



Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

Master's Educational Program in Business Law

Program Title	Business Law
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Language of Instruction	Georgian
Qualification Awarded	Master of Law (LL.M.) Research Master in Law (MRes)
Program Volume in Credits	The Master's Program is based on the ECTS system, is student-centred, and is grounded in the student's academic workload required to achieve the objectives of the Educational Program. The Master's Educational Program in Business Law comprises 120 ECTS credits and consists of two 60-ECTS-credit parts (the first and second parts).
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Program Objectives

The objective of the first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits) is to enable the student to:

- (A) acquire deep and systematic knowledge of current and problematic issues of contemporary business law, international business transactions, legal technologies, the tax and competition regimes applicable to business, and the regulation of labour relations in business;
- (B) develop the ability to analyse regulatory norms relevant to business activity, formulate complex and original legal conclusions, communicate those conclusions to the professional community, and use procedural and alternative mechanisms for business dispute resolution effectively and ethically.

The objective of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits) is also to enable the student to:

- (C) develop the ability to collect, analyse, and evaluate legal norms and principles necessary for conducting international and domestic business, including qualitative and statistical data relevant to business;
- (D) develop the ability to conduct scientific research with academic integrity and to contribute to the formation of legal and ethical values.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits), the graduate:

- (A) has in-depth knowledge of the main, current, and problematic issues in the field of business law; transactions aimed at defining an appropriate legal framework for conducting business and increasing competition in the market; court practice related to tax law; procedural and alternative mechanisms for the prevention and resolution of business disputes; current issues in the regulation of labour relations in business; the main trends in artificial intelligence and legal technologies (Legal-Tech); and classical and non-standard approaches to legal reasoning;
- (B) analyses legislative innovations in national, international, and foreign law in the field of business law, contemporary court practice, and the systemic impact of European business law and EU directives on Georgian law;
- (C) based on knowledge acquired in the field of business law, carries out a comprehensive assessment of existing legal problems and disputes and develops optimal ways to resolve them; discusses legal conclusions and arguments with the academic and professional community, in written and oral form, in compliance with professional ethical standards; and drafts legal and procedural documents of varying complexity;
- (D) analyses the ethical, value-based, and moral aspects existing in business law and uses knowledge of modern legal technologies and their regulation to prevent disputes and optimise resources.

Upon completion of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits), the graduate also:

- (E) plans the scientific research process through generalised analysis and interpretation of primary sources, scientific articles, and court decisions, taking into account standards of academic integrity; collects and analyses primary, statistical, and secondary data relevant to business law by applying an appropriate research methodology; identifies the research methods necessary for carrying out scientific research; and develops a scientific research project;
- (F) analyses the ethical implications of scientific research and, where necessary, contributes to the formation of new values to ensure a fair balance between public, individual, and business interests and the protection of rights.

Admission Requirements

A person holding a Bachelor's degree in Law or an equivalent academic degree is eligible for admission to the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (120 ECTS credits), based on the results of the Common Master's Examinations and intra-university examinations. Admission to the Program without passing the Common Master's Examination is carried out in accordance with the procedure established by Georgian legislation.

The internal university examinations determine the general level of knowledge in the selected specialisation and English language proficiency at B2 level. The topics/tests for the intrernal university examinations and the criteria for assessing student knowledge will be posted on the University website no later than one month before the examinations begin (<http://www.sabauni.edu.ge>).

A candidate is exempt from English language testing if the candidate submits one of the following international certificates confirming English language proficiency at level B2, with the relevant scores: FCE, IELTS, TOEFL PBT, TOEFL CBT, TOEFL IBT, VERSANT, CERTUS, PEARSON. A candidate is also exempt if the candidate has completed an undergraduate or master's educational program in English, either in full or for at least one complete semester.

Note: all certificates listed above must be valid at the time of application and the applicant must be able to submit the certificate. An expired document will not be considered.

Admission to the Master's Educational Program in Business Law through mobility is possible twice a year, within the timeframes established by the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia, in compliance with the mandatory procedures and the rules established by the University.

Admission to the Master's Educational Program in Business Law, or admission by transfer from a recognised higher educational institution of a foreign country, is carried out on the basis of a decision of the Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia.

Teaching and Learning Methods

☒ Lecture ☒ Work in groups ☒ Practical Work ☒ Seminar ☒ Learning through electronic resources

☐ Distance learning ☒ Other

Student Knowledge Assessment System

Mastering the educational component provided by the Master's Educational Program in Business Law requires the active participation of students in the teaching process and is based on the principle of continuous assessment of acquired knowledge.

During implementation of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law, the level of achievement of the student's learning outcome is assessed in accordance with the assessment system approved by Order No. 3 of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia of 5 January 2007 on the Rule for Calculating Credits for Higher Educational Programs.

Assessment of the level of achievement of the student's learning outcome in the educational component of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law includes assessment forms - interim assessment (single or multiple) and final assessment, the sum of which constitutes the final assessment (100 points).

Interim and final assessment (assessment forms) include an assessment component/components that determine the method(s) for assessing the student's knowledge and/or skills and/or competences (oral/written examination, oral/written quiz, homework, practical/theoretical work, etc.). An assessment component combines unified assessment methods (test, essay, demonstration, presentation, discussion, performance of a practical/theoretical assignment, work in a group, participation in discussion, solving a case, participation in a mock trial, legal conclusion, procedural documents, analysis of a court decision, etc.). The assessment method(s) are measured by assessment criteria, that is, by the unit of measurement of the assessment method, through which the level of achievement of learning outcomes is determined.

Each assessment form and component has a specific share in the final assessment out of the total assessment score (100 points), which is reflected in the relevant syllabus and communicated to the student at the beginning of the academic semester.

It is impermissible to award credit on the basis of only one assessment form (interim or final assessment). Credit is awarded to the student only if the student receives a positive assessment.

During implementation of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law, the share of the minimum competency threshold for the student's interim and final assessment is reflected in the relevant syllabus and communicated to the student at the beginning of the academic semester. The assessment system allows:

Five types of positive evaluations:

(A) Excellent	91-100 points
(B) Very good	81-90 points
(C) Good	71-80 points
(D) Satisfactory	61-70 points
(E) Sufficient	51-60 points

Two types of negative evaluations:

(FX) Fail – Retake	41-50 points, meaning the student needs more work to pass and is given the right to retake the exam once through independent preparation;
(F) Fail	0-40 points, meaning the student's work is insufficient and the course must be taken again.

Assessment Forms and Components

Assessment Forms and Components	Maximum Score
Interim Assessment:	70 points
1.1	
1.2	
1.3	
Final Assessment	30 points
Final Written/Oral Examination	30

Total	100 points
In the educational component of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law, if an FX grade is received, an additional examination shall be scheduled no earlier than 5 calendar days after the announcement of the results of the final examination. The score received by the student in the additional examination is not added to the number of points received in the final assessment. The score received in the additional examination is the final assessment and is reflected in the final assessment of the educational component of the Educational Program. If, taking into account the score received in the additional examination, the student receives 0-50 points in the final assessment of the educational component, the student is assigned an F grade - 0 points. The scientific research component (Master's thesis) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law must be assessed in the same or the following semester in which the student completes work on it. The scientific research component (Master's thesis) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law is assessed once (by final assessment). The assessment system for the scientific research component (Master's thesis) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law allows:	
Five types of positive evaluations:	
(A) Excellent	91-100 points
(B) Very good	81-90 points
(C) Good	71-80 points
(D) Satisfactory	61-70 points
(E) Sufficient	51-60 points
Two types of negative evaluations:	
(FX) Fail – Retake	41-50 points of the maximum assessment, meaning that the Master's student is entitled to submit a revised scientific-research component during the following semester;
(F) Fail	40 points or fewer of the maximum assessment, meaning that the Master's student loses the right to submit the same scientific-research component.

Employment Opportunities

A graduate of the Master's Program in Business Law (120 ECTS credits) is prepared to carry out high-level legal practice in the field of law and to continue scientific work. A graduate of the first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits) is able to work in any position where a Master of Laws degree is required and where passing a state certification examination and/or fulfilling additional prerequisites provided by Georgian legislation is not mandatory. A graduate of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits) may additionally be employed in researcher positions in law and related fields where practical research, analysis of scientific sources, academic writing, etc., are required.

Futher Study Opportunities

A graduate of the first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits) is entitled to continue studies in the second part of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University's Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits), without taking master's entrance examinations, provided that no more than 5

years have elapsed since admission to the first part. A graduate of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits) is entitled to continue studies in a doctoral program in business law or another relevant field at higher educational institutions in Georgia or in other countries, where the program is oriented towards preparing a next-level researcher.

Resources for Program Implementation

To achieve the learning outcomes provided by the Master's Program in Business Law, the University infrastructure and material-technical resources that are available to students without restriction are used, in particular:

- teaching auditoriums and conference halls equipped with appropriate inventory;
- a moot courtroom;
- a library equipped with computer equipment and information and communication technologies;
- computer laboratories, computer equipment connected to the Internet and the internal network, and software adequate for the learning/teaching process;
- various technical devices, etc.

The Educational Program is provided with relevant textbooks and methodological literature. The University library provides students with the relevant printed and electronic textbooks, teaching-methodological and scientific literature specified in the syllabi of study courses, as well as access to the database of the library's book collection and the electronic catalogue available on the University website.

The material resources owned and possessed by the University ensure the realisation of the objectives of the Master's Educational Program in Law and the achievement of the planned learning outcomes:

Buildings and facilities - the Master's Educational Program is implemented in buildings and facilities owned and possessed by the University, where sanitary-hygienic and safety standards are observed (the buildings are equipped with alarm systems and fire extinguishers, video surveillance is conducted around the perimeter, and order is maintained by a University security employee). The building fully complies with the technical requirements established for a higher education institution and includes auditoriums intended for lectures and practical classes, equipped with appropriate equipment and inventory (projector, chairs, desks, boards, etc.).

Library - the University library holds the relevant printed and electronic collection for the Master's Educational Program, which is accessible to students, invited staff and academic staff. The library has a reading room equipped with appropriate inventory (chairs, tables, computers). The library has a photocopier, which students may use with the assistance of a library employee. In the reading room, students have the opportunity to use the Internet and national and international electronic resources (Legislative Herald of Georgia, EBSCO, HeinOnline, Elsevier). The University library has an electronic catalogue.

Academic staff workspace - a working environment equipped with appropriate inventory and equipment (chairs, tables, cabinets, an Internet-connected computer, and a multifunction photocopying device) has been created for academic staff.

Information and communication technologies - to support the implementation and administration of the Master's Educational Program in Law, the University uses information and communication technologies. Software corresponding to the Master's Educational Program in Law is available; the existing computer equipment meets modern requirements, is connected to the Internet and is accessible to students, academic, invited and administrative staff. An electronic system for assessing student knowledge and organising teaching is used to ensure student access to grades, administrative monitoring of students' academic performance, and support for the educational process. Through the University website, which contains the catalogue of Educational Programs, information related to the implementation of Educational Programs and the conduct of the educational process, and other information, the University ensures the publicity and accessibility of information.

Program Structure

The Master's Educational Program in Business Law (120 ECTS) consists of two parts, each comprising 60 ECTS credits.

The first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (60 ECTS credits) includes an **educational component**, presented in the form of compulsory and elective study courses.

The second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (60 ECTS credits) includes **educational** and **scientific research components**. The educational component of the second part (60 ECTS credits) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law consists of compulsory and elective study courses. The **scientific research component** is presented in the form of completion and defence of a Master's thesis.

A student admitted to the Master's Educational Program in Business Law through mobility may be recognised, in place of elective study courses, for other study courses completed at another higher educational institution that correspond to the content and profile of the Program. This rule also applies to the recognition of credits earned within an international exchange program.

Components of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (120 ECTS)

Educational Component of the First Part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits)

Compulsory Study Courses - 45 ECTS credits

In the compulsory study courses of the first part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits), the student must accumulate 45 credits. The compulsory study courses are oriented towards the development of written and oral legal skills, the standard of professional ethics, and the study of techniques for applying the substantive and procedural mechanisms of business law, as well as towards developing the ability to clearly formulate the student's original opinion, present it in a reasoned manner (in writing or orally), obtain and analyse information, use information technologies professionally, and work with literature.

Elective Study Courses - 15 ECTS credits

The elective study courses of the Master's Program in Business Law allow the student, taking into account the student's own wishes and interests, to concentrate studies and acquire deep and systematic knowledge in the field of business law. The student must accumulate 15 ECTS credits in elective study courses.

Components of the Second Part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits)

Educational Component of the Second Part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits) - 30 ECTS credits

Compulsory Study Courses - 24 ECTS credits

In the compulsory study courses of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits), the student must accumulate 24 credits. The compulsory study courses are oriented towards developing written and oral research skills in legal science, the ability to search for and process primary and secondary sources, independent research, and scientific-analytical skills.

Elective Study Courses - 6 ECTS credits

In the elective study course component of the second part of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits), the student must accumulate 6 credits. The student accumulates 6 credits by completing one of the elective study courses of the first part (60 ECTS credits) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law.

Scientific Research Component of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (30 ECTS)

Completion and Defence of the Master's Thesis - 30 ECTS

The results of independent research carried out by the student are reflected in the Master's thesis completed by the student. The Master's thesis is a completed work that must demonstrate the student's ability to carry out research or other types of work. During the defence of the submitted thesis, the student must present the work completed and demonstrate the ability to participate in discussion.

Curriculum of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law (120 ECTS credits) (modules and courses with the relevant credits indicated)

№	Admission Prerequisite	Module/Course	ECTS Credits				Student Academic Workload	
			I Year		II Year		Cont act Hour s	Indepen dent Work Hours
			Semester					
			I	II	III	IV		
First Part of the Master's Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS)								
Educational Component								
Compulsory Study Courses								
1.	None	International Business Transactions	6/150				29	121
2.	None	Comparative Arbitration Law and Mediation	6/150				38	112
3.	None	Artificial Intelligence and Legal Technologies (Legal-Tech)	6/150				37	113
4.	None	Professional Ethics in Business Law		3/75			29	46
5.	None	Competition Law	6/150				38	112

6.	None	Business Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure		6/150			33	117
7.	None	Tax Law and Analysis of Court Practice		6/150			38	112
8.	None	Business and Labour Relations		6/150			39	111
Elective Study Courses in the Major Field of Study								
Module - Contemporary Private Law								
1.	None	Public-Private Partnership Law	3/75	3/75			18	57
2.	None	Evidence and Proof in Civil Proceedings	6/150	6/150			38	112
3.	None	European Union Private Law	6/150	6/150			38	112
4.	None	Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Law	6/150	6/150			26	124
5.	None	Consumer Protection Law	6/150	6/150			38	112
6.	None	International Investment Law	6/150	6/150			38	112
7.	None	Comparative Corporate Law	6/150	6/150			38	112
8.	None	Capital Companies: Legal Document Drafting and Court Practice	6/150	6/150			38	112
9.	None	Sports Law	6/150	6/150			30	120
10.	None	Medical Law	6/150	6/150			38	112
11.	None	Energy Law	6/150	6/150			40	110
12.	None	Privatisation Law	3/75	3/75			14	61
13.	None	Licences and Permits	3/75	3/75			16	59
14.	None	Unfair Commercial Practices and Consumer Protection	3/75	3/75			19	56
15.	None	Corporate Governance	6/150	6/150			31	119
Second Part of the Master's Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits)								
Educational Component								
Compulsory Study Courses								
1.	None	Academic Writing for Lawyers			12/300		45	255
2.	None	Qualitative Research Methods			6/150		42	108
3.	None	Business Statistics			6/150		28	122
Elective Study Courses								
Elective study courses of the first part (60 ECTS credits) of the Master's Educational Program in Business Law.								

Research Component								
1.	Academic Writing for Lawyers, Qualitative Research Methods, Business Statistics	Master's Thesis				30/750	9	741
Per Semester			30	30	30	30		
Per Year			60		60			
Total			120					

Map of Program Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Educational Program Objectives	Learning Outcomes					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
Acquire deep and systematic knowledge of current and problematic issues of contemporary business law, international business transactions, legal technologies, the tax and competition regimes applicable to business, and the regulation of labour relations in business;	X	X				
Develop the ability to analyse regulatory norms relevant to business activity and to formulate complex and original legal conclusions, communicate them to the professional community, and use procedural and alternative mechanisms for business dispute resolution effectively and ethically;		X	X	X		
Develop the ability to collect, analyse, and evaluate legal norms and principles necessary for conducting international and domestic business, including qualitative and statistical data relevant to business;					X	
Develop the ability to conduct scientific research with academic integrity and to contribute to the formation of legal and ethical values.					X	X

Map of Compulsory Study Courses and Program Learning Outcomes

№	Module/Course	Course Status		Program Learning Outcomes					
				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
First Part of the Master’s Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS)									
1.	International Business Transactions	D	P	+	+	+			
2.	Comparative Arbitration Law and Mediation	D	P	+	+	+			
3.	Artificial Intelligence and Legal Technologies (Legal-Tech)	D	P	+	+		+		
4.	Professional Ethics in Business Law	D				+	+		
5.	Competition Law	D	P	+	+	+			
6.	Business Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure	P	M	+		+	+		
7.	Tax Law and Analysis of Court Practice	D	P	+		+			
8.	Business and Labour Relations	P	M	+		+			
Second Part of the Master’s Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits)									
1.	Academic Writing for Lawyers	D	P					+	+
2.	Qualitative Research Methods	D	P					+	+
3.	Business Statistics	D	P					+	
4.	Master’s Thesis	M						+	+
I – Introductory Courses		D – Developing Courses		P – Practical Courses			M- Mastery Courses		

Map of Learning Outcomes - Competences of Compulsory and Elective Study Courses

№	Module/Course	Competences		
		Knowledge and Understanding	Skills	Responsibility and Autonomy
	First Part of the Master's Program in Business Law (LL.M./60 ECTS credits)			
	Compulsory Study Courses			
1.	International Business Transactions	X	X	
2.	Comparative Arbitration Law and Mediation	X	X	
3.	Artificial Intelligence and Legal Technologies (Legal-Tech)	X	X	
4.	Professional Ethics in Business Law	X	X	X
5.	Competition Law	X	X	
6.	Business Dispute Resolution and Civil Procedure	X	X	X
7.	Tax Law and Analysis of Court Practice	X	X	
8.	Business and Labour Relations	X	X	X
	Elective Study Courses			
1.	Public-Private Partnership Law	X	X	
2.	Evidence and Proof in Civil Proceedings	X	X	X
3.	European Union Private Law	X	X	
4.	Cryptocurrency and Blockchain Law	X	X	
5.	Consumer Protection Law	X	X	
6.	International Investment Law	X	X	
7.	Comparative Corporate Law	X	X	
8.	Capital Companies: Legal Document Drafting and Court Practice	X	X	
9.	Sports Law	X	X	

10.	Medical Law	X	X	
11.	Energy Law	X	X	
12.	Privatisation Law	X	X	
13.	Licences and Permits	X	X	
14.	Unfair Commercial Practices and Consumer Protection	X	X	
15.	Corporate Governance	X	X	
	Second Part of the Master's Program in Business Law (MRes/60 ECTS credits)			
	Educational Component			
1.	Academic Writing for Lawyers	X	X	X
2.	Qualitative Research Methods	X	X	X
3.	Business Statistics	X	X	X
	Research Component			
1	Master's Thesis	X	X	X