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## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Tuition fee

The tuition fee for the whole duration of the LL.M. programme (3 semesters) amounts to € 7,500. 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. 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 31 July of every year. 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. 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 enrolment as "extraordinary student". However, enrolment becomes effective

only after the tuition fee has been fully paid. Cancellation of the application must be made in writing. Up until 4 weeks before the start of the LL.M. programme, the cancellation fee amounts to 10% of the tuition fee, and up until 1 week before the start of the programme, the cancellation fee amounts to 20% of the tuition fee. After the start of the programme, cancellation is only possible when paying 50% of the tuition fee.

### Application for tuition fee waivers

A limited number of (partial) tuition fee waivers are available. Tuition fee waivers are only awarded in so far as programme places are not already allocated in the course of rolling admissions to full-paying applicants. Applications for tuition fee waivers must be submitted until 30 June of every year. The cancellation policy mentioned above does not apply. 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.

## PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

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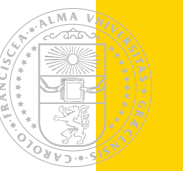
The LL.M. programme's lecturers represent a unique network of academics and practitioners. All are deeply engaged in European affairs, some of them active in European institutions, others teaching in major universities in South Eastern Europe. The City and University of Graz are thus at the center of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



## LL.M.-SEEI

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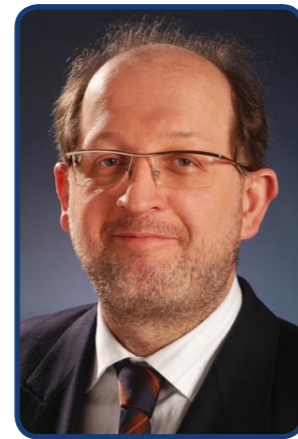
## WELCOME

"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.



## 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.

1<sup>st</sup> und 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> semester

**MASTER THESIS**  
LL.M.-SEEI



### 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.

### 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 Integration 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. Participants

### MODULE 5 B COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATE LAW & SEE

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

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.

**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.