



Transition Regulation 12 ECTS Master's thesis

Introduction

The Faculty of Law considers employability to be of great importance within our Law programmes. The Faculty would like to support its students in entering the labour market by investing in the employability of its students within the curriculum, as to hopefully support a large part of the graduates to land in positions that are fitting to the field in which they were trained. This effort also matches the UG Employability Strategy.

In order to give body to this strategy, the Faculty Board proposed to offer a compulsory Law in Practice module of at least 6 ECTS per 1 September 2023 in all English-taught LLM programmes. In order to create room for this in the curriculum, the Master's thesis will be reduced from 18 ECTS to 12 ECTS. For the LLM in Energy and Climate Law and the LLM Public International Law, a new set-up will be implemented per 1 September 2023, more particularly in offering a new seminar in both these English-taught LLM programmes.

Applicability

This Transition Regulation applies to the following English-taught LLM programmes:

- Energy and Climate Law (CROHO code 66829);
- European Law in a Global Context (CROHO code 60688);
- Global Criminal Law (CROHO code 60669);
- International Commercial Law (CROHO code 60603);
- International Human Rights Law (CROHO code 60856);
- Public International Law (CROHO code 60856).

Students starting per 1 September 2023

Students who start the English-taught LLM programmes as listed above per 1 September 2023 all have to follow the new curriculum, which includes a compulsory Law in Practice module and a Master's thesis of 12 ECTS, as arranged for in the Teaching and Examination Regulation LLM programmes 2023/2024 and on Ocasys (2023/2024). The programmes can also be found in [Appendix 1](#).

Students who started before 1 September 2023

This Transition Regulation is applicable to students who:

- have started the English-taught LLM programmes as mentioned above before 31 August 2023, and,
 - have had an uninterrupted registration in that English-taught LLM programme.
- These students are allowed to change to the new set-up of the English-taught LLM programmes and thus to finish their LLMs by writing a 12 ECTS Master's thesis and adding a Law in Practice module to their programme.

These students are also allowed to finish their programmes still by writing an 18 ECTS Master's thesis as long as this 18 ECTS Master's thesis **is graded before 31 August 2024**. Should students still have to complete courses for the English-taught LLM programme in which they are registered **after 1 September 2024**, they will have to

complete a Law in Practice module in order to graduate. This is also the case if an 18 ECTS Master's thesis was written and graded before 31 August 2024.

After 1 September 2024, all students in the English-taught LLM programmes have to complete a 12 ECTS Master's thesis plus a compulsory Law in Practice module. All approved lists of courses for the group this Transition Regulation is applicable to become null and void per 1 September 2024. Students will have to seek new approval of their list of courses with the Board of Examiners to which the new set-up of the English-taught LLM programmes applies.

Energy and Climate Law (CROHO code 66829)

The implementation of Law in Practice in the Energy and Climate Law programme has led to a shift in the set-up of the programme. The Seminar International Environmental Law will become a regular (optional compulsory) course called 'International Environmental Law'. The course Energy Contracting will be removed from the programme, the course Energy Investment and Trade Law will move to block 4, two environmental law courses will be offered as optional compulsory courses and a new seminar (Seminar in Energy and Climate Law) will be added to the programme. This leads to the following Transition Regulation, in addition to what is stated above:

- students who have completed the Seminar International Environmental Law before 1 September 2023 can still graduate without taking extra courses until the 31st of August 2025.
- students who have not passed the Seminar International Environmental Law before 1 September 2023 have to participate in the new Seminar in Energy and Climate Law.
- the course Energy Contracting will be offered – as a directed reading course – one more time in the academic year 2023/2024. Students who have not passed the course Energy Contracting before the 31st of August 2024 will have to graduate according to the set-up of the new programme, as shown in [Appendix 1](#).

Public International Law (CROHO code 60856)

The implementation of Law in Practice in the Public International Law programme (main track) has led to a shift in the set-up of the programme. The Seminar International Law in Practice will be offered as a Law in Practice module. A new seminar (International Law in the 21st Century) will be added to the programme. This means the courses Advanced International Law and Settlement of International Disputes will be offered in different blocks. This leads to the following Transition Regulation, in addition to what is stated above:

- students who have completed the seminar International Law in Practice before 1 September 2023 can still graduate without taking extra courses until the 31st of August 2025.
- students who have not passed the Seminar International Law in Practice before 1 September 2023 have to participate in the new Seminar International Law in the 21st Century.
- A directed reading version of the course Settlement of International Disputes will be offered in the academic year 2023/2024 in addition to the course being offered in block 4 according to the new set-up.

This part of the Transition Regulation does not apply to the International Human Rights Law track of the Public International Law programme.

Appendix 1. The set-up of the English-taught LLM programmes per 2023/2024 (starting 1 September 2023)

Energy and Climate Law

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
Energy Law and Policy	6	Energy Market Law	6	Choose 1 of 2: - International Environmental Law - European Environmental Law in a Global Context	6	Energy Investment & Trade Law	6
Economics of Regulation	6	Climate Law	6				
Seminar in Energy and Climate Law			6	Law in Practice			6
			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30

European Law in a Global Context

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
European Internal Market Law	6	EU External Relations Law	6	European Environmental Law in a Global Context	6	European Human Rights Law	6
EU Institutional and Constitutional Law	6	Competition Law and Market Regulation	6	Law in Practice			6
Seminar Interactions between Legal Systems: Global, European, Domestic			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30

Global Criminal Law

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
Comparative Criminal Law	6	Cybercrime and Cyber Security	6	Organised and Financial Crime	6	International Criminal Tribunals and Courts	6
Criminal Procedure and Human Rights	6	International Crimes and Gross Human Rights Violations	6	Law in Practice			6
Seminar Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30

International Commercial Law

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
Comparative Property Law	6	Comparative Private International Law	6	Comparative Tort Law	6	Cross-border Commercial Transactions	6
International Contracts Law	6	International Commercial Dispute Settlement Law	6	Law in Practice			6
Seminar Contract Law			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30

Public International Law

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
International Human Rights Law	6	UN Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement	6	Choose 1 out of 3: - International Humanitarian Law - Refugee and Asylum Law - International Environmental Law	6	Settlement of International Disputes	6
International Institutional Law	6	Advanced International Law	6	Law in Practice			6
Seminar International Law in the 21 st Century			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30

Public International Law, track International Human Rights Law

Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
International Human Rights Law	6	International Crimes and Gross Human Rights Violations	6	Choose 1 out of 2: - International Humanitarian Law - Refugee and Asylum Law	6	Choose 1 out of 2: - International Criminal Tribunals and Courts - European Human Rights Law	6
International Institutional Law	6	International Health Law	6	Law in Practice			6
Seminar Human Rights			6	Master's thesis			12
			30				30