

# Education plan

for

**Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in Public International Law  
Magisterprogram (60 högskolepoäng) i folkrätt**

**60.0 Higher Education  
Credits  
60.0 ECTS credits**

**Programme code:** JILLM  
**Valid from:** Autumn 2021  
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**Department:** Department of Law

## Decision

Approved by the Department Board on 21 April 2020.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Eligible candidates for admission to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law shall have

- obtained a Swedish undergraduate degree in law of at least 180 credits, or a foreign degree in law with equivalent knowledge and at least three years of full-time studies in law, including at least one course in public international law or the equivalent (at least 6 credits), and
- proof of skills in English at a level corresponding to English B/English 6 in the Swedish secondary school.

Foreign students who have not studied English B/English 6 must submit results from either a TOEFL test (Internet-based Score of 20/90 or Paper-based Score of 4.5/575) or a Cambridge test (IELTS) with an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5.

## Programme structure

The programme consists of one year of full-time studies (60 ECTS credits).

The Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law is an advanced level programme. During the programme, students will acquire in-depth knowledge of international law, as well as be provided the necessary theoretical and methodological foundations to be able to work independently with research, development or other qualified work in the area of international law. The program has an emphasis on scientific specialisation and is based on a gradual methodological training, at the same time as students tackle increasingly advanced international law issues. Students continuously practice working with sources of law and interpretation methods to analyse international law issues.

The Master's programme in Public International Law consists of four courses; three of the courses are mandatory courses and one is an advanced elective, divided into two possible tracks.

The first course "Advanced Course in Public International Law" (ACIL), 15 credits, aims at repeating and deepening the general parts of international law, including a critical review of the research front and current development perspectives. After the first course, students can choose one of two tracks. In the first track, international law and the individual, students will study human rights ("Human Rights in a Global Perspective" - HRGP) and international criminal law ("International Criminal Law" - ICL). In the second track, human rights and economy, students first study human rights ("Human Rights in a Global Perspective" - HRGP) and then international economic law ("International Law and the Global Economy" - ILE).

The second course, "Human Rights in a Global Perspective" (HRGP), is mandatory and takes up important

concepts, norms and compliance structures in the field of human rights. The course covers basic concepts within human rights, from a philosophical and historical standpoint, the mechanisms for protecting human rights, and substantive rights, all from both critical and practical perspectives.

The first elective, "International Criminal Law" (ICL), focuses on the national and international aspects of the criminal state jurisdiction. The course addresses the development of international criminal law, its main concepts and the international rules of criminal procedure which are applied by international courts, hybrid courts and national courts.

The second elective, "International Law and the Global Economy" (ILE), aims to provide general knowledge of the legal principles and mechanisms within international economic law, with a particular focus on free trade law, investment Law and financial law. International economic law is also dealt with from an economic and political perspective, and is related to other areas of law, such as environmental law and human rights.

The fourth and final course, which is mandatory, is the master thesis in international law, 15 credits.

The aim of the programme is for students to acquire a specialist knowledge that serves both as a platform for research projects and in professional work involving specialised advice, as well as in activities where similar qualified knowledge is required, both at national and international level and in both public and private management.

In all courses, students will write and present essays or longer memos. Two of the courses contain a moot court or a mock negotiation. In addition to the research project to be written, the course "Master Thesis" will also offer teaching in academic writing, including critical analysis and scientific approach.

A specific seminar combining theoretical and practical approaches will run in all courses of the programme. In the first course (ACIL), this seminar will focus on general theoretical questions. In the following three courses (HRGP, and ICL or ILE), these theoretical questions will be adapted to the relevant subject matters, but focus will shift towards more concrete rules and mechanisms, so students get more concrete issues to tackle. In the last course, the master thesis, the seminar will focus on theoretical aspects of the thesis such as formulation of a research question, choice of method(s), scope limitation, critical approach and the societal consequences of research.

The entire programme is taught in English.

After completing the programme, students must have acquired the knowledge and skills listed below under "Goals".

### **Goals**

For the Master's Degree, the following qualification goals apply, as established in the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS, 1993:100), Appendix 2, System of Qualifications.

#### **Knowledge and Understanding**

For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in international law, including both an overview of the area and in-depth knowledge of certain specific fields, as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- show in-depth knowledge of international law method.

#### **Skills and Abilities**

For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate the ability to integrate knowledge and to analyse, assess and manage complex events, issues and situations even with limited information,
- demonstrate the ability to independently identify and formulate questions as well as plan and use appropriate methods to carry out detailed assignments within specified time frames,
- demonstrate the ability, both orally and in writing, to clearly report and discuss their own conclusions and the knowledge and arguments that form the basis for these, in dialogue with different groups, and
- demonstrate the necessary skills to participate in research and development, or to work independently in other specialised areas.

#### **Judgement and approach**

For the Master's Degree, students shall:

- demonstrate the ability to make assessments taking into consideration relevant scholarly, social and ethical issues, as well as display awareness of ethical issues in research and development work within the area of international law,

- demonstrate an understanding of the opportunities and limits of scientific knowledge, its role in society, and individuals' responsibility for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify their need for additional knowledge and to take responsibility for additional scholarly development.

#### Independent Project (Master Thesis)

Within the framework of the course requirements, the student must have completed an independent project (degree project) of 15 credits in international law.

#### **Courses**

The programme consists of the following courses:

##### First Semester

- Mandatory course: Advanced Course in international law (15 credits),
- Mandatory course in international law with a focus on human rights (15 credits).

##### Second Semester

- Elective advanced course in international law with focus on international criminal law (15 credits),
- Elective advanced course in international law with specialisation in international economic law (15 credits),
- Mandatory Master Thesis (15 credits).

#### **Degree**

Students who complete the programme with passing grades will obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M.) (60 credits) in Public International Law.

#### **Misc**

Courses that are part of the degree that make a student eligible for this programme cannot be counted for the Master Degree.