

THE LL.M. (LEGUM MAGISTER) PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL LAW



Why study International Law at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology?

What are the rules of according to which states behave? How do international organizations function? What role do we play on international level? How can I use international law in my professional work? What power do we, the people, and the individuals have towards our own state and when we travel abroad? Why do I need a visa? Can they check my baggage at every airport? What rights do I have in a foreign country? How can I make business with foreign companies? What does the EU offer me? How do I make a strong and effective legal argumentation in my day to day affairs with any state from an international perspective? These are only some of the questions which the student will be able to answer at any time after a successful completion of the LL.M. programme in International Law. The skills acquired alongside with this knowledge will assure that never again you are left in the dark and insecurity when it

comes to your rights in foreign countries, your possibilities to establish international trade, your creativity when it comes to legal argumentation and your skills when it comes to the mysterious and challenging area of international law and politics.

The LL.M. Programme in International Law will offer students a unique approach to understanding, analyzing and applying international law in day-to-day life and legal practice. It will also contribute to a better understanding of underlying issues concerning international and BiH politics. Students will learn from highly respected BiH and international scholars who will provide them with a comprehensive understanding and practical skills in the area International and European Law within an environment of cooperation, accessibility of lecturers and dedication to each student, healthy competition and teamwork. Additionally, upon successful completion of their studies, students will receive a **British and a BiH diploma.**

Programme features

The LL.M. Programme in International Law has been developed to meet the needs of legal practitioners, law school graduates as well as students who have graduated from related fields and are willing to acquire additional knowledge and expertise in various areas of International and European Law. The Programme is delivered in English language.

The key characteristics of the Programme are as follows:

- 1) The Programme offers carefully selected modules in six key areas of International Law:
 - a. *General International Law,*
 - b. *International Criminal and Humanitarian Law,*
 - c. *International Business Law*
 - d. *International and European Human Rights Law*
 - e. *European Law*
- 2) **The Programme is designed to impart not only theoretical knowledge to students but also to teach practical skills through interactive, case-based and also practically oriented modules.** Accordingly, once students have completed the master's Programme in International Law they will be in position to interpret and apply relevant rules of international and European law at an advanced level, through the use of all contemporary methods of argumentation in this field of law, produce legal opinions and apply their knowledge to practice – a scarcely existent, but largely desired outcome, so far, in BiH and in the region;
- 3) The modules are structured starting with general modules covering large areas of International Law and ending with specific modules covering legal issues of smaller areas of International Law, so that the depth of teaching, knowledge and acquisition of skills is increased as the Programme progresses which makes the whole Programme unique in BiH and the region both regarding the structure of the Programme as well as regarding the methods of teaching;
- 4) The Programme finishes with the elaboration and defence of a master's thesis, a crucial final element of the Programme where ***students have the opportunity to choose the topic of their primary interest within the area of international law, dedicate themselves to unimpeded research, develop new ideas in law and make them visible, confidently apply the acquired legal skills and explore new, challenging concepts of law.***

All students who successfully finish the LL.M. Programme will receive two diplomas: **The Diploma of the SSST** and **the Diploma of the University of Buckingham**, Great Britain.

Programme commencement, duration and structure

The LL.M. Programme starts with its 3rd cycle from October 2014 and lasts four semesters (120 ECTS). It comprises 11 courses and the elaboration and defence of a Master's thesis.

Students can also opt for the one-year-programme (three semesters, 90 ECTS) to acquire an LL.M. Degree in International Law by research, where the number of courses is reduced and more weight is put on the research during the elaboration of the Master's thesis .

Courses:

- Thesis Research and Legal Methodology
- Public International Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Human Rights Law
- European Human Rights Law
- EU Constitutional Law
- EU Internal Market Law
- International Business Law
- International Environmental Law, Topics in Transitional Justice and International and European Law of Gender Equality (optional courses)

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are **5200 EUR** per academic year, including all required text books and reading material.

Requirements

Bachelor of Arts degree in Law or a Bachelor of Arts degree in a related field of studies (having at least one legal subject during undergraduate studies).

Demonstrated proficiency in English (minimum requirement level 5).

Admission

The application process is open until September 11 2015. We strongly encourage early application. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis.

Please contact Ms. Anela Lemes at admissions@ssst.edu.ba or anela.lemes@ssst.edu.ba regarding the application process.



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