



FACULTY OF LAW

**MASTER AND POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW**

PEDAGOGIC REGULATION

REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE MASTER AND POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW

Art. 1

Master degree

1. The University of Macau, through the Faculty of Law, confers the Degree of Master of Law.
2. The Master Degree demonstrates deep knowledge in a specific area of the Law, and the ability to carry out research in such area.
3. The Master Degree will be conferred after the passing of specialized courses and the elaboration and discussion of an original thesis.

Art. 2

Postgraduate programs

1. The University of Macau, through the Faculty of Law, also confers Certificates in Law that evidence the attendance of a post-degree level program or equivalent program of specialized courses in a specific area of the Law.
2. Unless otherwise specified, the rules applicable to the Master program shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Postgraduate programs.

Art. 3

International Business Law

1. A Master degree is issued in International Business Law, at the end of the respective program.
2. A Postgraduate program certificate in International Business Law is also issued.

Art. 4

Duration and outline

1. The Master program has a duration of two or three years, starting on September 1 and ending on August 31 of the following year. The Dean of the Faculty of Law may change this dates, if necessary to ensure the functioning of the program.
2. The first part of the program is made of the curricular part, which lasts one academic year (full-time) or two academic years (part-time).
3. The candidates may chose between taking all courses of the curricular part in one single year (full-time) or taking the courses during two academic years (part-time).
4. In the curricular part, the candidates are required to attend classes, follow other academic activities, take exams and prepare papers as provided in the following articles.

5. Candidates who successfully complete the curricular part are allowed to proceed to the second part, in which they are required to write and defend an original thesis.
6. The maximum duration of studies is 150% of the normal duration of the program. For working students it will be twice the normal duration. Candidates who cannot complete the program within the periods above without prior approval will be required to discontinue their studies.
7. The Postgraduate program corresponds to the curricular part of the Master program.

Art. 5

Compulsory and elective courses

1. The curricular part of the Master program, and the Postgraduate program, include compulsory and elective courses.
2. The following courses are compulsory: Introduction to Macau Law, Introduction to International Law, Contract Law, Company Law, International Trade Law, and Legal Issues of Transnational Contracts.
3. In addition to the compulsory courses, each candidate must take four elective courses, to be chosen from among all courses offered in the program.
4. Candidates taking the curricular part in part-time must enroll in at least three compulsory courses and two elective courses in their first year of enrollment. The remaining courses must be taken in their second year of enrollment.

Art. 6

Class work, program time allocation

The Dean, upon proposal of the Program Coordinator, shall establish the total time load for program work and the time schedules for class work, research, evaluation and exams.

Art. 7

Attendance and exemptions

1. Attendance to all courses and activities is compulsory. Candidates have an obligation to attend at least two-thirds of the classes of each course.
2. Exemptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for courses already taken by the candidate or which cover topics of which the applicant is knowledgeable at a level at least equivalent, as assessed by the panel selecting the applicants to the program; the general regulations of the University of Macau shall apply.
3. Requests for exemptions shall be submitted together with the application, and must be accompanied by all relevant documents evidencing the requirements mentioned in art. 7.2.

Art. 8

Exams and papers

1. Candidates to the Master and Postgraduate programs are required to sit and pass a written exam for each course. A supplementary oral exam is conducted subsequently for candidates who failed or who seek improvement in marks.
2. Candidates to the Master program are required to submit, by August 31, two original research papers of approximately 10,000 words each: one on a topic related with one of the compulsory courses, the other on a topic related with any of the elective courses they have taken. The topics must be previously discussed, agreed and approved by the Professor of the respective courses or by the Program Coordinator if the Professor is unable to do so.
3. Candidates to the Postgraduate program are not required to submit research papers.
4. All the terms in this regulation are applicable in principle, unless otherwise decided by the Dean.

Art. 9 Evaluation

1. The evaluation of the candidates' performance in the curricular part of the program takes the following into account: attendance and class participation; exams; and papers.
2. The assessment of candidates for each course attended, including the grading of the research papers, is made by the UM Professor in charge of the course, and the respective grade is provided at its end. If needed, the research papers shall be subject to an oral discussion.
3. The assessment of all candidates' exams on each of the courses is made by an examination panel made of three members, appointed by the Dean, including the Program Coordinator and, in principle, the UM Professors in charge of the course.
4. The 0 to 20 grading scale shall be used.
5. The minimum approval mark for Postgraduate candidates is 10/20 in the exam for each of the courses taken and in each of the papers submitted.
6. The minimum approval mark for Master students, allowing the candidate to proceed to the second part of the program, is 14/20 in the exam for each of the compulsory courses and in each of the papers submitted.
7. The approval of the performance of Master candidates (curricular part) and of Postgraduate candidates is subject to a favorable assessment of performance for each of the different courses attended, as assessed by the Professor of each course attended. Approval is also subject to the attainment of a minimum total of 25 credit units.
8. The candidates will be informed of their performance in the curricular part of the program in early September of the next academic year, unless ordinary time limits have been extended.
9. Candidates may, within 30 days of receipt of the performance evaluation of the curricular part, reformulate the papers in order to comply with the requirements applicable to the papers.
10. The final evaluation of the candidates, including those who avail themselves of the opportunity to reformulate their papers according to article 9.9, shall be

individually communicated to the candidates and published by notice posted in the Law Faculty.

Art. 10

Certificates and transcripts

1. After successful completion of the curricular part, all candidates (Postgraduate and Master programs) will be issued certificates in the area of their respective program.
2. The academic transcripts of each candidate shall indicate all courses taken and the grades obtained.

Art. 11

Master thesis

1. By 31 October of the academic year following the completion of the curricular part, or in any case within 60 days after having been informed of the favorable final evaluation for their performance in the curricular part, Master candidates shall submit a thesis project, on a topic related to any of the courses or seminars that they have taken, approved by the professor who agreed to be the candidate's thesis Supervisor.
2. The thesis project may be rejected, approved or approved with recommendations to the candidate by a Supervisory Committee, appointed by the Dean, including the Program Coordinator and, in principle, some of the UM Professors in charge of the course.
3. The approval of the thesis project shall be communicated to the candidate. The candidate, within 15 days after such approval, shall confirm in writing to the Dean and register with the Program Secretary his or her thesis project and title, including the recommendations issued, if any, according to art. 11.2, and the Professor who has previously agreed to be the Supervisor.
4. The thesis can be prepared in any area related to any of the courses or seminars the candidate has attended in the curricular part.
5. Exceptions to the preceding rule must be expressly approved by the Dean of the Law Faculty, after hearing the Program Coordinator.
6. The thesis must demonstrate original work and capacity for critical analysis. It must be no less than 30,000 words excluding table of cases, appendices, annexes, notes and bibliography. The thesis must be submitted in its original copy and six extra copies, all signed by the candidate in the first and last pages.
7. A candidate willing to discuss his thesis before the end of the academic year must deposit the original and the copies with the Master program secretary by April 30. Subsequent submissions may be considered for discussion in the following academic year.

Art. 12

Supervision

1. The thesis research and writing must be supervised by one Professor or Researcher of the University, or by any of the Professors of the courses attended by the candidate.
2. The thesis work may be supervised by a Professor or Researcher belonging to another Institution as well as experts in the scientific area of the thesis who have been recognized as appropriate by the competent organ of the institution which issues the degree and who hold a doctoral degree in the scientific area.
3. A co-Supervisor amongst the full-time staff of the University of Macau may share the Supervisor's duties: a Co-Supervisor from the University of Macau is always required whenever the Supervisor does not belong to the University of Macau.
4. A change of Supervisor is possible on serious grounds, and must be communicated to the Dean, by the candidate or the acting Supervisor.
5. The presentation or the request of the indication of a supervisor or a change is judged and recommended by the Supervisory Committee to the Dean, if appropriate having heard the previous supervisor.
6. The Supervisory Committee, if appropriate integrated with external experts appointed by the Dean and upon consultation with the individual supervisors, evaluates the formal conformity of the theses submitted according to article 11 with the project presented earlier and recommends to the Dean the setting up of the Thesis Panel for the final assessment of the thesis and its oral defense.

Art. 13

Suspension of time limits

1. The time limits provided in these regulations for submission and subsequent discussion of the written thesis can be suspended by the Rector, upon a proposal formulated by the Dean of the Law Faculty, having heard the Academic Council, in addition to other cases provided for by the law, in the following cases:
 - a. Maternity or paternity;
 - b. Grave and prolonged illness or serious accident of the candidate, if occurred during the term for submission or discussion of the thesis;
 - c. Actual exercise of public functions that, given their nature and relevance, make the suspension of time limits advisable;
 - d. Teaching or research outside of Macau, on official duty and for a limited time.
2. All other time limits provided in these regulations are suspended in the period 1-31 August of each year.

Art. 14

Thesis panel

1. The panel for the assessment of the final thesis is appointed by the Rector within 30 days after the submission of the thesis, upon a proposal, approved by the University Senate, formulated by the Dean of the Law Faculty, having heard the Academic Council.
2. The panel is made of:

- a. Two Professors of areas related to the Master program, from the University of Macau or from other Institutions;
 - b. The thesis supervisor or co-supervisor;
 - c. At least two additional members with the same requisites indicated under sub-paragraph (a), as possible substitutes in case of impediment of any of the two members other than the supervisor. The thesis supervisor or the co-supervisor acts as the substitute of the other one in case of impediment.
3. The appointment must, within five working days, be notified to the candidate and affixed in a public area of the University of Macau.
 4. The panel is chaired by its most senior member who is not the Supervisor of the candidate.
 5. In case of impediment of both the supervisor and the co-supervisor for the date set, the discussion will be adjourned by decision of its Chairman, communicated to the candidate and to the Dean. If the impediment is long lasting or a permanent one, a new supervisor will be appointed.

Art. 15

Submission of the thesis and final discussion

1. Within 30 days after the publication of the panel composition, the panel issues a preliminary statement, declaring the thesis accepted or recommending the candidate, on specified grounds or in relation with specific issues, to resubmit it after re-consideration and re-writing.
2. In case of recommendation for re-consideration, the candidate will be given 90 days to resubmit the thesis or to declare that the thesis will be kept and discussed as previously submitted.
3. In case the thesis is not resubmitted and the candidate has not declared that it will be kept and discussed as previously submitted, the candidate is considered as having withdrawn from the Master program.
4. Public discussion of the thesis shall take place within 60 days after:
 - a. The date of the acceptance of the thesis contained in the panel's preliminary statement.
 - b. The date of resubmission of the reviewed thesis or of the declaration that it will be kept and discussed in its original text.

Art. 16

Discussion

1. The discussion of the thesis can only take place with the presence of at least three panel members, one of which must be the thesis supervisor or co-supervisor.
2. The discussion shall not exceed 90 minutes. All panel members may participate in the discussion.
3. The candidate shall have at least the same time used by the panel members to argue and pose questions, in order to expose the thesis defense.

Art. 17

Decision of the panel

1. After the discussion, the panel gathers privately to assess it and to deliberate on the final status and grade to be attributed to the candidate, by means of a vote made with motivated opinions of each panel member. Abstentions are not allowed.
2. The chairperson shall have a casting vote.
3. The final status is “Approved” or “Rejected”.
4. Approved candidates will also be graded on a 0 to 20 scale, with the corresponding qualification of “good” (14-16/20), “very good” (17-18/20) or “excellent” (19-20/20). The minimum qualification of “good” is required to obtain the Master Degree.
5. The public discussion and the subsequent restricted meeting of the panel for assessment and grading shall be duly recorded; the votes and opinions issued by each panel member shall be recorded.
6. The records are submitted to the University Senate for ratification.
7. The Master and Postgraduate certificates, the award ceremony and all related formalities are regulated by the general rules of the University of Macau on Master programs.

Art. 18

Medium of instruction, pedagogic guidelines, teaching staff

1. The medium of instruction is English.
2. The general scientific and pedagogic guidelines for the Master and Postgraduate programs are issued by the Dean of the Law Faculty, having heard the Academic Council.
3. The teaching staff of the program is made of academic staff of the University of Macau or invited academic staff, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Law, having heard the Academic Council.

Art. 19

Numerus clausus

1. In principle, no more than 30 candidates shall be admitted to the Master and Postgraduate programs. If the number of prospective candidates is higher, a selection panel designated by the Dean shall grade the candidates according to their degrees and curricula, in order to select the best prospective candidates.
2. If the number of prospective candidates for the Master and Postgraduate program is less than 10, the Dean, having heard the Academic Council, may decide whether to implement and start, or not, the Master or the Postgraduate program in the relevant academic year.

Art. 20

Application

1. Applicants to the Postgraduate program in International Business Law must hold a law degree or a degree in other disciplines, issued by a recognized Institution.

2. Applicants to the Master program in International Business Law must hold a law degree issued by a recognized Institution. Applicants who have relevant professional experience and hold a non-law degree, as well as candidates with Bachelor of Law qualifications lower than the standard set in art. 20.4 may exceptionally be admitted to the Master Program.
3. Other admission requirements for the Master and Postgraduate programs may include the submission of two academic reference letters, and proof of proficiency in the English language. TOEFL or other recognized English language level tests may be required.
4. The minimum required final classification at the Bachelor degree for Master program candidates cannot be lower than 14/20 for Bachelor Law graduates of the University of Macau, or C+, 2.3 on a GPA scale, 70% or equivalent minimum standard for graduates of other Institutions, as recognized by the selection panel.
5. A selection panel designated by the Dean of the Faculty and including the Program Coordinator shall review the curricula of the prospective candidates in order to assess whether they comply with the requirements set, and shall exclude from the program those who do not. An interview of the candidate may be required.
6. Application term reopening or late application assessment is possible. In that case, all applicants for the relevant academic year previously not admitted to the program will be reassessed together with the new applicants, following the criteria set in this article.

Art. 21

Choice of elective courses on application

1. When submitting the application to the Master or Postgraduate programs, candidates shall indicate the elective courses chosen and an additional three elective courses should the elective courses indicated in the first place not be offered in the relevant academic year.
2. The choice of elective courses is final, except if, for unforeseen reasons, the elected courses and the second choice courses cannot be offered in the relevant academic year.
3. No add/drop of courses is allowed.
4. A candidate may attend courses other than those chosen.
5. Attendance and final course evaluation is reported in the candidate's academic transcript.

Art. 22

Second enrollment

1. Second enrollment in the curricular part is possible once for candidates who fail to pass the exams and/or papers required in the curricular part.
2. Applications must be submitted to the Dean within 30 days of the publication of the results in accordance with article 9.10.

3. Second enrollment in the thesis year is possible once for candidates who fail to pass the final thesis exam. An application to the effect must be submitted to the Dean within 30 days of the failure.
4. The Supervisory Committee will decide on applications mentioned in articles 22.1 and 22.3.
5. The decisions of the Supervisory Committee upon the mentioned applications will be publicly announced and posted in a public area of the Faculty of Law within 15 days after receipt of the applications.
6. In the case foreseen in art. 22.3, a candidate admitted to second enrollment must submit a new thesis proposal within 30 days after having being informed of the admission to second enrollment, and then have it assessed, undertake thesis registration, submit the thesis and discuss it at the end of the academic year newly enrolled in, according to general rules.

Art. 23

Change of Program

1. Postgraduate certificate holders, as well as Postgraduate candidates not already admitted to the Master program, may apply for and be admitted to the Master program, if they have passed the exam and papers evaluation of the Postgraduate program with the minimum mark of 14/20.
2. In the cases mentioned in art. 23.1, the application for admission to the thesis year is possible within 30 days after having been informed of the results mentioned in article 23.1.
3. The Supervisory Committee mentioned in art. 22.4 will decide on applications mentioned in articles 23.1. Articles 20.4 and 20.5 shall apply.
4. The decisions of the panel upon the mentioned applications will be publicly announced and posted in a public area of the Faculty within 15 days after receipt of the application.

Art. 24

Course repetition

1. Each single course and research paper, even if passed, can be repeated in the following academic year, if the course is offered, by applying during the application period. The candidate should obtain the consent of the Dean, having heard the Coordinator, and pay the required fees.
2. In case of course repetition, only the course grade for the best attempt will appear on the candidate's academic transcript and will be included in the assessment of his or her general performance.

Art. 25

Time limits in case of second enrollment, change of program, course repetition

Time limits as set in art. 4.6 shall apply to all cases mentioned in articles 22, 23 and 24.

Art. 26

Fees

1. A fee is due for the enrollment in any of the programs.
2. The amount of the fees is set by the University of Macau.

Art. 27

General provision

1. Issues not expressly regulated here shall be decided in accordance with the laws of Macau and the applicable regulations of the University of Macau.
2. Should any issue be still unclear or not regulated after making recourse to said laws and regulations, a decision will be taken by the Dean, having heard if necessary the Academic Council of the Faculty of Law.

Art. 28

Annexes

The annexes to these Regulations are an integral part thereof.

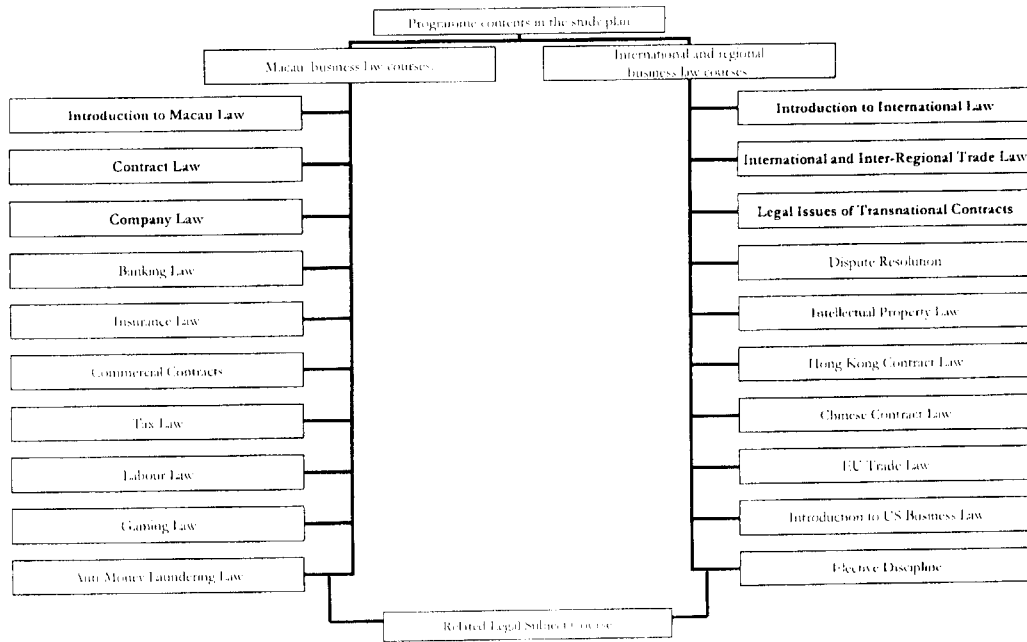
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Study Plan

	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Compulsory courses:		
	Introduction to Macau Law	2,5
	Introduction to International Law	2,5
	Contract Law	2,5
	Company Law	2,5
	International and Inter-Regional Trade Law	2,5
	Legal Issues of Transnational Contracts	2,5
Optional courses:		
	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 required:	25

NOTE: There are six compulsory courses. Participants are also required to take at least four optional courses, and can choose any optional courses offered.

Second year : Dissertation

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Note: Compulsory courses are mentioned in bold type. All other courses are optional. Participants are required to take at least four optional courses, and can choose from any optional courses offered.

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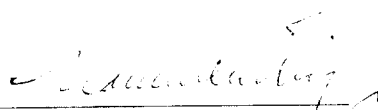
Decision

To implement the orientations and after consultation with the Academic Council of Faculty of Law :

1. The Pedagogic Regulation of the Master Program and Postgraduate Program of International Business Law is approved.
2. This decision will immediately come into force.

Faculty of Law, 1st of September, 2006

Dean



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