2ND CYCLE PROGRAM IN LEGAL STUDIES

The Faculty Legal Studies of will offer 2nd Cycle Degree Programs leading to a Masters of Science in Legal Studies. 2nd cycle studies in the faculty will be divided into several areas of concentration, to be chosen by the student, and each with its specific course of study. These concentrations are: 1) Civil Law 2) Constitutional and Administrative Law 3) Penal Law.

I. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE GRADUATE OF THE PROGRAM

The 2nd Cycle Program in Legal Studies at SEEU addresses the skills to be learned, the knowledge to be acquired, and the competences to be achieved to incorporate and build both vocational and academic competencies with possibility to emphasize one of them by allowing the student to choose his programs and courses. The graduates will be prepared to enter a specialised field of legal practice after obtaining professional qualifications or to become judges after change in law. The programs require specialised knowledge of the subject area plus advanced understanding of general principles learned at first cycle. The graduate will be able to analyse and understand new legal developments, particularly at European level and relate them to RM. The graduate will have skills in legal research, in writing opinions and in presenting them orally as well as inter-personal skills, professional behaviour, practising ethical standards.

II. PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DESCRIPTION

The 2nd Cycle Program in Legal Studies will be composed of 90 ECST credits and be taught full-time over the course of three semesters (30 credits each). The program is composed of core courses, elective courses, special studies (practical or research activities), and thesis work. The student himself designs his own individual program in the one of the three mentioned profiles, through a selection of elective courses and thesis subject i.e. thesis advisor, mentor.
**Civil Law:**

This Master Degree in Civil Law has the following curriculum.

| Semester 1          | • Research Methodology (6 credits)       |
|                    | • Basis of civil law (6 credits)        |
|                    | • Law of obligations (6 credits)        |
|                    | • Property law (6 credits)              |
|                    | • Elective (6 credits)                  |

| Semester 2          | • Family law and Inheritance law (6 credits) |
|                    | • Private international law (6 credits)    |
|                    | • European private law (6 credits)         |
|                    | • Civil procedure (6 credits)              |
|                    | • Elective (6 credits)                     |

**Electives in Civil Law**

- Intellectual Property law (or copyright and industrial property)
- Commercial law: company law, competition law
- Special procedures inc executory law
- Insurance law

| Semester 3          | • Legal Methodology (10 credits)         |
|                    | • Master Thesis (Writing and Presentation) - (20 credits) |
**Constitutional and Administrative Law:**

| Semester 1 | Research Methodology (6 credits)  
|           | Comparative constitutional law (6 credits)  
|           | Administrative law (6 credits)  
|           | Constitutional law of EU (6 credits)  
|           | Elective (6 credits)  
| Semester 2 | Implementation of constitution and law (6 credits)  
|           | Local self-administration (6 credits)  
|           | Comparative political systems (6 credits)  
|           | Legislative drafting (6 credits)  
|           | Elective (6 credits)  

*Electives in Constitutional and Administrative Law*

- Parliamentary theory and practice
- Insurance law
- Media law
- Electoral law

| Semester 3 | Legal Methodology (10 credits)  
|           | Master Thesis (Writing and Presentation) - (20 credits)  

**Penal Law:**

| Semester 1 | • Research Methodology (6 credits)  
| | • Penal law (6 credits)  
| | • Penal procedure (6 credits)  
| | • Criminology (6 credits)  
| | • Elective (6 credits) |

| Semester 2 | • Criminalistics (criminal investigation) (6 credits)  
| | • Penology (6 credits)  
| | • Forensic Medicine (6 credits)  
| | • International Penal law (6 credits)  
| | • Elective (6 credits) |

**Penal Law Electives**

- Comparative penal law
- Organised crime
- Political crime

| Semester 3 | • Legal Methodology (10 credits)  
| | • Master Thesis (Writing and Presentation) - (20 credits) |

**IV. Admission Requirements**

In addition to general SEEU 2nd cycle program requirements, the perspective student must have:

1) 1st cycle (Bachelor Degree) in Law, Public Administration, Political Science, depending on the program (240 credits)  
2) Excellent Albanian proficiency  
3) Undergraduate GPA greater then 7.5
4) Approval from the Admission committee (Students with degrees in other disciplines may be required to take undergraduate prerequisites as part of their program)

6) Priority to students with adequate English to receive visiting professors and read international literature

V. Instructors: