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University of Athens**

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**SCHOOL OF LAW**

Postgraduate Programme  
**LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL & EUROPEAN LAW**



**STUDY GUIDE**  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2024 – 2025

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## The National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

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The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which was founded on 3 May 1837, is the largest state institution of higher education in Greece, and one of the largest universities in Europe. Like all other Greek universities, it is a self-governing legal entity under public law and all important policy matters are determined by the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs. The UoA has over 70,000 students, over 2,100 academic staff members, over 1,000 administrative, secretarial and professional staff, and aims for excellence in teaching and research in a significantly diverse range of disciplines.

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### The Schools of NKUA

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- School of Theology
- School of Law
- School of Economics and Political Sciences
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Philosophy
- School of Science
- School of Education
- School of Physical Education and Sport Science
- School of Agricultural Development, Nutrition and Sustainability

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### NKUA Administration

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- The Senate
- The Board of Governors
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## The School of Law

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The Faculty of Law, with the Theology, Medicine and Philosophy formed the core of the University of Athens, which was founded in 1837 during the reign of King Otto, nurtured generations of worthy scientists and important figures of the political life of the country, offering invaluable educational work. From 1982 until 2013 it operated as a Department of Law within the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), while with the Decree 85/2013 it was transformed into an autonomous single-unit School. The main building of the School is located in the block between Solonos, Sina, Massalias and Acadamia Streets, while classes are also held in the buildings at 45 Academias Street and 47 Academias Street, where the secretariats of the School and its 6 department are located. The School of Law offers education courses on general law, as well as specialization courses on undergraduate and postgraduate level. The educational process in interdisciplinary level is not limited to the University of Athens, but is also carried out in cooperation with higher educational institutions in Greece, as well as on the basis of international programs with distinguished higher institutions abroad.

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### Administration of the School

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- The Assembly of the Faculty
- The Deanship of the School
- The Dean  
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  - Department of Public Law, Associate Professor Aikaterini Iliadou
  - Department of Criminal Science, Associate Professor Aristomenis Tzanetis
  - Department of History & Theory of Law, Professor Philippos Vasiliogiannis
  - Department of International Studies, Professor Elina Moustaira
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## LL.M. in International & European Law

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The LL.M. in International and European Law is an evolution of the School of Law's single postgraduate Programme. The high calibre of research training provided within the Programme has worthily earned the Programme's recognition from both the Greek academic community and foreign universities. The teaching activities are combined with an impressive number of high-quality research activities conducted, and numerous publications issued, by faculty members, graduate students, and alumni in their field of expertise. The Programme carries on the renowned academic legacy of the great jurists who taught at the Law School of the University of Athens, while at the same time advancing International and European Law, including by setting out in a comprehensive, and up-to-date manner all the current trends and developments in these fields of law.

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### The Steering Committee

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#### **Director**

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## Purpose & Objectives

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Our LL.M. aims to deepen and promote knowledge and research in the field of Public International Law and European Union Law, considering the needs of the country's development. The award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies requires on the one hand the successful completion of two semesters of compulsory attendance of a cycle of systematic and specialised studies with parallel research work, and on the other, the submission of a postgraduate thesis, which would be the product of high-quality scientific research and would mark the training of graduates capable of contributing to the progress of Public International and European Law. **All courses are taught in English** and allow students participating in the programme to perfect their knowledge, and thus gain a competitive edge in the labour market. The Programme “LL.M. in International & European Law” aim at enriching the students' knowledge with the latest approaches/methods in Public International and European law. Through the study of international and European scholarly works and case law, students are expected to become familiar with the specific and complex problems of Public International Law and European Union Law. The graduates are expected to be able to recognise and evaluate the instruments of international and European law and their regulations, as well as most of the proposed solutions, and finally to formulate relevant proposals.

Holders of the LL.M. in International & European Law will be able to:

- **Understand, discuss, and evaluate** in a critical and analytical manner
  - the rules, policies, and principles of the areas of international and EU law.
  - the impact of the different areas on International and EU Law and on national legislation
  - the historical background, the normative foundations, and the latest developments in all areas of International and EU Law.
  - the details, significance, and practical implications of these developments
  - the structure of international organisations and international regulations as well as their role in the formulation of policy in the individual areas of international and European Union law and in the resolution of problems and cases
- **Interpret** legal sources, including treaties, case law and literature
- **Apply** this knowledge to the handling and resolution of problems and cases

## Postgraduate Titles

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The Programme awards a Diploma of Postgraduate Studies in the following specialisations:

1. PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW
2. EUROPEAN UNION LAW

## Admission Requirements & Procedure

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The Programme is open to graduates of Law Schools. Graduates in subjects related to specialisations may be admitted following a decision of the Steering Committee. Knowledge of the English language is essential (at least C1 level). The number of students is 25 per specialisation. The application must be submitted after the call for applications has been published on the website of the Programme and the website of the Faculty. Candidates are evaluated by a three-member committee and are admitted to the Programme according to criteria such as: knowledge of English language, Degree level, Grade in undergraduate courses related to the Programme, Relevance of the candidate's university degree and knowledge to the subject of the Programme etc. The registration takes place around mid-September following a decision of the Faculty Assembly and an announcement by the Secretariat.

## Duration of Studies

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The duration of the Programme is two semesters without summer vacation, which include the time for the preparation of the thesis. An extension of up to 2 months is possible only for the submission of the thesis, following a reasoned request by the student, and the approval by the Faculty Assembly. Students may suspend their studies for a period not exceeding 2 consecutive semesters, following a reasoned request to the Faculty Assembly. The request must be submitted by the end of the winter semester and the interruption of studies is granted for serious reasons (military service, illness, pregnancy, absence abroad, etc.).

## Tuition Fees

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The tuition fees for the Programme amount to 4.800 euros and can be paid in two instalments. If the student withdraws, the registration fee is non-refundable. Students who fulfil the requirements of article 86 of Law 4957/2022 are exempt from paying the registration fee. The application for exemption from tuition fees is submitted after the selection. No more than 30% of the total number of students enrolled are exempt from tuition fees.

## Academic Calendar 2024-2025

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The Programme starts in October (winter semester). Courses are organized in academic semesters, each consisting of 13 weeks of classes and 3 weeks of exams. All courses may be re-examined in September.

**Winter Semester**

- Teaching Period: 30/09/2024 - 10/01/2025
- Course Substitutions: 13/01/2025 - 17/01/2025
- Examination Period: 20/01/2025 - 14/02/2025

**Official Holidays**

- October 28th, 2024 (National Holiday)
- November 17th, 2024 (Holiday for Educational Institutions)
- December 23rd, 2024 – January 6th, 2025 (Christmas Holidays)
- January 30th, 2025 (Three Hierarchs Day, Educational-Religious Holiday, no courses, or exams are held)

**Spring Semester**

Teaching Period 17/02/2025 - 30/05/2025

Course Substitutions: 02/06/2025 - 06/06/2025

Examination Period: 10/06/2025 - 04/07/2025

**Official Holidays**

- February 21st, 2025 (Educational Holiday, no courses or exams are held)
- March 3rd, 2025 (Shrove Monday)
- March 25th, 2025 (National Holiday)
- April 14th – April 27th, 2025 (Easter Holidays)
- May 1st, 2025 (Labor Day)
- June 9th, 2025 (Holy Spirit Day)

**September Examination Period:** 01/09/2025 - 26/09/2025**Curriculum**

The postgraduate degree corresponds to 75 ECTS. The workload is graded at 10 ECTS for the Compulsory Course, 5 ECTS for the Seminar and 5 ECTS for the Optional Courses. The thesis is graded at 15 ECTS. The candidate chooses the optional courses from the curriculum. ECTS transfer is not possible.

**SPECIALIZATION “PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW”**

Winter Semester	ECTS	Spring Semester	ECTS
<b>Fundamentals of International Law (C)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>International Law Processes (C)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Seminar I (PIL)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Seminar II (PIL)</b>	<b>5</b>
International Human Rights Law	5	International Environmental Law & Energy Law	5
Law of the Sea	5	Business and Human Rights	5
Law of the World Trade Organisation	5	International Investment Law & Arbitration	5
International Air, Space & Telecommunications Law	5	International Law and Domestic Courts	5
Diplomatic and Consular Law	5	Diplomacy through Experts	5
International Humanitarian Law	5	Cybersecurity and International Law	5
The EU Internal Market	5	EU Tax Law	5
Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU	5	EU Economic and Monetary Union Law	5
European Union External Relations Law	5	Environmental Law & EU Internal Market	5
		International & European Banking Law	5



TOTAL	30	TOTAL	30
		THESIS	15
TOTAL 75 ECTS			

### SPECIALIZATION “EUROPEAN UNION LAW”

Winter Semester	ECTS	Spring Semester	ECTS
<b>Fundamentals of EU Law (C)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>The EU Area of Freedom, Security &amp; Justice: Between Governance and Security (C)</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Seminar I (EUL)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Seminar II (EUL)</b>	<b>5</b>
The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedoms and Competition	5	EU Tax Law	5
Fundamental Rights Protection in the EU	5	EU Economic & Monetary Union Law	5
European Union External relations Law	5	Environmental Law and EU Internal Market	5
International Human Rights Law	5	International & European Banking Law	5
Law of the Sea	5	International Environmental Law & Energy Law	5
Law of the World Trade Organisation	5	Business & Human Rights	5
International Air, Space and Telecommunications Law	5	International Investment Law & Arbitration	5
Diplomatic and Consular Law	5	International Law & Domestic Courts	5
International Humanitarian Law	5	Diplomatic & Consular Law	5
		Cybersecurity & International Law	5
TOTAL	30	TOTAL	30
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TOTAL 75 ECTS			

### The Educational Process

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Courses are taught with physical presence, but they may also be held using modern distance learning methods, in cases of exceptional circumstances, or in the case of intensive courses and tutorials, in addition to the compulsory class hours. Teaching may include tutorials, visits to institutions, and mock examinations. It may also be organized in seminar modules with different lecturers under the supervision of the competent Professor. Attendance is mandatory. Up to three absences per course are allowed.

### Evaluation of the Educational Process

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The Survey platform (<https://survey.uoa.gr>) is used for the evaluation of all courses at the Law School. Students complete course evaluations using their username and password between the 8th and 11th week of each semester. Students are informed of the evaluation period by an announcement on the LL.M. website and in the e-class for each course. The system guarantees the anonymity of each participation.

## Examination and Evaluation of Students

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There are two exam periods for each course. The first is held at the end of each semester and lasts up to three weeks, and the second is held in September and lasts up to three weeks. The second period is taken by a student who has failed one or more courses in the first or second semester. The students who want to retake the exam to improve their grade will also attend in September. If a student fails twice in the same course (and in up to two courses), he/she will (after request) be examined by a committee of three faculty members who have the same or a related field of study as the course, and who are appointed by the Steering Committee. Examinations may be written or oral, as chosen by the instructor of each module. The instructor will consider the student's notes, research, exercises, or other forms of participation during the course. The integrity of the examination process shall be maintained during the examination. Grading shall be on a scale of 1-10.

## The LL.M. Thesis

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During the second semester the candidates apply for the LL.M. thesis, including a) the proposed title of the thesis, b) the proposed supervisor, and c) a summary of the topic. The title of the thesis may be finalized upon application of the student and the agreement of the supervisor to the Steering Committee. The thesis must be a) individual, b) original, c) the product of scientific research, and d) written in accordance with the writing guidelines posted by the Programme on its website. The thesis must be submitted no later than September 30 of the year in which the second semester is taught. The candidate shall also submit a declaration of non-infringement of intellectual property rights' which shall be attached to the Thesis. The thesis is presented and defended before a three-member committee. If the thesis is not submitted on time or is not successful, the student will not be awarded the Postgraduate Diploma. If the thesis is approved by the examination committee, it is submitted electronically to the digital repository "PERGAMOS".

## Award of Postgraduate Diploma

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Students who receive a grade of 5 or higher in all courses and the Master's thesis are considered to have successfully completed the Programme. Upon completion of the above procedure, postgraduate students are issued a certificate of completion of studies and their student status is terminated.

To calculate the grade for the Master's degree 1) multiply the grade of each course by the ECTS of each course 2) add the results 3) divide the sum by the total number of ECTS (75) required for the diploma. The postgraduate diploma is graded as "good" [for students with an average grade below 6.5], "very good" [for students with an

average grade between 6.5 and 8.5], and "excellent" [for students with an average grade of 8.5 or higher].

### Access to Doctoral Studies

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The Postgraduate Diploma from "LL.M. in International & European Law" Programme provides access to doctoral studies.

### The Academic Advisor & The Mechanism of Complaints - Objections

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The Academic Advisor discusses and guides students about their academic performance and informs them about the services offered by the School, about doctoral studies and about their career possibilities after the completion of their studies. Students can also discuss with the Academic Advisor any aspect of their academic life and issues relating to the Regulations and Programme of Studies, problems with courses or lectures, or even personal difficulties that may affect their studies. The academic advisor makes the necessary suggestions or recommendations to the students. The suggestions and recommendations are not binding and the academic advisor cannot guarantee the solution of every problem. If students are not satisfied with the proposed solution, they can submit a request to the Steering Committee via the LL.M Secretariat. If they do not agree with the decision of the Steering Committee then they can submit a request for reconsideration to the Faculty Assembly. The information about the students' personal data is confidential and protected by the General Data Protection Regulation.

## Specialization

# Public International Law

## Contents

*(Students can chose and optional courses of the specialization “European Union Law”)*

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## WINTER SEMESTER

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- **Fundamentals of International Law (C)**

***Lecturers:** Professor Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, Dr. Maria-Louiza Deftou, Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis*

Sources of International Law, Structure and Hierarchy of the International Legal Order, International Responsibility, Jurisdiction of States, Recognition of States, Jurisdictional Immunities, Diplomatic Protection and Consular Assistance, Succession of States, Subjects of International Law, International Human Rights law, International Humanitarian Law International Criminal Law, International Environmental Law, Peace and Security.

- **Seminar I (PIL)**

***Lecturers:** Professor Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, Dr. Maria-Louiza Deftou, Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis*

The Seminar goes hand in hand with the core, mandatory course of the LLM program (Fundamentals of PIL). It therefore addresses the interaction and interconnectivity between human rights and public international law; first from the standpoint of the influence (both expansive and restrictive) of public international law on human rights, and, second, from the standpoint of the influence of human rights law on public international law (both gentle and heavy-hand); the course will cover a vast array of issues including, but not limited to, the sources of international law, treaty interpretation, state responsibility (i.e. reparations), jurisdictional immunities of the State as well as the impact of human rights law to other branches of law, such as the law of the sea (i.e. maritime migration). During the seminars we will be discussing in detail the highlights of the relevant international case law as well as contemporary trends in international adjudication.

- **International Human Rights Law**

***Lecturers:** Professor Maria Gavouneli & Dr. Christos Tsevas*

The course builds upon the foundations of human rights law in order to discuss specific issues through the case-law and practice of international treaty bodies and human rights courts. This academic year the course will concentrate on the challenges presented and the restrictions imposed on the enjoyment of human rights during the current pandemic.

- **Law of the Sea**

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**Lecturers:** *Professor Maria Gavouneli & Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis*

This course approach the law of the sea in light of new developments and concerns, focusing upon issues relevant to the Eastern Mediterranean. These include: coastal state jurisdiction; freedom of navigation and passage; the high seas regime, including migration, maritime security and enforcement activities; energy at sea; protection of the marine environment; fisheries; maritime delimitation; human rights at sea, dispute settlement and responsibility.

- **Law of the World Trade Organisation**

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**Lecturer:** *Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis*

The course analyzes the core issues regarding international trade in goods, services and intellectual property rights under WTO law, as well as the workings of the WTO dispute settlement system. In this respect, the module covers subjects such as subsidies, anti-dumping measures, market access, tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade, exceptions for non-trade policy objectives, special and differential treatment for developing countries and regional trade arrangements. Current developments and challenges, such as Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic, will be used as case-studies indicative of WTO law's increasing contemporary relevance. Special emphasis will also be had on the customary rules of treaty interpretation as reflected in Articles 31-33 of the 1969 Vienna Convention of the Law of Treaties, demonstrating how and why treaty interpretation is crucial for understanding the present and future of the multilateral trading system.

- **International Air, Space & Telecommunications Law**

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**Lecturer:** *Associate Professor Georgios Kyriakopoulos*

**Air Law:** Legal regime of national and international airspace; Organization of airspace: the role of the International Civil Aviation (ICAO), of EUROCONTROL and of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA); Single European Sky and Flexible Use of Airspace; Search and rescue of aircraft in distress through satellite guidance. **Space Law:** The five space treaties and the fundamental principles of space law; The role of the UNCOPUOS; State responsibility and liability for damage caused in outer space; Environmental protection from space activities: the problem of space debris; Military activities in outer space; The Global Navigation Satellite System, in particular Galileo; The emergence of "New Space" activities and the challenges for international law. **Telecommunications Law:** The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the management of the radio - frequency spectrum; General principles of International Telecommunications Law; The importance of telecommunications for Air and Space Traffic Management; Satellite communications, international trade and intellectual property issues; Television broadcasting by satellite.

- **Diplomatic and Consular Law**

**Lecturer:** *Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis*

The course addresses in depth key issues regulated by the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, such as establishment, conduct and termination of diplomatic and consular relations, diplomatic and consular functions, rights and duties of diplomatic and consular staff, as well as diplomatic and consular privileges and immunities. Special analysis is reserved for issues of diplomatic and consular protection under EU law, pertaining to EU citizens' right to diplomatic and consular protection outside the EU, and the status of EU delegations accredited to third States.

- **International Humanitarian Law**

**Lecturers:** *Professor Photini Pazartzis & Dr. Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos*

This course will examine in detail the prohibition on the use of force and the permissible exceptions thereof (*jus ad bellum*). It will explore the basic rules and principles of IHL, delineating their scope and their interplay. Subsequently, it will examine the classification criteria of an armed conflict and the ensuing legal consequences of such a classification. It will then shed light on the applicable framework to the targeting cycle and the protection accorded by IHL to persons deprived of their liberty. The course will also delve into the relationship between the *jus ad bellum* and the *jus in bello*. Moving to the contemporary challenges that IHL is facing, this module will, in turn, tackle the so-called 'War on Terror' and its disruptive potential, before turning to the law of occupation. The nexus between environmental protection and armed conflict will be explored thereafter, given the increasing environmental awareness of the international community. The next topic will be the regulation of cyberwarfare and autonomous weapons systems, or killer robots, according to some opponents of increased automation in warfare.

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## SPRING SEMESTER

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- **International Law Processes (C)**

**Lecturers:** *Professor Photini Pazartzis, Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis & Dr. Nikolaos Voulgaris*

International judicial/arbitral bodies, the law and process of international adjudication, international jurisprudence. The course aims to examine international law processes, looking at international law-making, its actors and mechanisms. It focuses in particular on the international judicial function with the aim to discuss the role of international

judges/arbitrators in interpreting, applying and shaping international law, and examining international adjudication as a process.

- **Seminar II (PIL)**

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**Lecturers:** *Professor Photini Pazartzis, Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis, Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis & Dr. Nikolaos Voulgaris*

The Seminar goes hand in hand with the core, mandatory course of the Programme (International Law Processes). As such, it focuses on International Law Processes with an emphasis on international dispute resolution. It covers a wide range of topics including, inter alia, the sources of international law, treaty interpretation, state responsibility, jurisdictional immunities of the state, and the influence of human rights law on other branches of law. During the seminars, highlights of relevant international case law and contemporary trends in international dispute resolution are discussed in detail.

- **International Environmental & Energy Law**

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**Lecturers:** *Professor Maria Gavouneli & Dr. Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos*

The course addresses the peculiarities of international environmental law: the norm-generating process through both hard-law procedures and soft-law techniques; the everyday function of programmatic rules, which necessitate constant adjustment to shifting circumstances; the enforcement challenges offered by a system which prioritizes prevention rather than coercion; and the practical implications of responsibility rules where reparation remains elusive or impossible.

- **Business & Human Rights**

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**Lecturers:** *Professor Maria Gavouneli & Dr. Stavros-Evdokimos Pantazopoulos*

The course builds upon the foundations of human rights law in order to discuss the impact businesses have on human rights. Starting with the discussion of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and closely following the negotiations for an International Legally Binding Instrument on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises, the course follows the latest developments in the field, taking also into consideration the practical application of Corporate Social Responsibility obligations. At the end of the semester, the students are expected to be conversant with issues of advanced legal reasoning with every-day practical implications at the business level.



- **International Investment Law & Arbitration**

**Lecturer:** Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis

The course covers both core and specialized issues of international investment law, as one of the fastest developing areas of public international law. It analyzes the substantive and procedural dimensions of the discipline. Topics examined include investor-state dispute settlement under ICSID and non-ICSID arbitration rules, the definition of foreign investments and foreign investors under bilateral and multilateral investment treaties, substantive standards of treatment (expropriation, fair & equitable treatment, non-discrimination, umbrella clauses) and host states' right to regulate. Specialized issues regarding jurisdiction and admissibility, applicable law and available remedies, EU's competence regarding foreign direct investment and the modern backlash against investment arbitration, will also be addressed. Moreover, the course will trace the interactions of foreign investment protection with rules of general international law on the law of treaties and the law of State responsibility, as well as with rules from other specialized fields of international law regarding, for instance, the protection of the environment and human rights.

- **International Law & Domestic Courts**

**Lecturers:** Professors Linos-Alexandros Sicilianos, Maria Gavouneli & Assistant Professor Anastasios Gourgourinis

The module will cover a variety of topics with respect to the interpretation and application of international law in domestic courts, engaging into a thorough analysis from different micro and macro perspectives. Issues addressed include theories and practices regarding supremacy and direct effect, discussion of fundamental concepts of international law, such as the sources of international law, further combined with special references to issues of the law on treaties and law on state responsibility. In addition, the increasingly important role of domestic courts in the development of subject-matter specific sub-fields of international law, such as international human rights law, the law of international immunities, international investment law and international environmental law, will be highlighted.

- **Diplomacy through Experts**

**Lecturers:** Associate Professor Georgios Kyriakopoulos & Dr. Efthymios Papastavridis

The course discusses fundamental aspects of international institutions, in particular the United Nations system, and the multifaceted role of international institutions and mechanisms in conflict avoidance, conflict resolution and global diplomacy in general. Throughout the course, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to professional contexts where diplomacy is relevant.

- **Cybersecurity & International Law**

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**Lecturer:** *Associate Professor Georgios Kyriakopoulos*

Listing the principal threats and clarifying the relevant concepts: Cyberspace, cyber defense, international cybercrime, cyber-attacks and cyber operations, cyber warfare, cyber terrorism, cybersecurity. Listing the principal threats and clarifying the relevant concepts: Cyberspace, cyber defense, international cybercrime, cyber-attacks and cyber operations, cyber warfare, cyber terrorism, cybersecurity. Applying international law in cyberspace: Prohibition on the use of force and self-defense in cyberspace; extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction of States with respect to international cybercrime; the applicability of international humanitarian law; aspects of State responsibility for (internationally wrongful) cyber acts; settlement of (cyber) disputes; legal remedies for cyber terrorist activities; exploring the possibility of using new approaches: towards an international regulation of cyberspace as an autonomous space (?)

## Specialization

# European Union Law

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*(Students can chose and optional courses of the specialization “Public International Law”)*

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## WINTER SEMESTER

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- **Fundamentals of European Union Law (C)**

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**Lecturers:** *Associate Professor Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou, Dr. Ioannis Kourtis, Dr. Silvia Bartolini*

Topics discussed comprise the fundamental principle of autonomy of the EU legal order, the principles of supremacy and direct effect stemming thereof, and their implications on national law. The institutional pattern of the EU and the originality of the EU decision-making procedures are also analyzed. Particular emphasis is paid to the Member States and the Citizen as subjects of the EU legal order, with a special focus on the contribution of European Citizenship in the process of economic and political integration. Furthermore, the clash of competences between the EU and its Member States and the dialog between national and EU courts will be thoroughly discussed. The analysis of all the above issues is based on EU primary and secondary law and the case law of the European Court of Justice as well as on the dialog with EU legal literature.

- **Seminar I (EUL)**

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**Lecturers:** *Associate Professor Manolis Perakis & Dr. Anastasios Brakatsoulas*

The course in question focuses on contemporary and specific issues of EU law, which require further research and epistemological deepening, such as for example the meaning and more specific concepts of preliminary reference. Through the study of primary material, and mainly the jurisprudence of the Court of the European Union, the legal issues that are of intense concern to scholars of EU law during the current period are analyzed. In this sense, this specific course is inextricably linked to the more general course "Fundamentals of EU Law".

- **The EU Internal Market: Economic Freedom & Competition**

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**Lecturers:** *Assistant Professor Metaxia Kouskouna & Dr. Ioannis Kourtis*

The course discusses the founding economic model of the EU: free movement of goods, persons, services, and capital (content and possible restrictions/exceptions based on public interest grounds; the notions of discrimination and obstacle; the mutual recognition mechanisms; the "clash" between economic freedoms and fundamental rights). It also provides an in-depth examination of EU competition law: prohibition of cartels and abuse of dominant position; control of State aids; the notion

of “relevant market”, the “de minimis” rule, the fining policy of the European Commission; public and private enforcement mechanisms in EU competition law. Emphasis will be given to the recent EU legislation and to the case law of the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU). COVID-19 experience is also discussed in the framework of crisis management in the market and its impact on the Member States economic policies

- **Fundamental Rights Protection in the European Union**

**Lecturers:** Associate Professor Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou, Dr. Anastasios Brakatsoulas & Dr. Silvia Bartolini

Topics analyzed comprise the evolution of EU fundamental rights protection through the CJEU case law and the EU Charter on Fundamental Rights, as well as the content, the possible restrictions and the mechanisms of judicial protection of specific fundamental rights. Emphasis is put on the obligation to respect the value of the «Rule of Law» within the EU and the legal consequences thereof, including the political, legal and financial mechanisms introduced recently for ensuring its respect, such the new “conditionality” instrument. Furthermore, the status of the European Convention on Human Rights in the EU legal order and the developments concerning EU accession are analyzed. Topics discussed also include the ‘clash’ between fundamental rights and EU economic freedoms, as well the protection of fundamental rights in case of targeted sanctions imposed on individuals following UN Resolutions or CFSP decisions.

- **European Union External Relations Law**

**Lecturer:** Associate Professor Manolis Perakis

Topics discussed comprise issues pertaining to the EU’s competence and the legal procedure of negotiating and concluding international agreements; the nature and position of international law rules – contractual or customary - as a source of law in the EU legal order: their binding nature and hierarchy; their direct effect; the judicial review and interpretation of such rules in the EU legal order. The course particularly concentrates on the invocability of international rules by individuals and litigants before EU and national courts, especially when it comes to the protection of rights conferred to them. The interesting and perplexing legal issues set by the “mixed agreements”, as well as the issue of the international obligations of the Member States before their accession to the EU are also discussed. Moreover, the course covers the status and the legal concerns of the EU as a member of international organizations, focusing on the example of WTO; it discusses the interaction between the EU and the international community in the framework of the Common Commercial Policy (CCP), the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the European Neighbourhood and Development Policy. Within the framework of those subjects, two main EU foreign policy and values-exporting tools are analyzed, meaning the anti-dumping measures and countervailing duties adopted by the EU, and the “human rights as an

essential element” clauses imposed by the EU in its international agreements with third states.

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## SPRING SEMESTER

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- **The EU Area of Freedom, Security & Justice (C)**

***Lecturers:** Associate Professor Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou, Dr. Anastasios Brakatsoulas & Dr. Silvia Bartolini*

The course focuses on the principles and institutional rules which govern the functioning of the constantly evolving EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ). It analyses the main features of EU governance in the specific fields of the Area (common asylum and migration policies, free movement of persons and external border controls, judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters, police cooperation). Emphasis is placed on the substantive and procedural rules of EU primary and secondary law concerning asylum and migration, as interpreted by the European Court of Justice (ECJ). In this framework we analyse the instruments of EU migration policy and the Common European Asylum System (CEAS), as well as the changes to be brought by the New Pact of Migration and Asylum. Emphasis is put on issues of fundamental rights protection as well as on the role of the principles of mutual trust and solidarity in this specific Area, as interpreted by the ECJ case law.

- **Seminar II (EUL)**

***Lecturers:** Assistant Professor Metaxia Kouskouna & Dr. Anastasios Brakatsoulas*

The module discusses the specific issues of EU law emerging from contemporary issues calling for a dynamic response from the EU legal order. Its connection with the course on “The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice-EU Governance and Security” offers the opportunity of further research in fundamental issues, such as the mechanisms of EU law enforcement and imposition of sanctions, as established by primary law and further elaborated by the Court of the European Union.

- **EU TAX Law**

***Lecturers:** Associate Professor Rebecca-Emmanouela Papadopoulou*

Topics discussed comprise the institutional rules governing the exercise of tax competences conferred to the EU, the analysis of Customs Union rules and the Member States’ obligations in the field of internal taxation and direct taxation. Emphasis is put on the balance between the EU economic freedoms and the Member States taxing

powers; in this respect, several issues are examined, such as the role of Double Taxation Conventions, EU Directives on taxation of transnational transactions and savings income, as well as the Directive on tax avoidance practices (ATAD). The main features of the VAT system and excise duties are also analyzed. Current and future developments at the European level and their link to the OECD initiatives, are appreciated through a legal scope. Analysis focuses on primary and secondary EU law, as interpreted by the ECJ.

- **EU Economic & Monetary Union**

*Lecturers: Associate Professor Manolis Perakis*

Topics discussed comprise the historical evolution, the legal sources and the fundamental principles of the EMU, followed by an in-depth analysis of the two main sectors of the EMU. Within the framework of the Monetary Union, the course examines the Euro as the single currency, the rules and conditions for the accession to the Eurozone, and the legal possibility of a voluntary withdrawal or an expulsion from the Eurozone. Attention is also paid to the banking system, and more specifically to the rules and goals of the European System of Central Banks and the European Central Bank as the main EU Monetary Policy institutions. In the discussion of the Economic Union the course covers the two main pillars, meaning the multilateral surveillance and the budgetary and fiscal discipline. The rules establishing and regulating those two pillars are examined thoroughly, with specific focus being given to the Stability and Growth Pact as is in force today after the legislative reforms taken place during the economic crisis (“six-pack” and “two-pack”). Particular emphasis is placed to the EU’s economic and monetary policies during the financial crisis. Both the mechanisms established by Member States’ international agreements (European Financial Stability Fund, European Stability Mechanism, Euro Plus, Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance in the EMU) and the legislative initiatives taken of the EU institutions (particularly the ECB’s OMT and PSPP programs and legal reforms in general) are examined and analyzed. The course also covers the rights and the locus standi of the individual in the EMU area, with particular emphasis placed to the conditions under which a litigant can apply for the annulment of an EU institution act adopted in the EMU framework, or compensation for damages suffered by acts or omissions of the EU institutions. Landmark cases (such as Gauweiler, Ledra, Florescu and Weiss) are examined in this context.

- **Environmental Law & EU Internal Market**

*Lecturers: Associate Professor Rebecca-Emmanouella Papadopoulou & Dr. Theodoros Iliopoulos*

The course is structured around two parts. The first is of a more general nature and it analyses in-depth key issues of primary environmental and energy law (competences, principles, policy objectives and legal bases). It also focuses on political economy and regulation theory to normatively and positively approach state intervention in the

market, and it discusses key issues of EU competition and internal market law. The second part focuses on more concrete topics, including environmental rights, environmental liability, environmental impact assessment, circular economy, climate change, decarbonisation and clean energy transition.

- **International & European Banking Law**

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**Lecturer:** *Professor Christos Gortsos*

The course covers the key elements of EU banking regulation, as these were shaped under the constant influence of international financial standards (namely, those developed, *inter alia*, by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Financial Stability Board). European Banking Law will be discussed in its historical context, up to the current existing framework, which has been created as a response to the (2007- 2009) global financial crisis and the more recent fiscal crisis in the euro area, leading to the Banking Union. Prudential banking regulation and supervision, the bank crisis prevention and management framework, the rules on deposit guarantee and the arrangements on the provision of emergency liquidity assistance to credit institutions will be discussed in turn, along with the role of EU institutions (including the European Central Bank and the Court of Justice) and the banking sector specific EU agencies. The quite extensive relevant case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Union will also be part of the curriculum, and students are expected to make presentations on some of the court's most important judgements.



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## Classrooms

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- Hall of Theoretical Science (3 Sina St.)
- Law School (57 Solonos St.)
- Law School (45 Academies St.)
- Athens PIL (47 Academies St.)

## Public Transportation

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Information on public transportation schedules:

<https://www.oasa.gr/en/>

<https://www.stasy.gr/en/>

## Law School Library

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104 Solonos Str. & Mavromichali Str.17-19, Tel. 210 368 8113, 210 3688065  
[nomiki@lib.uoa.gr](mailto:nomiki@lib.uoa.gr) | <http://law.lib.uoa.gr>

The Law School Library is located at the Old Chemistry Building (104 Solonos Street) and is organized according to the international standards of Academic Libraries.

The Library covers parts of three floors of the old Chemistry Laboratory with a total area of 1400 sq.m. The building is fully accessible with lifts on all levels. For personal convenience, the library has two reading rooms on the second floor and one on the first floor, while there are also study stations on the ground floor where the collections, classified by legal field, are housed. The total number of service stations on all levels is 275. In addition, during the examination period, two auditoriums in the building are available as reading rooms. The library also has wifi and 17 PCs for public use (search stations in the OPAC catalogue, internet access and paper writing).

The collections of the Library include materials in all forms in Greek, German, French, English, and Italian languages and comprise approximately 100,000 books and 900 titles of journals, covering all branches of Law in Greek and foreign literature. The material is classified by subject on open shelves for the examination of the users and is arranged by Universal Decimal Classification number. Apart from the printed collections, the Library has digitized important legal journals and collective works, which are available via Pergamos, the unified Institutional Repository/Digital Library of NKUA. In addition, the Library provides access to national and international legal databases (<http://law.lib.uoa.gr/ypiresies/baseis-nomikon-dedomenon.html>)

## Athens Public International Law Center – Athens PIL

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Academias 47, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 210 3688675 | <https://www.athenspil.law.uoa.gr>

The Athens Public International Law Center was founded in July 2015. It is an academic institution that forms part of the Faculty of Law of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The mission of Athens PIL is to be a leading research centre committed to the study and promotion of international law.

The Athens PIL key activities include

- Expert seminars and meetings on carefully selected topics of international law
- A bibliographical center with emphasis on International law related research activities and publications
- Bilateral and multilateral co-operation with other academic institutions or research centers
- Organisation of conferences on topical issues of international law and national and international events
- Training and education seminars and programmes

## FACILITIES, COUNSELING & SUPPORT SERVICES

### Digital Facilities

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Electronic mail services (email), connection via wireless network (Wi-Fi), posting of personal web pages, virtual private network (VPN), alumni network, open academic courses, academic video lectures, watching live broadcasts of lectures, completion of electronic questionnaires.

[https://issu.uoa.gr/guide\\_for\\_all\\_students/getting\\_ready\\_for\\_your\\_studies/student\\_online\\_account/](https://issu.uoa.gr/guide_for_all_students/getting_ready_for_your_studies/student_online_account/)

### E-Class

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The e-class is an integrated e-course management system and supports the asynchronous e-learning service at the NKUA without restrictions and commitments. The service is accessed using a simple web-browser without the requirement of specialized technical knowledge. The integration of supportive tele-education methods into the learning process at the NKUA supports and enhances teaching and access to knowledge, providing combinations of new methods to complement traditional teaching modes.

<https://eclass.uoa.gr/index.php?localize=en>

### Academic ID

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Students are issued with an Academic Identity Card, which entitles them to special student discounts, such as tickets for all means of transport, tickets for cultural events, museums, trade fairs, etc.

<https://academicid.minedu.gov.gr>

### Library & Information Center

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All electronic resources and related electronic services are included in the Library's website and in the Information Centre, which is hosted and maintained by the Information Centre of the Library of the University of Athens. More specifically, the electronic services offered are: access to electronic information resources on the internet, open public catalogue OPAC, electronic publication of the University of Athens journals, bibliographic databases, single platform of institutional repository/digital library "Pergamos", special digital libraries and collections, subject portals, article requests, interlibrary loan, "Ask a Librarian" service.

<https://www-en.lib.uoa.gr/index.html>

## Accessibility Unit

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The mission of the Accessibility Unit is the achievement in practice of coequal access to the academic studies of students with different abilities and needs, by providing environmental modifications, computer based Assistive Technologies, and Access Services.

<https://access.uoa.gr/en/home-2/>

## International Students Support Unit

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The mission of the Unit is to support international students enrolled in study programs of all cycles (first, second and third) of the University of Athens, before and after their arrival in Greece, for issues related to procedures, actions, and communication with other public bodies. The International Students Support Unit is responsible for:

- supporting international students in the process of their enrolment in all the programs of our Institution,
- supporting the process of concluding contracts that facilitate the granting of [residence permits](#) for study purposes,
- supporting student-visa-applicants through communication with the Greek Consular Authorities, as well as towards their application for a Greek residence permit within 90 days of their arrival in Greece and for communication with the relevant [Public bodies](#),
- supporting the international students during their settlement in the country for topics such as choosing among accommodation options, arranging [medical insurance](#), tuition fee payments, application for tax identification number, opening of a [bank account](#) and other procedures related to public services, energy and [telephone providers](#),
- cooperating with the [competent services of the University of Athens](#) to serve the needs of international students and assisting them with any other issues that could emerge during their studies,
- informing about the [Modern Greek Language Teaching Center](#), devoted to the teaching of Modern Greek as a foreign language or other foreign languages in cooperation with the competent units of our Institution,
- exercising any other competence that facilitates and contributes social integration of third-country nationals on the Greek territory and into the academic community,

<https://issu.uoa.gr>

## Student's Ombudsman

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The Student's Ombudsman is an institution with the following responsibilities: examining student requests for problems with academic and administrative services and seeking solutions to these problems, facilitating student contacts with the institutions and administrative services, examining student reports-complaints about violations of provisions and rules of university legislation and ethics, and informing students

about their rights and obligations as members of the University community.

<http://www.sinigorosfititi.uoa.gr>

[https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student\\_welfare/students\\_ombudsman/](https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student_welfare/students_ombudsman/)

## Career Office

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For career guidance, career counselling and connection to the labour market

<https://career.uoa.gr>

## Student Meals Office

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The Student Meals Department is responsible for ensuring and carrying out the necessary tasks in order to offer meals to students of the Institution, in accordance with the decisions and orders of the Ministry of Education and the Administration of the Institution.

[https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student\\_welfare/student\\_meals\\_department/](https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student_welfare/student_meals_department/)

## Foreign Language Teaching Center

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The School of Foreign Languages of the University of Athens is an independent and autonomous academic unit, which provides advanced teaching of 25 foreign languages. Students at the NKUA have reduced tuition fees.

<https://en.greekcourses.uoa.gr>

## Cultural Club

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The Students Cultural Club is responsible for the entertainment and development of the artistic identity of the students, and includes the Music, Theatre, Dance, Cinema and Photography Sectors. The Students Cultural Club aims to support and promote the artistic activities of the students of the University of Athens.

[https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student\\_welfare/university\\_of\\_athens\\_cultural\\_club/](https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student_welfare/university_of_athens_cultural_club/)

## University Gym & Swimming Pool

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The athletic facilities of the University of Athens are located on the University Campus. They consist of open fields, an indoor gym and a swimming pool. A variety of sports programmes and classes are held.

[https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student\\_welfare/university\\_gym/](https://merimna-en.uoa.gr/student_welfare/university_gym/)