



**Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Faculty of Law**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**LL.M. in “European Business and Economic Law”
Academic Year 2024-2025**

The Faculty of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, intends to admit up to thirty five (35) students to its graduate programme titled “European Business and Economic Law”, and invites interested candidates, who have completed or are about to complete their undergraduate studies in Faculties of Law either in Greece or in other countries, to submit their applications, in the manner described below, by 31st August 2023.

Information on the programme (teaching staff, course descriptions, detailed regulations etc.) is available at: <http://europeanbusiness.law.auth.gr>

Brief description of the programme

This is a twelve-month programme, starting on 1st October 2024 and ending on 30th September 2025. In order to be awarded the LL.M. degree (75 ECTS overall), students are required to attend successfully eight (8) courses, i.e. one (1) compulsory course and three (3) elective courses in the winter semester, and similarly one (1) compulsory course and three (3) elective courses in the spring semester. They are also required to submit a post-graduate thesis of 15.000 to 18.000 words.

The overall structure of the programme is the following:

1st semester (Total ECTS points 30)

[One compulsory (C) course. Students choose three elective (E) courses. Some of the elective courses listed below might not be offered from time to time, but the compulsory and at least four elective courses will be offered in academic year 2024-2025.]

A/A	Course Title	Course type: compulsory (C) / elective (E)	Teaching hours	ECTS
1	Principles of EU Economic Law	C	26	7,5
2	EU Banking and Finance Law	E	26	7,5
3	Law and Economics	E	26	7,5
4	EU Intellectual Property Law	E	26	7,5
5	EU Data Protection and ICT Law	E	26	7,5
6	EU Trade and Investment Law and Policy	E	26	7,5
7	European Labour Law	E	26	7,5
2nd semester (Total ECTS 30) [One compulsory (C) course. Students choose three (3) elective (E) courses. Some of the elective courses listed below might not be offered from time to time, but the compulsory and at least four elective courses will be offered in academic year 2023- 2024.]				
A/A	Course Title	Course type: compulsory (C) / elective (E)	Teaching hours	ECTS
1	Competition and State Aid Law	C	26	7,5
2	Public Procurement Law	E	26	7,5
3	Digital Network Transactions and EU Law	E	26	7,5
4	EU Law and International Business Transactions	E	26	7,5
5	International and European Procedural Law	E	26	7,5
6	Energy Law and Sustainable Development	E	26	7,5
7	European Economic Criminal Law	E	26	7,5
Summer Season (Total ECTS 15)				

A/A	Course Title	Type of Work	Teaching hours	ECTS
1	Postgraduate Thesis	C		15

Upon approval of the Faculty, employed students may study part-time and complete the course in twenty four (24) months.

Tuition fees: 3.000 euros, payable in two instalments. Two scholarships amounting to 1.000 euros each may be awarded, as a reduction of the second instalment. Up to 30% of Greek students are exempt from tuition fees on the basis of income criteria determined by applicable law.

Applications

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted using the platform of the following site:

<: <http://europeanbusiness.law.auth.gr>>

Foreign candidates are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible. If they are eligible, the Steering Committee may admit them to the Programme at any time before the expiration of the deadline for applications.

Foreign candidates are defined as foreign citizens, coming from member states of the EU or third countries, who have graduated from high schools abroad; such foreign citizens are regarded as foreign candidates even if they have graduated from a Greek University.

Candidates may upload simple copies of documents issued by Greek public authorities. Copies of documents issued in Greece by parties other than public authorities must be certified by an attorney-at-law. Moreover, documents are accepted in Greek or English. Thus, in case they are available to the applicant in a third language, they must be translated by an authorized translator, and the applicant must upload both the document and its translation. The documents to be uploaded are:

a) Application to participate in the Program including the e-mail address through which the LL.M. Program Registrar will be able to communicate with the candidate.

b) A clear photocopy of the identity card or passport.

c) A copy of the undergraduate degree (Bachelor) awarded by Law Faculties of Greek universities or similar higher education institutions abroad.

d) A certificate of study (transcript) with the detailed grades of all undergraduate courses, including the exact grade of the degree (Bachelor) conferred.

e) A Curriculum Vitae detailing the candidate's studies, professional experience and scientific and social activity.

f) A Certificate of very good (C1/C2 level) knowledge of the English language, for non-native speakers of English, in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CERF), which is accepted by the Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection (ASEP) in Greece. Applicants who have completed a Bachelor's or Master's Program entirely taught in English, may submit the official transcript of their diploma as proof of knowledge of the English language.

In addition to the aforementioned documents, the applicant may submit the following supporting documents, if they are available:

a) A diploma or diplomas of postgraduate studies conferred by a Greek university or a similar institute abroad.

b) Ph.D. degree from a Greek university or a similar institution abroad.

c) Certificates for possible very good knowledge of French, German, Italian, Spanish or Russian. If the candidate is a non-Greek, he may submit certifications of competency in Greek as well (if available).

d) Documentary evidence of any research and writing activity, participation in student mobility training programs and professional experience of a legal or related nature.

Candidates who have not yet obtained their undergraduate degree, but expect to do so, may submit the documents listed above except for the undergraduate degree. If selected, their selection will be conditional upon their submitting, by 30th September

2023, the undergraduate degree, or at least a certificate from their Faculty that they have completed all requirements for obtaining the degree.

Admission

Up to twenty five (25) are reserved to eligible foreign applicants as a matter of priority. The remaining ten (10) places may be covered by foreign and Greek applicants. If more than twenty five (25) foreigners apply, they will undergo an evaluation following the selection procedure and criteria mentioned herein below.

Selection procedure and criteria

1. Candidates shall be evaluated in three stages.
2. In the first stage, the Program Registrar checks the completeness of the supporting documents and draws up a list of candidates who have submitted all the supporting documents within the allotted deadline. Any doubts or disputes shall be resolved by the Steering Committee of the Program (henceforth: SC).
3. In the second stage, the SC evaluates the candidates according to the following criteria and according to the points mentioned below per criterion, drafting a temporary evaluation report:
 - a) Grade average of the degree, adjusted to the ten-degree scale and subsequently multiplied by the coefficient of two and a half (2,5), with a maximum of twenty five (25) points.
 - b) Possession of another Master's degree: two (2) points.
 - c) Possession of a Doctoral degree: three (3) points.
 - d) Very good knowledge (C1 level or above) of a second language (French or German or Italian or Spanish or Russian): one (1) point.
 - e) Very good knowledge (C1 level or above) of any third language (French or German or Italian or Spanish or Russian): one (1) point.
 - f) Research or writing activity: up to three (3) points.
 - g) Participation in student mobility training programs: one (1) point for each such participation and up to two (2) points in total.

- h) Legal or relevant professional experience: up to three (3) points, attributing one (1) point for every two years.
4. The third stage involves candidates who have accumulated, according to the temporary evaluation report, at least seventeen (17) points ('eligible candidates'). This stage includes an oral interview, conducted in English. Applicants shall be invited to participate by any appropriate means, particularly via e-mail. The interview receives a maximum of twenty (20) points.
 5. The SC shall draft a final scorecard of the candidates in descending order of performance. In the event of a tie in the last place, a draw shall be made between the candidates before the SC. The scorecard is drafted without prejudice to the applications by foreign candidates that the SC may accept prior to the expiration of the deadline for applications.
 6. Successful candidates shall be informed by the Program Registrar by any appropriate means, in particular by e-mail, and shall be invited to reply in the same manner within three (3) days whether they accept their enrollment in the Program and its operating conditions or not. A non-timely response on behalf of a selected candidate is tantamount to a refusal. If there are refusals, the Program Registrar shall inform those immediately following in the evaluation order from the scorecard.

Contact information

Queries relating to this call for applications or the Program may be sent at: manios@law.auth.gr