

In accordance with the provisions of Section 49 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education and on Amendments and Additions to Other Acts (Act on Higher Education), as amended, with the relevant provisions of the Statutes of Masaryk University and the Statutes of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, and with the resolution of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University of 9 December 2024, I hereby announce

**Admission procedure
to study in a four-year doctoral programme
International Legal Studies
at Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, starting in the academic year 2025/2026**

— and set the following conditions for admission to study:

I. Admission Procedure and Number of Applications Admitted

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- (1) The admission procedure shall be conducted in English.
 - (2) Depending on the results of the admission procedure, up **to six (6)** applicants may be **admitted** to the International Law Studies programme. Within this number, **one (1)** applicant may be admitted to the **full-time form of** study, depending on the result of the admission procedure and the chosen preference of the form of study. An applicant who applies for admission to the full-time form of study may indicate in the application form, in addition to this preferred form, a combined form of study in second place. If he or she does not achieve enough points in the admission procedure to be admitted to the full-time form of study, he or she may be admitted to the combined form of study up to the total number indicated in the first sentence.
 - (3) The admission procedure is initiated by the submission of an application in accordance with Article II.

II. Application to Study

- (1) The application form is electronic and can be submitted via the application at <https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/>.
- (2) The applicant shall also include in the application form the topics of his/her qualification theses defended or at least submitted to date. He/she shall also indicate the proposed research focus of the dissertation; this focus may be consulted in advance with the potential supervisor or the programme supervisor (i.e. the chair of the relevant subject board).
- (3) **The application form is accompanied by:**
 - a) **a certified copy of proof of educational attainment** within the meaning of Article IV(1). Applicants who obtained a Master's degree in law from the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University after 2000 may instead submit a copy of their diploma and the supplement to the diploma/certificate of the state final examination;

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- b) for applicants who are in their final year of study at the time of application, information on the expected date of the state final examination
 - c) **dissertation project of at least 4 standard pages**. The dissertation project should include in particular an introduction of the proposed research focus (topic) of the dissertation, a justification of its relevance in the context of the current state of knowledge, a definition and explanation of the basic problem areas or research questions that would be addressed in the dissertation, and a definition of the expected methodological approach to their solution;
 - d) a structured **professional CV**;
 - e) **evidence of previous professional publication or similar activity** in the field relevant to the chosen programme. The admissions committee may accept the following as previous professional publications or similar activities:
 - i. for graduates of the Master's degree programme in Law at law faculties who have duly completed their studies in the same academic year in which they are applying for doctoral studies, a very high quality diploma thesis in their field of study or a related field, the defence of which has been assessed as "excellent" or "very good" "passed with distinction
 - ii. a successfully defended high-quality rigorous thesis in the field or a related field or
 - iii. a successfully defended high-quality SVOČ thesis or similar student scientific work.

In this case, the applicant shall submit copies of (opposing) opinions on these works if they were held outside the MU Faculty of Law.
- (4) The applicant must attach the application form in electronic form. Proof of educational attainment as defined in Article IV(1) shall be submitted by the student in documentary form at the latest at the time of enrolment; documentary proof of educational attainment may be replaced by its authorised conversion.
- (5) An applicant who cannot take the entrance examination in the normal way due to a sensory or other disability shall request an adjustment of the conditions of the entrance examination in the application form. In such a case, the application shall also be accompanied by a certified copy of the decision granting disability or disability, or other documents certifying the applicant's limitations. The conditions of the entrance examination are then adapted to the applicant in cooperation with the Centre for Assistance to Students with Specific Needs, Komenského nám. 220/2, 602 00 Brno.
- (6) **The deadline for applications is 15 May 2025.**

III. Fee for the Admission Procedure

- (1) **The fee** for the admission procedure is **CZK 800,-** and must be paid into the account referred to in Article III(2) within the time limit laid down in Article II(6).
- (2) The fee is payable exclusively by bank transfer, bank draft or postal order in favour of the account of Masaryk University - Komerční banka, a.s., branch Brno-město, **account number 85636621/0100**. The applicant is obliged to mark the payment with **the variable symbol assigned by the electronic application application** pursuant to Article II(1).

- (3) If the applicant fails to pay the fee by the deadline, the admission procedure will be terminated.
- (4) The fee is not refundable if the admission procedure has been initiated.
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IV. Conditions of Admission

- (1) **Admission to the doctoral programme is conditional upon** prior completion of a master's degree programme.
- (2) **Other conditions for admission to study** that must be met by the applicant are:
 - a) superior knowledge and orientation in the professional field relevant to the chosen programme
 - b) prerequisites for creative scientific work,
 - c) competence at the level of active knowledge of at least one of the world languages English - French - German.
- (3) The fulfilment of the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 is verified on the basis of evidence of the proper completion of the master's degree, the fulfilment of the conditions referred to in paragraph 2 is verified by an entrance examination, the condition referred to in paragraph 2(b) is also verified by a submitted dissertation project and evidence of professional publication or other creative activity in the programme.

V. Entrance Examination

- (1) **The entrance exam will be held on one day between 9 and 20 June 2025.** The candidate will be notified of the date of the entrance exam by e-mail at least 7 days in advance.
- (2) The entrance examination is held before **the Admissions Committee**. It is composed of **at least three members** and its members are appointed by the Dean on the proposal of the departmental board.
- (3) The entrance examination is **oral**, but competence in a world language can also be verified by a short written expression.
- (4) The entrance examination has the following components and assessment criteria:

	number of points
a) Debate in which the candidate answers questions on knowledge and orientation in a field relevant to the chosen study programme	0 - 15
b) Dissertation project and discussion	0 - 15
c) Evaluation of the applicant's previous professional publications or similar creative activities	0 - 5
d) Verification of competence in a world language (English, French, German)	0 - 5
Total possible points	0 - 40

- (5) A 'pass' rating is based on obtaining **at least 10 points in the criterion referred to in paragraph 4(a) and at least one point in each of the other criteria.**
- (6) If a greater number of applicants meet the condition under paragraph 5 than is specified in Article I(2), the Admissions Committee shall recommend to the Dean the admission of the applicants in order of the number of points obtained.
- (7) Regardless of the score achieved in the admission procedure, a decision may still be made not to accept for capacity reasons if there is no available trainer for the subject and the applicant.

VI. Decision on the Admission to Study

- (1) The Dean decides on admission to study.
- (2) The applicant may request a review of the decision on admission to study in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 50(7) of the Higher Education Act.

In Brno on 9 December 2024

Assoc. Prof. JUDr. Mgr. Martin Škop, Ph.D.
Dean