

## **LL.M in International Studies**

**Strand:** Public International Law (Humanitarian Studies)

**Language:** English (subject to decision of the LL.M Coordination Committee) or Greek

**Fee:** €1,800,00

**Location:** Komotini, Greece/ Hybrid On-line

### **Eligibility**

Prospective students must hold a Degree in Law (LL.B) or a Degree in International Relations/ Politics. Moreover, graduates of Military Academies of Army, Navy, Air Force and Armed Forces Legal Corps are eligible for admission.

### **Admission**

Number of Students: 20

Students in excess: 5 (members of the Judiciary/ Diplomatic Corps/ State Legal Counsel)

### **Admission Criteria**

#### Stage A

I. Application (on-line)

II. Curriculum Vitae (Resumé) in English (it must include studies, employment, academic and social activities)

III. First degree overall grade and analytical academic record of undergraduate studies

IV. (if any) LL.M or Master's degrees, previously held, overall grade and analytical academic record

V. Knowledge of English (Proficiency level) certified by diploma of Proficiency in English (C1 level) or an academic degree taught in English.

Working knowledge of languages other than Greek and/or English (if any)

VI. Publications or Academic Research (if any)

VII. Two Letters of Reference in either Greek or English

VIII. A solemn declaration of authenticity of submitted particulars. For Greek candidates a N. 1599/1986 Declaration.

#### Stage B Admissibility and Point-rating

I. Admissibility of a candidate's dossier is dependent on meeting all requirements of Stage A

II. Point-rating (highest overall rating:100 points)

First degree overall grade and analytical academic record of undergraduate studies (30 points)

LL.M or Master's degrees, previously held, overall grade and analytical academic record (20 points)

Knowledge of English (Proficiency level) (20 points)

Publications or Academic Research (10 points)

## Letters of Reference (20 points)

### Stage C: Selection Procedure – Personal Interview

I. Admissibility

II. Point ranking

III. Personal Interview (on-line or face-to-face). Only candidates who meet the Admissibility requirements will be invited to interview as the final stage of the Selection Procedure.

### **Duration**

Three semesters. One full academic year (October-June) (Instruction) + One semester (June-December) (Dissertation)

### **Dissertation (Third Semester)**

Each student must write a dissertation of 15,000-30,000 words during the semester immediately following the Spring Semester of the current LL.M course.

Submission by 30 September and evaluation (by viva voce examination) by 31 December of current year. Possibility of extension of dissertation submission for compelling reason by 31 December of current year and evaluation by 28 February of following year.

Evaluation by viva voce examination by 31 December of current year (or by 28 February of following year for compelling reasons.)

LL.M (Public International Law) dissertations shall be written in English.

**Temporary suspension** of studies not exceeding one semester: In exceptional situations upon request; to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

**Expulsion or Withdrawal:** Students shall be required to withdraw or be expelled in the following cases:

I. Failure to attend courses (absentee students in more than two sessions in each module, unless this is justified on compelling grounds other than professional or employment commitments)

II. Failure in Exams or Dissertation viva voce.

III. Plagiarism or other conduct contrary to academic propriety.

IV. Upon written request or application of a student

### **Modules**

#### Winter Semester

Human Rights Law I

International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict I

Refugee Law

#### Spring Semester

Human Rights Law II

International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict II

International Criminal Justice

### **Teaching**

By Instruction

Hybrid On-line 80% of sessions (Students who reside in Komotini may attend seminars on campus)  
On Campus 20% of sessions (All students)

Faculty consists of renowned academics and guest lecturers in Public International Law.

**Evaluation:**

By written examination in every Module in February (Winter Semester) and June (Spring Semester) and in September in case of re-sit examination.  
Dissertation viva voce (Third Semester)

Grade ranking (0-10):  
Excellent: 8.5-10  
Very Good: 6.5-8.49  
Good: 5-6.49  
Fail: 0-4.99

LL.M Overall Grade:

Aggregate of Exams grade in Winter and Spring Semesters (60%)  
Dissertation viva voce grade in Third Semester (40%)

**Studentships**

Two studentships consisting of the LL.M fees (€1,800.00) refund are available every academic year.

To be eligible for a studentship a candidate must cumulatively meet specific academic, financial and social criteria.

Academic criteria: (1) Full-time student and (2) Excellent grade aggregate in either Winter or Spring Semester.

Financial Criteria: Very low personal and family annual income as certified by competent Inland Revenue or Tax Office.

Social Criteria: A candidate must belong to either one or more of the following groups: (1) Single parent; (2) Child of a single parent family; (3) Disability; (4) Parentless under 25 years old; (5) Member of family with more than 3 children.