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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 this city 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.

Aim & 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 & Structure

Network

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 justified cases (e.g., professional reasons, illness), the duration of the programme can be extended to a maximum of three years.

In the first two semesters, five modules (Applicants can choose to register for either 5A or 5B. Availability depends on the number of participants.) 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).

The LL.M. programme's participants, alumni and lectures represent a unique network of highly motivated academics and practitioners. All lectures 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.

Duration: 3 semesters

Credits: 90 ECTS

Language: English

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 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

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 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

Module 5A

Public Administration in SEE

- ▶ Comparative Constitutional Law in SEE
- ▶ Comparative Administrative Law in SEE
- ▶ The Impact of European Integration on Regionalisation in SEE
- ▶ Legal and Financial Aspects of the EU's Cohesion Policy
- ▶ Protections against Bribery and Corruption in SEE

Module 5B

Commercial and Cooperate Law & SEE

- ▶ European Company Law
- ▶ Intellectual Property Law
- ▶ Commercial and Corporate Law in Selected Countries in SEE

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

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 received, 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 (this payment will not be refunded in case of cancellation). The remaining fee has to be paid before the start of the Master programme.

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.

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