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, Business Administration and Legal Studies

LL.M. in Transnational and European Commercial Law, Mediation, Arbitration and Energy Law
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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 includes 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 provides 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 to network.

Scientific Director of the LL.M. programme: Prof. Dr. Aristides Iatrou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Law School

1. The Core Courses

- International Commercial Law I and II (the sources, the instruments, conflict of laws, important cross-border transactions, such as sales and securities law, tax and practice of mediation, arbitration 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 system, conduct of proceedings, UNCITRAL and other rules, special categories of international commercial arbitration, such as maritime arbitration, investment arbitration, construction and procurement 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 security of energy, energy cooperation, energy investments, the relationship between the ECT’s substantive 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:

- Legal Aspects of International Finance
- Economic Analysis of Law
- European and International Competition Law / Antitrust Law
- International Law and E-Business
- Banking Law
- Insurance Law
- International and EU Tax Law
- International Insolvency Law: Principles and Policy
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- Financial Crime
- Environmental Law
- EU Consumer Law
- European Environmental Law
- EU External Trade Law
- EU Competition Law
- EU Procurement
- EU Liberalisation
- EU State Aid
- EU Public Procurement
- EU State Aid
- EU External Trade
- EU Competition
- EU Procurement
- Technical Regulations
- Trade Remedies
- EU Law

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3. The Master’s Dissertation

By the end of the series of taught courses, 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 15,000-word final project. Students of proven academic record may complete the dissertation in 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.

4. The Timetable

Courses are taught over weekends (twice a month on average). The duration of the programme is 14 months (master's dissertation included).

5. Master’s Degree

In order to be awarded the LL.M. degree, students must complete a total of 90 credits. This involves taking:

- Eight core courses (48 credits)
- Four elective courses (12 credits)
- Master’s Dissertation (30 credits)

6. Admissions

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

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.

7. When to Apply

The IHU operates on a rolling admissions basis. The IHU encourages applicants to 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Career Office

The IHU’s Career Office is committed to providing professional guidance, resources and opportunities to students to 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 throughout their stay. IHU provides a comprehensive programme of services for students to improve their employability.

11. 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 alumni 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 general support during any crucial period in life. To stay in contact, visit the www.ihu.edu.gr