

In accordance with the provisions of sec. 49 Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and amending and supplementing certain other acts (The Higher Education Act), as subsequently amended, with the relevant provision of Masaryk University Statutes and Statutes of the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University, and with the resolution of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Law of 12. 1. 2026 I hereby open

**the Admission Procedure
to the four-year doctoral study programme
Theory and history of law
at Masaryk University, Faculty of Law, commencing in the Academic year
2026/2027**

and set the following admission requirements:

I. Admission Procedure and Number of Applicants Admitted

- (1) The admission procedure is conducted in the Czech/English.
- (2) Up to **six applicants** may be admitted to the doctoral study programme Theory and History of Law in the **full-time form (max. two)** or combined form.
- (3) The admission procedure begins with the submission of an application pursuant to Article II.

II. Application for Study

- (1) The application is in an electronic form and is to be submitted via an online application at <https://is.muni.cz/prihlaska/?lang=en/>.
- (2) The application shall be supplemented with the following attachments:
 - a) a **document proving the applicant's education** according to art. IV para. 1), namely:
 - i) a copy of the university Diploma and its Supplement in case of graduates of Master's programs in the Czech Republic;
 - ii) a copy of the university Diploma and its Supplement in case of graduates of Master's programs in Slovakia;

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- iii) a qualification certificate issued by the Office for Studies at Rector's Office Masaryk University in case of graduates of Master's programs in Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia¹;
- iv) a certified copy of a foreign document certifying a foreign university degree which had been obtained by graduating from a university study program at a foreign university run under legal regulations of the foreign country and its official translation, unless it is in English, in case of graduates of Master's programs in other countries of the European Union (with the exception of applicants listed in nr. ii) nr. iii)). This document shall be delivered in printed or electronic form by the applicant to the Office for Doctoral Studies and Advanced Master's State Examinations at the Faculty of Law, Veveří 70, 611 80 Brno, Czech Republic no later than 15. 7. 2026. The vice-dean for Postgraduate Studies shall make a decision on the certification of the level of education according to sec. 48 para. 5 of The Higher Education Act.
- v) a recognition certificate of a foreign university qualification in the Czech Republic obtained according to Section 89 and 90 The Higher Education Act (so-called "validation")² for other Master's programs graduates

b) **PhD thesis project proposal in the length of no less than 7,200 characters.** The applicant shall also indicate a preferred supervisor or **supervisors**. This preference is only indicative for the admission committee.

c) **a structured academic CV, including a list of publications and an overview of academic activities (lectures, projects, etc.).**

- (3) If the applicant is, at the time of submitting the application, a student in the final year of a Master's program at any faculty other than the Faculty of Law at Masaryk University, then he or she shall submit the document proving the applicant's education without undue delay.
- (4) The applicant shall deliver all attachments in an electronic form via the online application. Applicants recommended for admission must provide the original hard-copy proof of education at enrolment. An authorised electronic conversion may replace the original document.
- (5) No medical certificate declaring fitness to study is required.
- (6) Any applicant who is not, due to a sensory or some other kind of impairment, able to take the entrance examination in the usual way may request in his or her application an adjustment of conditions for the entrance examination. The

¹ For more information on how to obtain a certification about one's level of education, see www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition.

² 2 For more information on how to obtain recognition in the Czech Republic of education obtained abroad, see www.muni.cz/en/admissions/recognition.

conditions for the entrance examination shall be subsequently adjusted according to the specific needs of the applicant in cooperation with the Support Centre for Students with Special Needs, Komenského náměstí 2, 602 00 Brno.

(7) The deadline for submitting applications is 31. 5. 2026.

III. Fee for Administration Associated with the Admissions Procedure

- (1) The fee related to the admission procedure shall be **850,- Kč** and must be credited to the account listed below by the deadline in Article II(7).
- (2) Payment may be made by bank transfer, bank order, or postal order to:

Masaryk University – Komerční banka, a.s., Brno-město

Account number: 85636621/0100

IBAN: CZ4301000000000085636621

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The applicant shall identify the payment with the reference number ('variabilní symbol') generated by the online application when submitting the electronic application. The fee can also be paid via an electronic application according to art. II. para. 1). If the fee is not paid on time, the admission procedure is terminated.

- (3) Where the Faculty of Law requests, the applicant is obliged to demonstrate the payment of the fee under para. 2 hereof. Should the applicant fail to do so, the entrance proceedings shall be stopped.
- (4) Once the admissions procedure is started, the fee is non-refundable.

IV. Conditions for Admission

(1) The conditions for admission include:

- a) Master's degree in Law or some other similar Master's degree;
- b) prerequisites for independent scholarly work in the relevant field;
- c) active knowledge of at least one world language (English or German).

(2) The applicant demonstrates fulfilment of conditions (b) and (c) during the entrance examination.

(3) Fulfilment of condition (a) is demonstrated upon enrolment.

V. Entrance Examination

- (1) The entrance examination shall consist of two parts and take place in front of the Entrance Examination Committee, consisting of at least four-members appointed by the Dean of the Faculty, on a recommendation by the Board of Doctoral Studies. The first part of the entrance exam is written, and the second part is oral.
- (2) **First part (written part)** - The committee evaluates the dissertation project (0–15 points), including the literature review, definition of research questions, methodology, and suitability of the project within the programme. The committee also considers the applicant's previous academic and publication activity.
- (3) Any applicant whose PhD project is awarded no less than 5 points according to the specification in para. 2) hereof shall proceed to the oral part of the examination. **Any result of fewer than 5 points is classified as a “fail”** and results in the termination of the entrance proceedings.
- (4) **The oral part of the entrance examination held on a single day between 15–25 June 2026.** The applicant shall be informed 7 (seven) days prior to the date.
- (5) In the oral part, the Entrance Examination Committee shall assess the following:
 - a) applicant's knowledge in theory of law or legal history (according to the project; recommended literature in Annex 1) 0–20 points,
 - b) language skills under Article IV(1)(c) 0–5 points.
- (6) **To pass, the applicant must obtain at least 5 points for the project (written part) and 25 points in total (written + oral parts).**
- (7) Should the condition specified in para. 6) be met by more applicants than the number stated in art. I. para. 2), then the Entrance Examination Committee shall recommend to the Dean to admit the applicants in order of the number of points obtained.

VI. Decision on the Admission to Study

- (1) The Dean shall decide on the admission to study.
- (2) The applicant may ask for a review of the decision on admission to study by following the procedure specified in sec. 50 para. 6) of The Higher Education Act.

Brno, on 12th January 2026

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

Annex No. 1 – Recommended Literature

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