

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) PROGRAMME FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

The Department invites applications for **thirty-three (33)** places for the postgraduate programme leading to a **Master of Laws (LLM)** with a start date in September 2022.

The duration of studies is 3 academic semesters. The programme is completed in two stages. During the first two semesters students attend four modules (15 ECTS each), while the third semester is devoted to the writing of a Master thesis (30 ECTS).

All students are required to take the core module 'Fundamental Principles of EU Law'. In addition, students are requested to choose one of the **three streams** of the programme (Stream A. «Criminal Justice and Human Rights», Stream B. «European Commercial Law», Stream C. «European Public Law»). This means that they have to take three modules of their chosen stream and write a Master thesis on one of the three modules of that stream. This will lead to specialization of the LLM degree they will obtain. The language of instruction is **Greek. It is imperative to note that students must specify** in their application which stream they will follow.

Admission criteria:

- Candidates for the LLM programme must hold a **Law degree** from a recognized University.
- Graduates of the Law Department of the University of Cyprus must have a **GPA** of at least 7.0/10; graduates of Greek Universities must have a GPA of at least 6.5/10; graduates of UK Universities at least second-class honors (at least 2.2 classification). Similar GPA is required for graduates of other Universities (for example, at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale). Exceptionally, by decision of the Departmental Board, graduates with a lower GPA and remarkable professional performance may be admitted at a percentage not exceeding 10 per cent of selected candidates.
- **Very good command of English** is necessary for the successful completion of the programme. Knowledge of a second or third European language is taken into consideration.
- Candidates for the LLM programme must submit a **sample of academic legal writing** in Greek or English (such as an essay in the context of previous studies, a publication in a scientific or student review, or an analysis of a legal issue chosen by the candidate). The written sample should be at least 1500 words, including footnotes. The written sample will be taken into account for assessing the suitability of the candidate for the LLM programme.

Submission of applications:

Applications can be submitted electronically using the [online application system of the University of Cyprus](#) by **Monday, 9 May 2022, until 12 noon.**

The applications should include the following:

1. A Curriculum Vitae
2. Certified copies of University degrees or confirmation of graduation (Admitted candidates will need to submit the certified degrees along with the acceptance of the offer to the University of Cyprus and before their registration).
3. Copy of English language certificate or evidence of linguistic skill level. The same applies to proof of knowledge of other foreign languages.
4. Copies of Transcripts (with a detailed record of grades) for all programmes of study (undergraduate and postgraduate if applicable).
5. A brief statement of personal goals and research interests (in English or Greek and up to 2 pages), which shall also indicate the candidate's preference for one of the three streams. The indication of preference is mandatory.
6. A sample of scientific legal writing in Greek or English (such as an essay in the context of previous studies, a publication in a scientific or student review, or an analysis of a legal issue chosen by the candidate). The written sample should be at least 1500 words, including footnotes. It must be submitted under *Additional information* of the electronic applications system.
7. The names and emails of at least two (2) academic referees familiar with the candidate and his/her academic performance, who will provide letters of recommendations. However, one letter of recommendation could be provided by an employer or supervisor who is familiar with the candidate's work and personality. The referees will receive a relevant email requesting submission of the reference letter through the UCY online application system. The Department may request additional confidential information from referees.

Scholarships:

Applicants wishing to find out information on the Praxandros Scholarships that may be made available by the University of Cyprus should visit the [website of the School of Postgraduate Studies](#). Any additional criteria for the Praxandros Scholarship set by the Department of Law, as well as information on the Scholarship in memory of Alecos Markides will be available on the [Website of the Department of Law under *Announcements and Events*](#).

Further information:

[Website of the Department of Law](#) under *Programmes of Study*

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