



FACULTY OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE





The Faculty of Law – Tradition of Leadership in Legal Education

The Faculty of Law, established in 1808 as part of the University of Belgrade, is one of the largest law faculties in the region, with a long tradition of being in the forefront of the country's legal education. Since its founding, it has educated almost 50,000 law graduates and more than 5,000 *magistri iuris*, masters of laws and *doctores iuris*, as well as hundreds of specialists in various areas. A great many Faculty of Law alumni have become recognized experts and scholars in all branches of law, law professors and high-ranking government officials.

The University of Belgrade is one of the oldest university centers in the region. It was established in the first half of the 19th century and has a long tradition of the leading educational institution. Presently, the University of Belgrade comprises 31 faculties, 11 research institutes and a University library. It has approximately 2,500 professors and about 78,000 students.

Academic Studies

In order to meet the challenges of educating a large number of students and maintaining high academic standards at the same time, a great variety of teaching methods is used, ranging from lectures, seminars, study and expert groups (for advanced students), mentor work to various other modern methods of teaching.

The Faculty has been dedicated for a long time to developing and strengthening the practical methods of lecturing in order to equip its students with the necessary practical knowledge and skills required to

enter and quickly advance in their careers in the ever more competitive and transforming labor market.

Undergraduate Academic Studies

Duration of undergraduate studies of law at the Faculty is four years. In order to receive an LL.B. degree, students are required to take 29 mandatory courses (out of which five depend on the student's choice of the specific stream of studies), 2 elective courses, 2 legal skills of their choice (out of 5 that are offered) and to complete an internship in judiciary or in the corporate sector.

"During the four years of my studies at the Faculty of Law, International Law Stream, I realized that the Faculty not only offers various opportunities in terms of competitions, simulation model programs and exchange programs abroad, but also that the number of these increases each year! My most valuable learning experience was definitely being a part of the Faculty's team at the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the oldest and most prestigious international law competition in the world, which takes place annually in Washington D.C. This unique opportunity prompted me to continue my master studies at the renowned Leiden Law School (Netherlands), for which I received "Dositeja" Scholarship awarded by the Fund for Young Talents of the Republic of Serbia. After returning to Serbia, I entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, graduated from the Diplomatic Academy and started pursuing my career in diplomacy. Today, more than six years after I obtained my diploma, I am certain it is safe to say that studying at the Faculty of Law and taking the valuable opportunity to participate in numerous extracurricular activities was the cornerstone of my former and future endeavors and successes."

(Branislav Radović, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the RS, Department for United Nations, graduated 2013)



- Streams of bachelor studies

Students have an option to choose between four different streams of bachelor studies according to their preferences and interests:

1. **Judicial-Administrative Stream** – designed for students interested in developing their careers in judiciary, or administrative bodies.
2. **Business Law Stream** – combines the best of law and economics, designed for students who are interested in law in a business context.
3. **International Law Stream** – for those interested in diplomacy, public relations, human rights, international criminal law and the work of international organizations.
4. **Legal Theory Stream** – designed for students whose interests are not confined to the legal field, but spread to other humanities subjects, such as philosophy, politics, sociology and religion.

- Legal skills

Students are required to master two different legal skills of their choice out of the following five: Legal Clinic, Legal Writing, Case Study and Moot Court, Legal Informatics and Legal Interpretation Skills.

- Internship

Students have a vast variety of options to choose from when deciding on where to conduct their internship, thanks to the cooperation of the Faculty with numerous public bodies and organizations, such as: the National Bank of Serbia, various ministries in the Government of the Republic of Serbia, the Republic Agency for Peaceful Settlement of Labor Disputes, the Office of the National Security Council, the Intellectual Property Office, Agency for Restitution, the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, various national courts, as well as numerous renowned law offices, corporations and NGOs.

Master Studies of Law

Master studies of law at the Faculty last for one year. During that period students are required to take 1 mandatory and 2 elective courses in one of the many areas of specialization offered in the curriculum (9 modules with numerous sub-modules), and to complete a master thesis, in order to receive an LL.M. degree (all together amounting to 60 ECTS). The language of instruction is Serbian, with an exception for certain courses which are taught in English.

Master in European Integration

This study program is the result of joint work of the Serbian and foreign universities within the TEM-PUS project and as such its design is based on similar programs at leading European universities e.g. King's College London (United Kingdom), Université Catholique de Louvain

(Belgium) and College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). The master in European Integration enables students to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge, as well as professional competences in all relevant areas of European law, political and economic system of the European Union and European integration. Students are required to take 4 mandatory courses, as well as 3 out of 17 offered optional courses, and to complete a master thesis (all together amounting to 60 ECTS). This master program is taught in English only.

Master in Public Procurement Management

This multidisciplinary study program is developed in cooperation between the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade and University of Rome Tor Vergata, Department of Economics and Finance and is modeled upon the International Master Program held in Rome. The focus is on stu-

"The competence of the professors, the diversity of courses taught, as well as the level of academic coaching at this master's program provides an excellent opportunity for all students to increase their knowledge in European political and legal issues, which is becoming increasingly important in today's world. This program fully met my expectations and it was a pleasure attending it."

Alexandre Maïdanatz, student from France

"This is much more than just a master's program that has a purely academic approach. Thanks to its international character, MPPM opens a window into the world of public procurement. You become familiar with the experience and practice in other countries in a very practical and innovative way through daily collaboration with your colleagues and you can apply the acquired knowledge immediately through practical work. Connections that are built and strengthened in this way are invaluable. You realize quickly that you have become a part of the MPPM family, connected not only by understanding and applying public procurement, but by creative and innovative ideas that can only be put into practice through a joint effort."

Andrea Ćirjanić, MPPM student

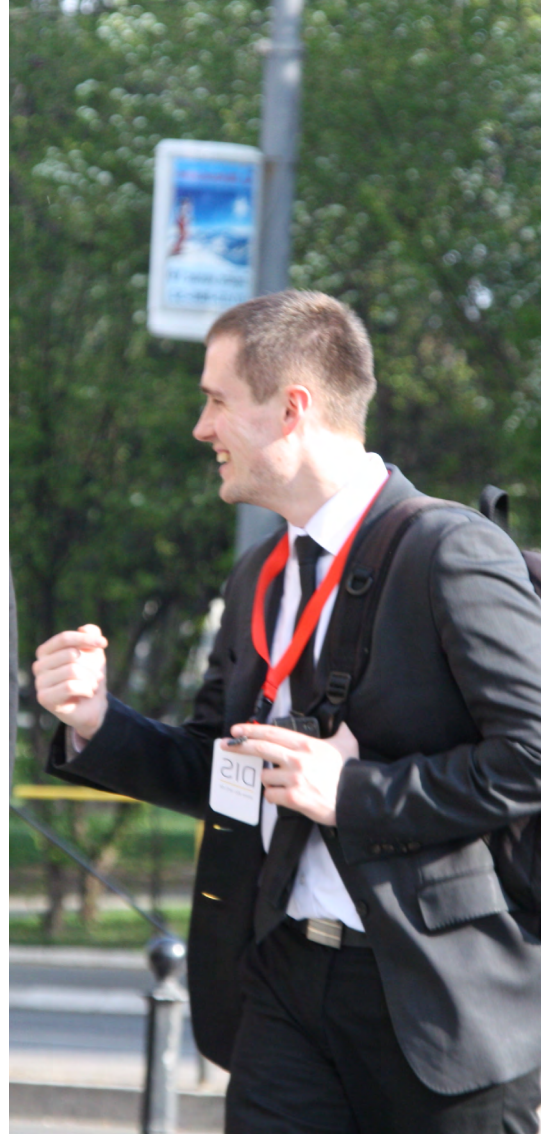


dents from Western Balkan countries and is realized with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The program enables students to master the scientific and technical methodology, which is necessary for the acquisition and application of knowledge, scientific and technical achievements in the field of public procurement.

Students are required to take 6 mandatory courses, as well as 6 optional courses out of 10 which are offered, to complete a traineeship and to submit a thesis dealing with a case study concerning procurement issues related to their own organizations, to a specific country or to a public procurement challenge (all together amounting to 60 ECTS). This master program is taught in English only.

Doctoral Academic Studies

Doctoral studies at the Faculty last three years. During this period, the students are required to take one mandatory course and five elective courses depending on the area of specialization, to write a seminar paper and publish an article, as well as to prepare a project of doctoral dissertation before completing the final doctoral thesis, upon which they will receive an academic title of Doctor of Legal Sciences. During their PhD studies, students gain comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the scientific area to which their doctoral thesis relates, as well as the skills, and competences which enable them to independently solve both practical and theoretical problems related to the legal field.





The Faculty also organizes an array of specialist courses in a number of fields. The number of courses is growing every year. In addition, the Faculty organizes training courses, a course in legal writing, internships, the legal clinic, trial simulations, moot courts, etc. so that students can gain some practical skills essential to the practice of law.

The Faculty has put in an extra effort to facilitate the learning process of students with special needs, including special programs for electronic access to textbooks and other facilities.

Faculty Building – The Cultural Monument in the Heart of the City

The Faculty is situated in the heart of the old part of Belgrade, close to the large city park Tašmajdan. The Faculty's historic building, built prior to WWII, has undergone numerous upgrades and nowadays it occupies more than 12,000 m² of space. The building houses ten lecture halls and large amphitheaters (the largest of which – the famous Amphitheater V – may accommodate 1,000 people), more than ten classrooms and seminar rooms, a boardroom, and a modern conference hall. The building also accommodates the extensive library with four reading rooms, per-

manent exhibition space, a computing center, students' computer lab, a bookstore, a photocopying center, a students' club, a legal clinic, a moot courtroom and a fitness center.





The Library collection comprises 154,207 monographs, 2,889 titles with 34,609 years of serial publications, reference collection with over 500 encyclopedias, lexicons, dictionaries and other reference books, and a priceless collection of 91 rarities (featuring several XVII and XVIII century editions of Justinian's Codification, a singular edition of Corpus Iuris Canonici, etc.).

The Finest Academic Law Library in the Region

Located inside the Faculty's building, the extensive library occupies an area of around 2,000 m², in addition to 600 m² of reading rooms, one of which is reserved for researchers only. The outstanding collection of publications from all bodies of law, as well as from other social sciences, both in Serbian and numerous foreign languages, is comprehensively catalogued by author and subject, both in hard-copy and in electronic format.

In addition to electronic searches of the Library's resources, the academic network users have electronic access to the largest libraries in Serbia and, through the University Library and

the National Library, to the major international services with numerous international books and magazines in full text. The Faculty also provides access to various electronic legal research databases such as Paragraf Net, KoBSON, Kluwer, Oxford University Press and many others.







Academic and Scientific Cooperation

The Faculty has established world-wide academic and professional relations and cooperation with numerous law schools in Europe, the USA and Asia. In addition, it has developed prolific relations with various international centers, foundations and organizations that promote the improvement of legal studies, such as the German Organization for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the German Foundation for the International Legal Cooperation (IRZ), the National Centre for State Courts, USAID, as well the Europa-Institut of Saarland University, Saarbrücken (Germany), with whom the Faculty takes part in The Network of

the SEE | EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law. The Faculty has close contacts with other law faculties in Serbia and professional cooperation with the judiciary, ministries and state agencies of the Republic of Serbia.

Every year the Faculty hosts dozens of foreign guests, amongst whom are the most distinguished international academics and experts, who deliver numerous lectures and courses to the students of the Faculty.

Student Life at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade

Student life at the Faculty is enriched by a diverse array of student activities. There are many students' organizations, of which the Belgrade branch of ELSA (The European Law Students' Association), is one of the most active ones, organizing student exchange programs throughout Europe. Students elect their representatives to coordinate various student activities, represent their interests in the Faculty bodies, participate in the evaluation of studies and the faculty, and secure the involvement and participation of students in all matters and issues of interest to them. While some activities relate to students' academic interests and competitions,

others are related to sports, entertainment or informative, literary and social activities.

- **Moot Court**

Especially challenging and even more rewarding for students is the participation in moot court competitions organized on a national, regional or international level in various expert fields. Exceptional record of victories and various awards earned by the Faculty team members prove not only the quality of our students but also the dedication of the Faculty to generously supporting their endeavors. One of the Faculty's lecture halls has been specially de-





Members of the Faculty's Debate Club won the 1st place at the oldest and most prestigious debate competition in the world - Oxford Intervarsity 2019. It was the first time that a team from a non-English speaking country won this outstanding prize.



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signed and equipped as a courtroom for students preparing for these competitions. The following competitions, in which previous generations of the Faculty's students have excelled, are just some of the options students have before them:

Willem C. Vis International
Commercial Arbitration Moot
Foreign Direct Investment Moot
International Commercial
Mediation Moot
Monroe E. Price International
Media Law Moot Court
Competition
European Tax College Moot
Court Competition
Jessup Moot Court
European Law Moot Court
Competition
Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot
Court Competition
Air Law Moot Court Competition
Frankfurt Investment Arbitration
Moot Court
Big Deal Company Law Moot
Condemn Discrimination
Competition

• Debate Club

The Faculty's Debate Club promotes the freedom of speech, develops the culture of dialogue and provides students with the skills necessary to present their ideas in a concise, persuasive and logical manner.

• Competition in Oratory

The Oratory Centre, Instituto oratoria, gathers students interested in developing public speaking skills and prepares them for competitions. The traditional annual student oratory competition has become a prestigious event that attracts interest of the entire academic community and the general public.

• Sports competitions

Our students take part in various competitions through their sports club *Victoria* and have so far been exceptionally successful, both regionally and internationally.

- **Forum Romanum**

The Club for Roman Law and Classics Enthusiasts was established five decades ago and organizes discussion forums and social activities on a weekly basis. Over the years, dozens of internationally renowned professors have participated in its activities.

- **Fitness Centre**

Our motto is: *Mens sana in corpore sano*. Therefore, at the Faculty, students have at their disposal a modern fitness center covering an area of app. 200 m², fully equipped with high-quality equipment and knowledgeable coaches. Here, students can relieve themselves from the stress and improve their health.

- **Students' club**

Last but not least, within the Faculty's building, there is the spacious students' club, where students can relax, spend time together and have fun.



Studying at the Faculty of Law University of Belgrade has definitely had one of the most important impacts on my professional life. It provided me with numerous opportunities, such as participating at international competitions as well as studying abroad. I spent six months in Rome, Italy, as part of the Erasmus+ exchange program for master's studies with the Roma Tre University. I had the chance to study law abroad, to meet, work and study with students from all over Europe, to improve my knowledge of Italian language and to enjoy the beautiful Italy. As I was working on my master's thesis at that moment, I used the precious opportunity to use the library of the Supreme court of Italy where I had the chance to research the most important literature in the field and to exchange views on the topic with Italian lawyers, professors and students. The whole experience was definitely one of the best experiences of my professional life for which I can thank the Faculty of Law.

Iva Ivanov, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia, graduated 2015

Student Mobility and International Cooperation

Faculty is dedicated to eliminating barriers in the flow of education by supporting student mobility. Student mobility involves attending a part of study program at a foreign university. Mobility can be organized during both undergraduate and postgraduate studies. The Faculty of Law is a member of several international networks and organizations, such as the Rotterdam Law Network (RLN), the South East European Law School (SEELS), the European Law Institute (ELI), the Center for International Legal Studies (CILS). The University of Belgrade is a full member of the ERASMUS+ program, which so far has enabled fruitful cooperation of the Faculty of

Law with many universities from the European Union countries – some of the traditional partners are faculties of law from Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Croatia, Slovenia, Sweden and Spain. Apart from that, cooperation is established with numerous universities from China, Russia, India, Belorussia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.





Belgrade – Vibrant Capital Rich in Diverse Influences

The city of Belgrade – the home of the Faculty of Law – offers an interesting and stimulating environment in which to live and study. Located at the crossroads of Eastern and Western Europe, historically at the border of Christianity in the north and Islam in the south, today's Belgrade has been shaped by centuries of diverse influences. With 1.5 million inhabitants, located at the confluence of the rivers Danube and Sava, it is the host city for numerous annual renowned international cultural events – music, film, theatre and dance festivals. Those interested in art can find plenty of museums and art galleries in Belgrade. Famous for

its hospitality, friendliness, delicious cuisine, café culture and vibrant nightlife, Belgrade is a great meeting place for young people from all over the world.





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