



## Our identity

The International Hellenic University (IHU) is Greece's first state university where programmes are taught exclusively in English.

With backing from the Greek State and the regional business community, the IHU aims to become one of Europe's key research institutions attracting leading academics and outstanding students from South East Europe (SEE) and across the world.

## Our Strategic Mission

- Provide research and education that meet the needs of the international community.
- Enhance understanding of the economic, socio-political and technological issues facing the region through teaching and research of the highest academic standard.
- Create an internationally diverse student and faculty community inspiring greater intercultural understanding.

## Our Facilities

The International Hellenic University campus is specifically developed to facilitate modern learning techniques and is equipped with the latest information technology, a sophisticated e-Learning platform, as well as an excellent learning resource centre providing a comprehensive, up-to-date selection of books and journals, access to top international on-line databases and other resources, and an attractive study area.

The campus is located conveniently close to Thessaloniki's Makedonia International Airport. Access to the city centre is easy.



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**School of Economics and  
Business Administration**

**LLM in Transnational and  
European Commercial Law &  
Alternative Dispute Resolution**



# LLM in Transnational and European Commercial Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution



This LL.M. programme is designed to offer students a thorough understanding of theory and practice in three functionally interdependent areas of law: Transnational Commercial Law, European Economic Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (Arbitration and Mediation).

The programme is oriented towards the transnational and European legal aspects of trade, economy and dispute resolution. It also contains important innovative features, such as the study of the Energy Charter Treaty. Students will gain up-to-date knowledge on recent developments and challenges in the three aforementioned areas of law.

The curriculum puts forward a genuinely transnational and European perspective. It offers a highly flexible qualification suitable for a wide range of career openings in many sectors (law firms, private legal practice, corporations, international organisations, NGOs), combined with excellent opportunities for networking.



## 1. The Core Courses

- **Transnational Commercial Law I and II** (the sources, the instruments, conflict of laws, important cross-border transactions, such as sales and securities, law and practice of investment treaties and protection of foreign investments, the WTO Agreements and principles, etc.)
- **European Economic Law I and II** (the sources, the legal environment, the internal market, EU external trade law, competition law, deregulation, state aid, procurement, other specialised areas of EU law, such as common agricultural market law, etc.)
- **International Commercial Arbitration I and II** (the arbitration agreement, applicable law and jurisdiction, establishment of an arbitral tribunal, conduct of proceedings, UNCITRAL and other rules, special categories of international commercial arbitration, such as maritime arbitration, investment arbitration, construction arbitration, energy arbitration, etc.)
- **Recognition and Enforcement of International Arbitral Awards** (the 1958 UN Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, reasons for refusing recognition and enforcement under Article V of the New York Convention, etc.)
- **Energy Charter Treaty** (international cooperation in the energy sector, the ECT provisions and principles, the creation of a level playing field of rules on energy security, energy cooperation, energy transit and open, competitive markets, substantive protections afforded to foreign investors, the relationship between the ECT's provisions and the WTO rules, etc.)

## 2. The Elective Courses

The programme offers a choice of elective courses which represent a rich variety of subject areas. Participants choose four of the following (two in each semester):

- Legal Aspects of International Finance
- Economic Analysis of Law
- International and EU Tax Law
- European Labour and Employment Law
- Intellectual Property Law - Innovation, Technology and Patent Law
- International Insolvency Law: Principles and Policy
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- European and International Competition Law / Antitrust Law
- Internet Law and E-Business
- Banking Legal Environment
- Financial Crime
- European Procedural Law
- Legal Aspects of Risk Management
- EU Consumer Law
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Recent Legal Developments in Transnational and European Commercial Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution

## 3. The Consulting Project

During the second semester, students may elect to participate in a consulting project relevant to the subject areas of the LL.M. programme. Students are encouraged to undertake their project within a sponsoring organisation. Either individually or organised in groups, students analyse real-life problems of a particular firm, organisation or sector.

## 4. The Master's Dissertation

In the third semester, students choose a dissertation topic relevant to the courses of the LL.M. programme. The topic is chosen by the student with input and advice from a faculty member, who acts as the supervisor, working closely with the student. The dissertation is an individual 10,000-word paper of original scientific work, which upon completion is submitted for examination and approval by a three-member committee chaired by the student's supervisor.

## 5. The Timetable

The programme covers three semesters, the first two with taught courses while the third is devoted to the Master's dissertation. The same programme may be offered in a six-semester part-time study mode.

## 6. Master's Degree

In order to be awarded the LLM degree, students must complete a total of 90 credits.

This involves taking:

First semester:

Four core courses (24 credits) and two elective courses (6 credits).

Second semester:

Four core courses (24 credits) and two elective courses (6 credits) or a consulting project (6 credits).

Third semester:

Master's Dissertation (30 credits).



## © Admissions

Applications from candidates holding a University degree in law, economics and political science will be considered. A personal interview may be required. All successful applicants will be required to take introductory consolidation courses, depending on their academic backgrounds, during the first weeks of their first semester.

While admission to the IHU is competitive, our admissions policy vigorously supports equality of opportunity. We are focused on building a student community which includes men and women from different backgrounds, abilities, economic circumstances, perspectives, races, religions and national origin.

## © When to Apply

The IHU operates on a rolling admissions basis. This means that candidates apply for and are admitted to our programmes all year round. We suggest, however, that you apply as early as possible to ensure a quick response and place availability. We aim to provide decisions within ten working days of receiving your complete application. Please ensure that you complete the application form fully and submit all your supporting documents for us to make an informed decision.

## © Entry Requirements

For your application for an International Hellenic University Master's programme to be considered you need:

- a good university degree from a recognised university
- a good IELTS or TOEFL score or Cambridge Certificate for graduates from non-English-speaking universities
- two academic references (both referees should have direct knowledge of your suitability for the specific Master's programme)

A personal interview may be required.

## © Scholarships

The International Hellenic University offers a number of scholarships for the postgraduate programmes, covering a significant portion of the programme fees. Scholarships are given to top students of proven academic record.

## © Career Office

The IHU's Career Office is committed to providing professional guidance, resources and opportunities to students to help them achieve their career aspirations. The office has adopted a student-centred philosophy according to which each student gets individual attention and support in every career concern. Students are encouraged to be involved in their career development during their studies. Career events, access to career information, vacancies information, career fairs, internships, and voluntary work are only some of the suggested ways for students to improve their employability and to make informed decisions about their career choices.

## © Alumni Network

As an alumnus of the IHU, you are invited to be a part of an active network that helps you to stay in touch with each other and feel part of the School after your graduation. Staying in contact with the IHU has a number of benefits including: Free IHU webmail for life, lifelong support in career issues, national and international networking opportunities, access to online services, access to library resources, participation in various events including career fairs, reunions, social gatherings and conferences, and generally staying in touch with each other, the School and the University.

