Topics on Public Administration
Administrative Law II
Public Economic Law
Criminal Procedural Law
Obligation Law
Property Law
Civil Procedural Law I
Family and Succession Law
Commercial Law
Civil Procedural Law II
Private International Law
Notary and Registry Law
Subjects of Legal Practice

G. Improvement of Legal Practice and Language Programme

- Medium of instruction: Chinese and Portuguese

Introduction

The Faculty of Law of the University of Macau launched the Improvement of Legal Practice and Language Programme in the academic year 2004/2005 with the aim to turn out bilingual jurists in Chinese Language and in Portuguese Language.

1. Objectives

- Deepen the legal and linguistic knowledge of graduates in Law, with different levels of knowledge of the official languages;
- Guarantee practical and professional characters of the studies for different branches of legal profession and activities;
- Motivate legal bilingualism development;
- Promote the legal culture and the valorization of human resources of Macao SAR.

2. Structure, duration and weekly hours

The Improvement of Legal Practice and Language Programme with duration of two years, in four semesters, structures in two periods:

- Initial Period, two semesters, 12 hours per week;
- Advanced Period, two semesters, 12 hours per week.

3. Admission requirements

- Bachelor's degree of Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Macau, or
- Bachelor's degree of Law and Introduction to Macao Law Programme, or
- Bachelor's degree of Law and approval in the test of Macao Law Programme knowledge carried out by one jury;
- Mastery of Chinese Language;
Knowledge of Portuguese Language:
 - a) For Initial Period, at least equivalent of level III;

- b) For Advanced Period, at least equivalent of level V
 The selection is made through a codependent written test and an oral test carried out by one jury.
 Selection is based on the ranking of applicants according to the marks and within the limitation of quotas.

4. Medium of instruction

Chinese Language (preference will be given to those with knowledge of the two official languages).

Study plan

Initial Period (Year I)

1st Semester	Credits
Legal Language in Public Law	4
Portuguese Language for Specific Objectives I	8
	12

2nd Semester	Credits
Legal Language in Private Law	4
Portuguese Language for Specific Objectives II	8
	12

Advanced Period (Year II)

1st Semester	Credits
Procedural Legal Language	3
Writing Technique and Presentation	3
Legal and Judicial Practice	3
Legal Practice of Administration and Public Service	3
	12

2nd Semester	Credits
Translation and Legal bilingualism	3
Legal and Legislative Studies	3
Legal Practice of Registration and Notary	3
New Topics of Law	3
	12

Total credits	48
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