

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

Theory and History of Law

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 Applicants Admitted

- (1) The admission procedure shall be conducted in English.
- (2) Up to six applicants may be admitted to the Theory and History of Law programme in full-time (max. **two**) or combined form.
- (3) The admission procedure shall be 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 <http://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/>.
- (2) The application form is accompanied by:
 - (a) **proof of educational qualifications** as referred to in Article IV(1), which means:
 - i) for applicants who graduated from a Master's degree programme at the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University before 2000 and those who graduated from a Master's degree programme at a faculty other than the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, a certified copy of the diploma and the supplement to the diploma/certificate of the state final examination
 - ii) for applicants who graduated from the Masaryk University Faculty of Law after 2000, a copy of the diploma and the supplement to the diploma/certificate of the state final examination;
 - iii) for applicants who at the time of application are students in the final year of their Master's degree studies at a faculty other than the

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Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, a certificate from the study department of the relevant faculty stating that they have passed the state final examination (must be delivered no later than 3 working days before the admission examination) - a certified copy of the diploma and the supplement shall be delivered by the applicants immediately after their issuance

b) **a dissertation project of at least 7,200 characters.** In the dissertation project, the candidate shall also indicate his/her preferred supervisor(s) with to his/her topic. This preference is only indicative for the admissions committee.

(c) **a structured professional CV**, including **a list of the applicant's professional publications**, including an overview of professional activities in the field (lectures, projects).

- (3) If at the time of submitting the application the applicant is a student in the final year of a master's degree programme at a faculty other than the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, he/she shall enclose proof of his/her education without undue delay.
- (4) The applicant must attach the application form in electronic form. **Proof of the attainment of the education** referred to in paragraph 2(a) shall be provided in paper form by the applicant proposed for admission by the Admissions Committee **at the latest when registering for studies**. The evidence of educational attainment may be replaced by an authorised conversion.
- (5) A doctor's certificate of medical fitness to study is not required.
- (6) 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 entrance examination in the application form. 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.
- (7) **The deadline for applications is 15 May 2025** at 24.00.

III. Fee for the Admission Procedure

- (1) The fee for the admission procedure shall be **CZK 800,-** and must be paid into the account referred to in Article III(2) within the time limit laid down in Article II(7).
- (2) The fee can be paid by bank transfer, bank deposit slip or postal order in favour of the account of Masaryk University - Komerční banka, a.s., branch Brno-město, account number 85636621/0100, IBAN: CZ430100000000085636621 SWIFT CODE: KOMBCZPPXXX. The applicant is obliged to mark the payment with the variable symbol assigned by the electronic application. The fee may also be paid via the application as per Article II(1). If the applicant fails to pay the fee by the deadline, the admission procedure will be terminated.

- (3) The applicant is obliged to prove payment of the fee referred to in paragraph 2) upon the faculty's request. If the applicant fails to comply with this request, the admission procedure shall be terminated.
- (4) The fee is not refundable if the admission procedure has been initiated.

IV. Conditions of Admission

- (1) **A condition of admission to study is:**
 - (a) a master's degree in law or other equivalent master's degree;
 - b) the prerequisites for independent scientific work in the relevant field;
 - (c) competence at the level of active knowledge of at least one of the world languages English or German.
- (2) The applicant shall demonstrate **compliance with** the conditions referred to in **paragraph 1(b) to (c) at the entrance examination**. Applicants shall prove that they fulfil the condition referred to in **paragraph 1(a) at the time of enrolment**.

V. Entrance Examination

- (1) **The entrance examination has two parts** and is held before **an admissions board**. It is **composed of four members** and its members are appointed by the Dean on the proposal of the Board of Studies. The first part of the entrance examination is written, the second is oral.
- (2) In the first part of the admission examination, the admission committee will evaluate the quality and suitability of the dissertation project with 0-15 points in a closed meeting. The evaluation of the dissertation project includes, among others. The evaluation of the dissertation project includes an assessment of the relevant literature search, including a brief summary of the current state of knowledge in the field (in the case of legal history dissertations, a search of relevant archival collections), a definition and justification of the basic research questions that would be addressed in the dissertation, the proposed methodology, as well as an assessment of the suitability of the proposed project within the chosen study programme in relation to the research focus of the relevant department and the potential supervisors of the applicant. In assessing the quality of the dissertation project, the admissions committee will also take into account the applicant's publication and professional activities to date.
- (3) A candidate whose dissertation project scored at least 5 points in the evaluation according to paragraph 2 will be admitted to the oral part of the entrance

examination. A score of less than 5 points means a failing grade and termination of the admission procedure.

- (4) The oral part of the entrance examination will take place on **2-13 June 2025 between 14⁰⁰ and 17⁰⁰**. Candidates will be informed of the details of the examination by e-mail.
- (5) In the oral part of the entrance examination, the Admissions Committee evaluates:
 - a) the candidate's orientation in the field of legal theory or legal history (depending on the focus of the dissertation; see Annex 1 for recommended literature) 0-20 points,
 - (b) the applicant's language skills as referred to in Article IV(1)(c) 0-5 points.
- (6) **The condition for a "pass" rating is obtaining at least 5 points in the evaluation of the dissertation project according to paragraph 2 and at the same time at least 25 points in the sum of the written and oral parts of the entrance examination (i.e. in the sum of the criteria in paragraphs 2 and 5).**
- (7) If a greater number of applicants meet the condition under paragraph 6) than 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.

VI. Decision on admission to study

- (1) The Dean decides on admission to study.
- (2) Candidates who have been ranked by the result of the admissions examination in the order determined by the admissions board will be invited to verify their fulfilment of the educational requirements under Article IV(1)(a) and to enrol for studies.
- (3) In the event that the applicant does not submit the relevant proof of educational attainment and the relevant proof of educational attainment is not delivered to the faculty in writing within 7 working days from the date of verification of the fulfilment of the conditions of educational attainment pursuant to Article IV(1)(a) and receipt of the decision on admission and enrolment, the applicant will not be admitted to study. The deadline may be extended by the Dean in cases of special consideration. A request for an extension of the deadline must be submitted no later than the date of verification of the fulfilment of the conditions of educational attainment referred to in Article IV(1)(a) and enrolment.
- (4) Applicants who are not sent an invitation to receive a decision pursuant to paragraph 2, applicants pursuant to paragraph 4 and applicants who have not taken part in the admission examination shall be sent a decision by the Dean not to be admitted to study, irrespective of the verification of the educational attainment condition pursuant to Article IV(1)(a).

- (5) The applicant may request a review of the decision on admission to study in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 50(6) of the Higher Education Act.

In Brno on 9 December 2024

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

Annex No. 1 - List of recommended literature for the admission procedure

ADAMOVIČ, Karolína, LOJEK, Antonín, SCHELLE, Karel, TAUCHEN, Jaromír. *The Great History of the Czech Crown Lands. Thematic series State*. Prague: Paseka, 2015; *Thematic Series Law*. Prague: Paseka, 2017.

KUKLÍK, Jan et al. *History of Czechoslovak Law 1945-1989*. Prague: Auditorium, 2011.

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