



# Law in Practice Regulation Faculty of Law 2025/26

## Paragraph 1 – General provisions

### Article 1.1 – Applicability

This Regulation apply to Law in Practice-course units, as recorded in Ocasys.

### Article 1.2 – Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Regulation:

- a. Board of Examiners: an independent body with the duties and powers as set out in Articles 7.11, 7.12, 7.12b and 7.12c of the Act, including assessing whether the requirements of the final assessment have been met.
- b. ECTS credit: a credit within the meaning of Article 7.4 of the Act. The student workload of each course unit is expressed in ECTS credit points, whereby 1 ECTS is equivalent to a student workload of 28 hours.
- c. Examiner: a person appointed by the Board of Examiners to set examinations and determine their results.
- d. External internship: an academic-level orientation to (professional) practice conducted outside the Faculty.
- e. Faculty Internship Coordinator: the person appointed by the Faculty Board to provide information to students and coordinate the Faculty's internship policy.
- f. Internal internship: an academic-level orientation to scientific (professional) practice carried out within the Faculty.
- g. Internship provider: body or department that facilitates internship activities.
- h. Law in Practice-course unit: a course unit in one of the programmes that contains practical elements and is designed to better prepare the student to enter the labour market.
- i. Legal internship: an orientation to (professional) practice through own research in response to legally relevant issues that may arise at the internship provider.
- j. Non-legal internship: an orientation to (professional) practice through own research in response to relevant issues at the internship provider. Such an internship is only possible within the Thesis Project of the master degree Law and Public Administration.
- k. Ocasys: the University of Groningen's online course catalogue of the academic year 2024/2025.
- l. Programme: the programme(s) listed in the Teaching and Examination Regulations for the Bachelor's degree programme International and European Law and in the Teaching and Examination Regulations for the English-taught LLM programmes of the Faculty of Law.
- m. Programme or Track Internship Coordinator: the examiner appointed by the Faculty Board to perform the duties and powers described in this Regulation.
- n. Student: a person registered at the University of Groningen for the purpose of following course units and/or taking examinations leading to the conferral of a university degree.

All other definitions will have the meaning that the Act ascribes to them.



## **Paragraph 2 – Aims and requirements Law in Practice components**

### **Article 2.1 – Content, aim and requirements Law in Practice components**

1. The content of the Law in Practice course unit is in line with the learning outcomes of the bachelor's or master's degree programme the student is following, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners.
2. During the Law in Practice course unit, the student applies the knowledge and skills acquired in the programme to more complex issues that are consistent with the level of the bachelor's or master's degree programme. The student expands their knowledge and develops their skills.
3. A student may do more than one Law in Practice course unit. A second or subsequent Law in Practice course unit in a programme or track must differ in content from the previous Law in Practice course unit.

### **Article 2.2 – Content, aim and requirements internships**

1. The content of the internship activities is in line with the learning outcomes of the bachelor's or master's degree programme the student is registered for, at the discretion of the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator.
2. A training element is represented in a substantial part of the internship work.
3. In addition to the aims arranged for in article 2.1.2, the student also gains work experience during an internship.
4. A decision to do an internship under this Regulation may only be taken after consultation with the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator.
5. If necessary, the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator will agree with the student for which track the internship will be done.
6. A student may undertake an internship with an internship provider where the student is also employed as an employee. This is subject to the following conditions:
  - the internship involves different tasks or research than the tasks described in the student's employment contract;
  - the internship activities and/or work meet the requirements of this Regulation;
  - the internship is approved by the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator.



## Paragraph 3 – Format and size

### Article 3.1 – Size Law in Practice course units

1. A compulsory Law in Practice course unit in the master's phase has a minimum volume of 160 hours, excluding report writing (6 ECTS). The maximum size is 328 hours, excluding report writing (12 ECTS).
2. An extracurricular Law in Practice course unit has a minimum size of 80 hours, excluding report writing (3 ECTS). The maximum size is 272 hours excluding report writing in the bachelor's phase (10 ECTS) and 328 hours excluding report writing in the master's phase (12 ECTS).
3. The duration of the activities for the following components is at least 14 months:
  - the 'Legal Aid Clinic Groningen [Rechtswinkel Groningen];
  - the 'Legal Aid Clinic Leeuwarden [Rechtswinkel Leeuwarden];
  - the 'Legal Advice Centre' [Juridisch Spreekuur];
  - the 'Child and Youth Legal Aid Clinic' [Kinder- en Jongerenrechtswinkel];
  - the 'Room occupant consultancy' [Kamerbewonersadviesbureau].
4. The duration of the activities for the 'IT Legal Aid Clinic' [IT-Rechtswinkel] shall be at least 8.5 months.

## Paragraph 4 – Internships

### Article 4.1 – Responsibility

The student is responsible for finding an internship.

### Article 4.2 – Internship activities

1. The internship provider offers the student the opportunity to become acquainted with activities and work in line with legal education.
2. An internship should correspond to the level of knowledge of the relevant programme and the stage of training.

### Article 4.3 – External internship

1. The tasks shall be determined by the internship provider and must comply with the provisions of this Regulation.
2. The internship provider determines the distribution of hours in consultation with the student.
3. The student is supervised by a supervisor of the internship provider. In the case of a legal internship, this mentor is preferably a lawyer.



#### **Article 4.4 – Internal internship**

1. The Faculty of Law may offer internal internships in the form of:
  - a. a research internship;
  - b. an education internship.
2. A research internship consists of legal research work and activities and aims at an orientation in the field of scientific research as well as related skills.
3. An education internship consists of teaching law tasks and activities and aims at an orientation in the field of scientific education as well as related skills.
4. The internship provider determines the distribution of hours in consultation with the student.
5. The internal internship shall be conducted under the supervision of a member of the academic staff affiliated to a research university.
6. The tasks shall be determined by the internship supervisor and must comply with the provisions of this Regulation.
7. A student who has a contract with the Faculty of Law to carry out tasks as listed in 4.3.2 and 4.3.3 cannot be awarded credits for the same work.

### **Paragraph 5 – Reporting and approval**

#### **Article 5.1 – Internship report**

1. Within twenty working days after the end of the internship, a report shall be submitted for approval to the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator.
2. The internship report shall contain:
  - a. name and student number of the student;
  - b. a brief description of the internship provider;
  - c. a description of the period in which the internship took place;
  - d. a brief description of the department or section in which the student did the internship;
  - e. a description of the activities carried out within the internship, including the literature or case law research. If the student wrote an advice or report for the provider of the internship, the student may replace this description with a copy of the advice or report issued;
  - f. a description of the training and courses taken and other training elements;
  - g. a reflection on the choice of internship within the framework of professional orientation;
  - h. a reflection on the (legal) research skills, the oral and written expression skills and other skills developed;
  - i. a reflection on the learning outcomes of the internship;
  - j. an evaluation of the internship by the student.
3. The report shall be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 15 pages, excluding annexes.



4. The student sends the internship report digitally to the internship provider.

### **Article 5.2 – Assessment**

1. The internship provider assesses the internship report and the internship activities. The internship provider sends the assessed internship report and assessment to the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator.
2. The internship report including the accompanying assessment by the internship provider is delivered digitally to the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator and archived digitally after approval.
3. Based on an overview of the activities, the student's evaluation and the assessment of the internship provider, the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator assesses whether the internship has met the set objectives. If necessary, the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator may request information from the internship provider.
4. The final assessment by the Programme or Track Internship Coordinator takes place ten working days after receipt of the documents and sends the Law in Practice form to the Examination Administration.

## **Paragraph 6 – Transitional and final provisions**

### **Article 6.1 – Confidentiality**

The student shall not disclose any information that is entrusted, becomes known or whose confidential nature the student should understand in the context of the internship, unless explicitly authorised by the relevant authority.

### **Article 6.2 – Insurances**

1. In the case of an external internship, the student themselves is responsible for insurance, whether or not in consultation with the internship provider. The Faculty cannot be held liable for damage arising from such an internship. The Faculty strongly recommends that students take out third-party insurance.
2. The student doing an internship within the framework of this Regulation is co-insured under the collective liability insurance of the University of Groningen with regard to legal liability towards the internship provider, with the exception of internship activities in the United States and Canada. There is an excess of € 2,500.00 per claim for property damage and € 15,000.00 per claim for damage to persons.
3. Students taking internships abroad under this Regulation may make use of the collective travel insurance of the University of Groningen at no cost.

### **Article 6.3 – Amendments**

1. Any amendments to this Regulation will, following a recommendation by and/or upon the approval of the Programme Committee and the Faculty Council, be adopted by the Faculty Board in a separate decision.



2. Any amendments to this Regulation will not apply to the current academic year, unless they do not reasonably harm the interests of students.
3. In addition, an amendment will not affect any other decision concerning a student taken by the Board of Examiners under this Regulation to the detriment of that student.

#### **Article 6.4 – Publication**

1. The Faculty Board will duly publish this Regulation and any amendments to this document.
2. Copies of this Regulation are available from the Faculty Office.

#### **Article 6.5 – Transition regulations**

Changes to this Regulation will be dealt with by means of transition regulations.

#### **Article 6.6 – Date of commencement**

This Regulation will take effect on 1 September 2025.