

You can do more and be more at the Law School



The Law School provides ample opportunities for internships, scholarships and other activities. The Law School hosts the **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence** and the Dean of Law School holds the chair of **Jean Monnet professor of European Law**. The recently opened **Human Rights Centre** (see www.humanrights.ee) provides new opportunities for research and activities for students and faculty. Our university library includes the **European Documentation Centre**, where students can get up to date with the recent EU publications. We cooperate with several institutions of higher education abroad, including **Nottingham Trent University** in the United Kingdom and **Hanze University Groningen** in the Netherlands.

Participate at Moot Court Competitions

Students form one or more teams and register for participation in the international student competitions organized annually by the European Law Moot Court Society (**European Law Moot Court Competition**) and the International Committee of Red Cross Budapest Delegation (**International Humanitarian Law Moot Court Competition**) and others. Written pleadings are handed in for the competitions and the goal is to represent the university at the oral rounds held in other European countries.

Complete part of your studies abroad

Our university has a number of cooperation agreements both bilateral and within the ERASMUS student and faculty exchange programme. This means that our students can study one semester or academic year in any of our partner universities such as **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven** in Belgium, **Université du Sud Toulon-Var** in France, **Yeditepe University** in Turkey, **Intercollege** in Cyprus and many others.

Testimonial from a Law School alumnus

Dita Sole graduated IUA in summer 2004, completed her Master's degree at Harvard Law School and currently works at the Brussels office of international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. "It was a great experience to spend five years at [IUA] because I was able to meet and take classes taught by recognised legal scholars," Dita says. "I am also grateful that during my studies I not only gained deep theoretical skills but also learned their practical application in a friendly and international environment, which has been of great help in my life."

Contact us for more information

The Law School is open to questions about our programs

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International University Audentes is located at the Kristiine district in Tallinn, Estonia.



Welcome to the Law School



The Law School at International University Audentes is dedicated to providing the finest legal education in the region. The curricula are contemporary and international.

The emphasis of our programs is on the development of a systematic understanding of law and justice as well as the analytical and argumentative skills which are the hallmarks of successful and respected attorneys, judges, and executives. For the most part, our students are taught under a European curriculum by a predominantly European faculty in the best tradition of open-minded, international, liberal, democratic, inquisitive, and critical thinking.

From the very beginning of their studies, our young lawyers also take a broad range of subjects in comparative and European Union law. At the same time, students can select introductory courses on the laws and legal systems of important trading and political partners, such as the USA, Germany, United Kingdom, and Russia. As a matter of fact, the range of international, comparative, and European Union law subjects offered regularly at International University Audentes places our program amongst the most international law programs in the world.

The faculty of the school consists of professors from the United States, Western Europe and the rest of the world. The professors are highly qualified academics, and well-respected legal practitioners, including public officials, public prosecutors, trial lawyers and judges.

The Law School is a member of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA).

Why study law at IUA?

Law programs at International University Audentes enables our graduates to work at a wide variety of positions. Studying law at IUA not only gives a solid legal education to start working as a lawyer, but also helps to succeed in other areas as well. The school is international at the core, which allows to employ the skills obtained at the Law School anywhere in the world. Modern teaching methods and the utilisation of Estonian e-university to deliver high quality virtual courses makes studying at IUA flexible and convenient wherever you are.

The contacts made at our law school remain for life: not only among students, but also between students and faculty. Socialising in an international atmosphere at student-organised events gives a unique flavour to studies at IUA.



"I really appreciate IUA's family atmosphere. Everybody: professors, staff and students are open to discussions and exchanges of experience."

Dr Evhen Tsybulenko
*Professor and Chair of
International and Comparative
Law at IUA Law School*

Pick your program

The Law School offers three main programmes, which all include custom elective modules. Specialise in EU law, devote yourself to international law or discover several legal systems by comparative method.

Bachelor

The 3-year Bachelor program (180 ECTS credit points) gives to the students a possibility to employ modern techniques of legal interpretation and implementation, and understand the interrelations between different legal systems. The program is offered **entirely in English** and the lectures take place during the week (from Monday to Thursday). We also have a full program in Estonian and some courses are offered in Finnish and Russian. After successful completion of the studies, students receive a degree of Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, which allows them access to studies in the Master level. The program is **fully accredited** by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research (renewal of accreditation takes place 23 May 2012).

Master (2 years) Executive Style

The 2-year Master program (120 ECTS credit points) is designed for students who have already completed a three-year Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences or a comparable degree. The program is offered **entirely in English** and the lectures take place during **two intensive study weeks and virtual courses** during each of the first three semesters, whereas the final semester is reserved for writing the Master's Thesis. We also have a full Master program in Estonian, which is delivered during weekends. After successful completion of the program, students receive a degree of Master of Arts in Law, which allows them access to positions within the legal profession as well as Doctoral studies. The program is **fully accredited** by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research (renewal of accreditation takes place 23 May 2012).

Master (1 year) Executive Style

The 1-year Master program (60 ECTS credit points) is designed for students who have already completed a four-year Bachelor of Arts in Law or a comparable degree, or who wish to receive a second Master level degree. The program is offered **entirely in English** and the lectures take place during **two intensive study weeks and virtual courses**. After successful completion of the program, students receive a degree of Master of Arts in Law, which allows them access to positions within the legal profession as well as Doctoral studies. The program is conditionally accredited by the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research (renewal of accreditation takes place 23 May 2008).

	CP (ECTS)	Years	Language	Mode	Accreditation	Degree obtained
Bachelor	180	3	English	daytime	23 May 2012	Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences
			Estonian	daytime, weekend		
Master (2 years)	120	2	English	executive style	23 May 2012	Master of Arts in Law
			Estonian	weekend		
Master (1 year)	60	1	English	executive style	23 May 2008	Master of Arts in Law
			Estonian	weekend		

Some examples of the courses offered at the Law School

European Institutional Law introduces the students to the institutional law and basic constitutional framework of the EU. Topics discussed include composition and work of the main EU institutions with specific intra- and inter-institutional dynamics, general principles of EU law, sources of law, nature and legal effect of the *aquis communautaire*, as well as area of legal remedies.

EU Internal Market Law analyses in detail the gradual development of the free movement of goods, the freedom to provide services, the free movement of employed persons, of self-employed persons and of companies, as well as the free movement of capital. The scope of these economic freedoms today and the remaining possibilities for the Member States to restrict their use are examined in light of the extensive case law of the European Court of Justice.

EU Competition Law gives a good understanding of EU competition law including agreements between undertakings and concerted practices, abuse of dominant position, mergers, intellectual property issues, state aid, public undertakings and undertakings given special rights as well as procedural competition law.

International and European Protection of Human Rights introduces and analyses the historical development, structure, main sources, principles and norms of International Human Rights Law. Essential part of the course is dedicated on European Human Rights protective mechanisms.

Legal Ethics examines the basis for ethical conduct of lawyers the foundations of which are reflected in moral systems and values within the society, and to specifically give a grounding to the student in the black letter rules for conduct adopted by various bar associations. The CCBE, Estonian and ABA Codes of conduct will be examined and case materials will be briefed.

Legal Writing improves legal and scholarly skills, gives an overview of different types of legal documents that a lawyer has to write or read. Memoranda, case briefs, letter, minutes of meetings and different court documents are among some of the types of documents that a lawyer has to prepare daily. Also drafting legal documents such as contracts or legal text such as laws, treaties will be covered in detail. Emphasis is put on universally used document types as well as applications to international courts.

Contract Law examines the fundamental principles of formation and enforcement of contracts in both civil law and common law context and hence is comparative in approach. The course employs the European Lando Contract Principles as the primary structural format for analysis of the cases presented.

Principles of Constitutional Law analyses basic concepts of constitutional law such as constitutionalism, rule of law, separation of powers, judicial review and protection of fundamental rights. It begins by discussing the nature and variety of constitutions. By using the comparative method with reference to primarily four major constitutional systems – UK, USA, Germany and France, the course continues inter alia with particular problems of constitutional law such as parliamentary vs. presidential government, characteristics of unitary and federal states, unicameral vs. bicameral systems, different forms of judicial review.

Criminal Law familiarises students with basic concepts of criminal law common to all legal systems. It deals with the notions of crimes, intent, attempt, complicity, justifications, and sanctions, as well as with the definition of the most important and most common types of crimes.

Public International Law introduces and analyses the historical development, structure, main sources, principles and norms as well as branches of public international law.

Private International Law introduces the students to the issues that arise in the context of private law cases involving foreign elements, i.e. elements having a contact with some other system of law other than the given national law.

WTO and the Law of World Trade introduces the underlying economic theories for understanding why countries trade with each other and how the law of international trade developed. The history of the GATT and WTO will be examined. Subsequently we will examine the structure, purpose and functions of the WTO.

International Commercial Law covers all aspects of the formation of international commercial agreements, their performance or non-performance, rescission for mistake and other reasons, and damages. Rules considered include the UN Convention on the International Sale of Goods (CISG), the UNIDROIT-Principles and the European or Lando-Principles, incoterms, various conventions on the international carriage of goods, ICC rules on letters of credit, and the Uncitral Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration.

International Environmental Law provides a thorough overview of the legal rights and obligations of States with regard to environmental protection. Environmental problems affect the entire world, so they are best addressed on an international level. Students will gain an appreciation of the international obligations on States to protect their environment and the application and enforcement of these duties in context. The course also aims to give students a knowledge of some of the substantive areas

of international environmental law, in particular the law of pollution, the protection and management of wildlife, and a case study of the protection of the Baltic area.

International Humanitarian and Refugee Law introduces and analyses the historical development, structure, main sources, principles and norms of international humanitarian law and refugee law.

Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution introduces and analyses alternative conflict settlement schemes and arbitration. The following topics will be covered: Introduction: definition, historical development, structure of ADR.

Law and Technology is an introductory course to understand the interface between law and technology as the relationship impacts on many aspects of law and society. It includes notions of technology and its relevancy, Computer law – crimes, general overview of Intellectual Property Rights, Nuclear technology with focus on freedom of information and secrecy, IAEA, EUROTAM and in Biotechnology- genetic engineering ethical issues: agriculture and human biotech. All these will be discussed in the light of national and international orders with case laws.

Media and Law deals with issues of media and communications in the wide sense, including broadcasting, telecommunications, post, print media and other forms of modern communications. The focus is the international, especially European, regulation of communications including such issues as convergence of technologies of communications, frequency spectrum use, broadcasting rules, self-regulation versus legal regulation, protection of journalists and other related matters.

Data Protection and Privacy Law introduces students to legal aspects of data handling and protection, with specific focus on privacy issues. The course covers all the main international legal instruments, which concern data protection and privacy issues, including EU regulations and directives. The implementation of these international rules in the national context is also covered. In class, the focus is on a critical analysis of the legal rules.

International Sales of Goods deals with the formation of international agreements, their performance, rescission, measure of damages, UN Convention on International Sale of Goods, European Lando principles, incoterms, carriage of goods by sea, land and air, the sources of international law, the relationship between international court and municipal courts. The course examines financing, banking and dispute settlement. The emphasis is on analysis of cases, which will be accomplished with the presentation of written briefs followed by discussion.