



## Study Guide for new MICL students

International Master's Degree Programme in International  
Business Law and Public International Law

---

Faculty of Law  
University of Helsinki  
2011

Dean's Welcome	
1. FACULTY OF LAW	5
1.1. Presentation of the Faculty	5
1.2. Degree programmes offered at the Faculty of Law	5
1.2.1. Master of International and Comparative Law (MICL)	6
1.2.2. Bachelor of Laws Degree ( <i>oikeusnotaari</i> )	6
1.2.3. Master of Laws Degree ( <i>oikeustieteen maister</i> )	6
1.2.4. Licentiate of Laws Degree ( <i>oikeustieteen lisensiaatti</i> )	6
1.2.5. Doctor of Laws Degree ( <i>oikeustieteen tohtori</i> )	6
1.3. Research Units at the Faculty	7
1.3.1. The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights	7
1.3.2. The Institute of International Economic Law	7
1.3.3. Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research	7
1.3.4. Centre of Excellence in the Foundations of European Law and Polity Research	7
1.4. The Academic Affairs Office and the Faculty Office	8
1.5. Academic Calendar and Public Holidays	8
1.6. Regulations on Studies and Protection of Students' Rights	9
1.7. Student Representative in the International Affairs Committee	9
2. INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW AND PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW	10
2.1. The Degree	10
2.2. Structure of Studies	11
2.3. The Beginning of the Studies	12
2.3.1. Registration and Enrollment	12
2.3.2. Membership of the Student Union and the Student Card Lyyra	13
2.3.3. Postponing the Commencement of Studies	13
2.3.4. Letter of Admission	13
2.3.5. Certificate of Attendance	13
2.3.6. Orientation Course	13
Schedule of the Orientation Course	14
2.3.6. International Fair	14
2.3.7. Tutoring	14
2.4. Personal study plan, "HOPS"	14
2.5. Checkpoint System to Monitor Study Programme, "ETAPPI"	15
2.6. Credits and Grading	15
2.6.1. ECTS	15
2.6.2. Grading	16
2.7. Examinations	16
2.7.1. Examination System of Courses	16
2.7.2. General Faculty Examination System (Set Literature Examinations)	16
2.7.3. Research Seminar Exam and the General Faculty Examination Dates 2011–2012	16
2.7.4. General Regulations Concerning Exams	17
2.7.5. Publishing Grades and Revision of Grading	17
2.8. Rules Concerning Plagiarism and Cheating in Examinations	18

2.8.1. Plagiarism.....	18
2.8.2. Disturbance and Cheating in Examinations.....	19
2.9. Recognition of Prior Learning.....	20
2.10. Thesis and Maturity Test .....	20
2.10.1. Thesis.....	20
2.10.2. Maturity Test .....	21
2.11. Graduation .....	21
3. COURSES IN ENGLISH AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN 2011–2012 AND OTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES .....	23
3.1. Course Attendance and Registration .....	23
3.2. Courses in English at the Faculty of Law .....	24
3.2.1. International Business Law.....	24
3.2.2. Public International Law .....	25
3.2.3. EU Law.....	26
3.2.4. Criminal Law.....	27
3.2.5. Other Law Courses.....	27
3.3. Other Study Opportunities .....	28
3.3.1. Moot Court Competitions.....	28
3.3.2. Student Exchange.....	29
3.3.3. Helsinki Summer School (HSS).....	29
3.3.4. Summer Seminar in International Law in August.....	29
3.3.5. Language Learning Opportunities.....	30
4. COURSE RESULTS AND TRANSCRIPTS.....	31
4.1. Results .....	31
4.2. Transcripts for Checking One's Credits and Grades .....	31
4.3. Official Transcripts .....	31
5. SERVICES FOR STUDENTS .....	32
5.1. Library Services.....	32
5.1.1. City Center Campus Library/Law Collection.....	32
European Documentation Centre.....	32
Using the Library.....	32
5.1.2. Library Facilities at the University in General.....	33
5.2. Computer Services and Email Addresses.....	33
5.3. Career Services at the University .....	34
5.4. Information Services at the Faculty .....	34
5.5. Counselling on Learning Skills .....	34
6. PRACTICAL INFORMATION .....	35
6.1. Financing Studies .....	35
6.2. Housing in Helsinki.....	35
6.3. Information about Immigration.....	35
6.4. Information about Health Care and Insurance .....	35
6.5. Study Related Special Arrangements.....	36
6.6. Fellow Students and Networking .....	36
7. TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF AT THE FACULTY.....	38

Welcome to the Faculty of Law!

Dear new international student of our Faculty,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you here in Helsinki. I am more than happy about the fact that you have opted for our faculty when deciding where to study. The world is full of nice places and famous universities.

We very much hope that we can live up to your expectations. I think we have a good chance of serving you well. We have offered a one-year LL.M. diploma programme since 1991 and as you know, we have now replaced it with a new two-year LL.M. degree programme. We are very aware about the fact that it takes some time to develop a high-quality degree programme, and we hope very much indeed that you would share your experiences with us for a further improvement of the programme.

I very much hope that you will enjoy your stay in Helsinki. Please be active and get networked. Be sure that from now on you will be regarded as full members of our faculty.

Best regards  
Kimmo Nuotio  
Dean

# 1. FACULTY OF LAW

## 1.1. Presentation of the Faculty

There are three Faculties of Law in Finland: at the University of Helsinki, University of Turku and University of Lapland. The Faculty of Law in Helsinki employs 36 professors and 60 other research and teaching staff. Since the faculty has national responsibility for legal education in Swedish, three professorships and a few other positions are reserved for Swedish-speaking personnel. The Institute of International Economic Law supervises ca 20 researchers and the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights ca 25 researchers. The faculty hosts also two centers of excellence: (CoE) Global Governance Research and (CoE) Foundations of European Law and Polity Research as well as several Graduate Schools like Law in a Changing World (LCW), Foundations of European Law and Innovation Incentives and the Regulatory Infrastructure (INNOCENT).

There are about 2,400 law students (incl. ca 400 doctoral students) at the University of Helsinki. Because law is one of the most popular fields of academic study in Finland, the annual intake for the Finnish degrees is limited to approximately 16-18 per cent of the applicants. On average, 240 law students graduate each year with the Finnish Master of Laws degree.

In addition to Finnish law students, the faculty hosts nearly 200 international students every year (incl. exchange students, international master's students and doctoral students).

Since 1991 the faculty has maintained a bilingual program of law studies in Vaasa in cooperation with the University of Vaasa and the Swedish School of Eco-

nomics and Business Administration (Svenska Handelshögskolan). The instruction in Vaasa, which is located in a bilingual region on the western coast, is given both in Swedish and Finnish.

The faculty is located in the Porthania building at the city center of Helsinki (Yliopistonkatu 3). 25 disciplines and research institutes are located in Porthania as follows:

6th floor: fiscal law, public international law, administrative law and constitutional law, Erik Castrén Institute

5th floor: legal theory, legal history, law and economics, sociology of law, legal informatics, private international law and comparative law, European law, criminal law, procedural law, medical and bio law, feminist jurisprudence, (CoE) Global Governance Research

4th floor: property law, commercial law, family and inheritance law, law of obligations, labour law, and land, water and environmental law.

3rd floor: CoE in the Foundations of European Law and Polity Research, Institute of International Economic Law

## 1.2. Degree programmes offered at the Faculty of Law

In consequence of the so-called Bologna process, the University of Helsinki has adopted a two-cycle model for degrees starting on August 1st 2005. Bachelor's degree is a three-year degree and Master's degree a two-year degree. In the new degree system, the University of Helsinki offers five law degrees: *Master of International and Comparative Law* (in Finnish *kansainvälisen ja vertailevan oikeustieteen maisteri*), the undergraduate Finnish Bachelor of Laws degree (*oikeusnotaari*) and the graduate Finnish *Master of Laws* degree (*oikeustieteen maisteri*) which is required of those who wish to enter any legal professions in Finland. The faculty offers also two post-

graduate degrees, professionally oriented Licentiate of Laws, LL.Lic., (*oikeustieteen lisensiaatti*) and Doctor of Laws, LL.D. (*oikeustieteen tohtori*).

### **1.2.1. Master of International and Comparative Law (MICL)**

The Master's Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law is a research-oriented international master's programme, aiming to prepare a select group of participants for a high-level legal career. It aims to develop the students' analytical skills and powers of synthesis in addition to increasing their knowledge and understanding of their chosen disciplines, and does so by offering a wide variety of courses and seminars, in addition to a serious thesis requirement in order to complete the programme. Students select either International Business Law or Public International Law for their specialization. For detailed information see 2. *International Master's Degree Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law*.

### **1.2.2. Bachelor of Laws Degree (*oikeusnotaari*)**

Bachelor of Laws is the first law degree and comprises 180 ECTS credits (equivalent to three years of full-time studies). The Bachelor's degree does not qualify its holder for legal professions (e.g. advocate, judge) in Finland. Therefore most law students will complete the Master of Laws degree as well. All students admitted to the Faculty of Law after the entrance examination for the first law degree have the right to complete both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Admission to Bachelor's degree is based on a compulsory entrance examination, which is held in Finnish and Swedish only. The annual intake of stu-

dents is based on the entrance exam is about 240.

### **1.2.3. Master of Laws Degree (*oikeustieteen maisteri*)**

The Finnish Master of Laws degree entitles its holder to enter legal professions. The degree comprises of 120 ECTS credits and can be completed in two years after the student has taken the Bachelor of Laws degree. The programme is taught mainly in Finnish and in Swedish like bachelor's degree.

### **1.2.4. Licentiate of Laws Degree (*oikeustieteen lisensiaatti*)**

The Licentiate of Laws degree (LL.Lic.) is developed towards a professionally orientated Licentiate degree model. Applying for that study right has separate application procedure and criteria. After 1.8.2007 it is no longer possible to apply or enrol for Licentiate of Laws degree as an independent scientific postgraduate degree.

### **1.2.5. Doctor of Laws Degree (*oikeustieteen tohtori*)**

In Finland, the Doctor of laws degree is a basic requirement for any professorial position. Candidates for the Doctor of Laws degree programme must apply to the faculty. Successful applicants must either hold a LL.Lic. degree or one of the degrees mentioned as prerequisites for the Licentiate in Laws - degree programme and have sufficient aptitude for doctoral study. The Doctor of Laws degree takes four years of full-time studies (with LL.Lic. degree two years of full-time studies).

### **1.3. Research Units at the Faculty**

#### **1.3.1. The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights**

The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights was established in 1998 within the confines of the Faculty of Law to provide a centre for research and study in its field of activities. The director of the institute is Professor Martti Koskenniemi and the deputy directors Professor Jan Klabbers and Ms Jarna Petman. The Erik Castrén Institute has been named after Professor Erik Castrén, who served as professor of international and constitutional law at the University of Helsinki between 1945 and 1967. He was both a well-known scholar and diplomat.

In the course of its years of activities the Erik Castrén Institute has completed several projects of consultant research commissioned by the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other governmental and non-governmental bodies. Some of these studies have been published in the Erik Castrén Research Reports series. The Erik Castrén Institute Studies in International Law, published nowadays by Brill Academic Publishers, was launched in 2000.

Annually in August the Faculty of Law and the Erik Castrén Institute offer a two-week seminar on contemporary international law. The seminar gathers students, practitioners and professors around the world to follow the lectures given by the leading scholars in the world. For more information see [www.helsinki.fi/eci](http://www.helsinki.fi/eci)

#### **1.3.2. The Institute of International Economic Law**

The Institute of International Economic Law, KATTI, is a specialized research

institute associated with the Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki. The Institute was established in 1991, in anticipation of Finland's entry into the European integration process.

In recent years, the developments at the European and global level have led the Institute to expand its activities to further areas of law. The ongoing research projects explore such diverse fields as European law, international private law, environmental law, financial market law, comparative law, legal theory and media law. For more information see [www.helsinki.fi/katti/](http://www.helsinki.fi/katti/)

#### **1.3.3. Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research**

In 2006, the Erik Castrén Institute co-established the Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research. The Centre of Excellence is an interdisciplinary research unit co-funded by the Academy of Finland. Researchers at the Centre include scholars from international politics, international law and social anthropology. The Centre carries out its work independently, but in close cooperation with the overall activities of the Erik Castrén Institute. For more information see [www.helsinki.fi/oik/globalgovernance](http://www.helsinki.fi/oik/globalgovernance)

#### **1.3.4. Centre of Excellence in the Foundations of European Law and Polity Research**

The Finnish Centre of Excellence in the Foundations of European Law and Polity Research takes up the challenge Europeanization has posed for legal theory. Based at the University of Helsinki, the CoE brings together researchers from different substantive areas of law, political science and history. More information: [www.helsinki.fi/katti/foundations](http://www.helsinki.fi/katti/foundations)

## 1.4. The Academic Affairs Office and the Faculty Office

The Academic Affairs Office and the Faculty Office provide advisor, administration and information services to students, teachers and other staff, as well as take care of strategic planning, administrative routines and various other tasks.

### Contact information of the faculty:

Faculty of Law  
Faculty Office  
P. O. Box 4  
FI-00014 University of Helsinki  
(visiting address: Yliopistonkatu 3, Porthania, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)  
tel. +358-9-191 22477  
fax +358-9-191 22152  
www.helsinki.fi/law

### Information about studies and counselling for students in the International Master's Degree Programme:

**Ms Mervi Muru**, Study Secretary  
room P320  
email: llm-info@helsinki.fi  
tel. +358-9-191 23204  
fax +358-9-191 22152  
Office hours: Tue–Thu 9–11.30

**Students can contact the Academic Affairs Office personnel as listed below** (for contact information and office hours please see 8. *Teachers and other staff at the faculty*):

**International relations and cooperation agreements, student exchange, law courses in English:** Ms Teija Isotalo, International Affairs Coordinator

**Transcripts, student register, inquiries on course results:** Mr Jukka Lahtinen, Department Secretary

**Copies and translations of certificates, graduation:** Ms Leena Isotalo, Office Secretary

**Doctoral studies:** Ms Jutta Kajander, Postgraduate Studies Coordinator

**Study information and counselling concerning law studies in Finnish and Swedish:** Ms Ritva Pernanen, Study Advisor

**Head of Academic Affairs Office:** Ms Sirpa Kajan

## 1.5. Academic Calendar and Public Holidays

The academic year consists of two semesters. The autumn semester begins officially on August 1st and lasts until December 31st. The spring semester begins officially on January 1st and lasts until July 31st. Each semester is divided into two periods, between which there is a one-week pause when students are supposed to be doing independent work, writing papers, reading for exams or taking exams etc. The exact period dates vary somewhat from faculty to faculty.

Faculty of Law:

1. Period: September 5–October 23
2. Period: October 31–December 18
3. Period: January 2–March 4
4. Period: March 12–May 27

In 2011-2012 the first lectures begin on September 7th. The orientation course is arranged before other courses start (see 2.3.6. *Orientation Course*). In the autumn semester the instruction ends by December 18th. In the spring semester instruction begins around January 10th and ends by May 27th. One summer exam is arranged for each specialization. Summer exam dates will be confirmed during the spring semester 2012.

Although there is no summer semester, many university services and libraries operate almost through the summer holiday period. Normally lectures are not offered at the faculty during the summer

months June-August, but two summer examinations and the International Law Summer Seminar is arranged.

During the following public holidays all university services are closed. In the days preceding or following the holidays, there may be restrictions in the opening hours of university services, which are announced separately.

<b>All Saints' Day</b>	<b>5.11.2011</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>6.12.2011</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>24.-26.12.2011</b>
<b>New Year</b>	<b>1.1.2012</b>
<b>Epiphany</b>	<b>6.1.2012</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>6.4.-9.4.2012</b>
<b>May Day</b>	<b>1.5.2012</b>
<b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>17.5.2012</b>
<b>Midsummer</b>	<b>26.-27.6.2012</b>

## 1.6. Regulations on Studies and Protection of Students' Rights

The key regulations relating to Regulations on Degrees and the Protection of Students' rights at the University of Helsinki (approved by the Board on 27 April 2011) and Standing Regulations of the Faculty of Law (approved by the Faculty on 24 May 2011) are the Universities Act (*yliopistolaki*, 558/2009), the Government Decree on Universities (*valtioneuvoston asetus yliopistoista*, 770/2009), the Government Decree on University Degrees (*valtioneuvoston asetus yliopistojen tutkinnoista*, 794/2004) and the Ministry of Education decree on the specification of educational responsibilities, university degree programmes and specialist education (568/2005).

Translations of Regulations on Degrees and the Protection of Students' Rights at the University of Helsinki as well as Standing Regulations of the Faculty of Law are available on the web page of the faculty.

## 1.7. Student Representative in the International Affairs Committee

The International Affairs Committee of the faculty acts as discretionary authority in an advisory capacity to the Dean and the Faculty Council and is the administrative unit in routine matters. The Committee consists of representatives of teachers, students and other staff. International students are represented in the International Affairs Committee by one MICL student. Master's programme students choose among themselves a candidate and Dean will the appointment him/her. Students are invited to propose either themselves or another student (with his/her consent) as the representative by September 19th 2011. Nominations should be sent to International Affairs Coordinator Teija Isotalo by e-mail. If there are several candidates, a vote will be arranged; it is also possible for several students to participate in the committee work so that one is the principal representative and the other(s) are deputy members.

The international student representative in the committee is responsible for charting opinions of the international students on any item on committee's agenda and for expressing students' opinions and wishes at the meetings. International students who wish some matter to be taken up at the meetings should contact the student representative. The student representative is also responsible towards other international students at the faculty, e.g. exchange students.

## 2. INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW AND PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

The **Master's Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law (MICL)** is a research-oriented Master's Programme, aiming to prepare a select group of participants for a high-level legal career. It aims to develop the students' analytical skills and powers of synthesis in addition to increasing their knowledge and understanding of their chosen disciplines, and does so by offering a wide variety of courses and seminars, in addition to a serious thesis requirement in order to complete the programme.

The major in **Public International Law (PIL)** offers students a robust overview of general international law (including the law of treaties and institutional law) and highly specialist knowledge in some of its sub-disciplines. The approach will be highly analytical, and aims to develop the participants' critical faculties. It will do so by means of a relatively strong theoretical and inter-disciplinary orientation. Graduates are expected to be capable of thinking, working, writing, and researching independently, which makes the program an ideal starting point for careers in government, the international civil service, and legal academia. The research seminar of Public International Law is methodologically rather than thematically inspired. The emphasis will rest on the development of participants' writing and analytical skills and their critical faculties.

The major in **International Business Law (IBL)** familiarises students with a recent development of European and international business law. Special attention is paid to *lex mercatoria* and collections of international legal principles which form a new type of law floating above national legal systems. The relationship between the substantive private law and dispute resolution is also explored. The programme relies on the strong tradition of theoretical research in Finland but also a practice-oriented method is having a large role. The research seminar focuses on international contract law and dispute resolution. Students can write their thesis on a range of subject, such as UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, Common Frame of Reference for European Private Law, *lex mercatoria*, various types of agreements, consumer protection and international arbitration. International private law and comparative law offer also perspectives that can be utilized.

### 2.1. The Degree

Students admitted to the International Master's Degree Programme in International Business Law and Public International Law will study towards completing the degree of *Master of International and Comparative Law (kansainvälisten ja vertailevan oikeustieteen maisteri* in Finnish, *magister i internationell och komparativ rätt* in Swedish) as provided for under the amendment to the appendix to the Government Decree on University Degrees (No 794/2004). Completion of the degree does not qualify the graduate for positions in the jurisdiction which require a Finnish Master of Laws degree. The Master of International and Comparative Law degree does provide a general eligibility for doctoral studies at the faculty.

If a student has completed a Finnish Bachelor of Laws degree or has passed an EEA aptitude test for the Bachelor of Laws level (*ETA-kelpoisuustesti*), it is possible to complete a regular *Finnish Master of Laws* degree required for positions in the jurisdiction. In addition to other degree requirements these students must also complete language studies required for Finnish Bachelor's of Laws degree and practical courses of 10 ECTS credits.

The language of the Master's degree programme is English and at least three-fourths of the degree must be completed in English. All studies in English included in the degree (e.g., examinations, seminar assignments and similar written work as well as the Master's thesis) must be completed entirely in English.

## 2.2. Structure of Studies

The extent of the International Master's Degree Programme (MICL) is assessed in ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System). ECTS credits are a value allocated to course units to describe the workload required to complete them. 60 ECTS credits represents the workload of one academic year of study and 30 ECTS credits the workload of one semester. The MICL is evaluated to consist of a minimum of 120 ECTS credits i.e. the workload of two academic years.

### Structure of the programme:

General studies (19 ECTS credits)  
 Compulsory specialization courses (18 ECTS credits)  
 Elective courses (18 ECTS credits)  
 Research and thesis (65 ECTS credits)

<b>STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME FOR 2011–2013 (in ECTS credits): International Business Law (IBL)</b>			
<b>Lecture courses and seminars (55 ECTS Credits)</b>		<b>Thesis and re-search (65 ECTS Credits)</b>	
<b>General courses</b>	19	<b>Method seminar</b>	5
<b>Compulsory courses (18 ECTS credits):</b>		<b>Research seminar exam</b>	10
Consumer law	4	<b>Research seminar</b>	10
Contract Law	4	<b>Thesis</b>	40
International Commercial arbitration	4		
Writing seminar	6		
<b>Elective courses</b>	18		
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

<b>STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME FOR 2011–2013 (in ECTS credits): Public International Law (PIL)</b>			
<b>Lecture courses and seminars (55 ECTS credits)</b>		<b>Thesis and re-search (65 ECTS credits)</b>	
<b>General courses</b>	19	<b>Method seminar</b>	5
<b>Compulsory courses (18 ECTS credits):</b>		<b>Research seminar exam</b>	10
Principles of Public International Law	4	<b>Research seminar</b>	10
Law of Treaties	4	<b>Thesis</b>	40
International Organizations Law	4		
Writing seminar	6		
<b>Elective courses</b>	18		
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

**General studies** (19 ECTS credits) for all students include: personal study plan 1 ECTS credit, language skills 6 ECTS credits, Elements of Modern Law 6 ECTS credits, Comparative Legal History of Europe 6 ECTS credits.

**Personal study plan** (*HOPS*, see 2.4.) is required from all students at the University of Helsinki. During the orientation course students will be provided with the information how to plan their studies.

Compulsory **Language studies** (6 ECTS credits) can include any language courses offered by the Language Center (*Kielikeskus*) or by the faculty. A special English language course offered for MICL students runs during period 3 on Thursdays 12-14 and during period 4 on Mondays 9-11. *Academic Writing for Students in English-Medium Master's Degree Programmes 1* (993734). Registration and more information on WebOodi.

One **writing seminar** (6 ECTS credits) is compulsory for all MICL students. Writing seminars for IBL students in 2011-2012 are at least: *Writing seminar in International Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution*, and *Media Law and Intellectual Property Law in the Digital Environment*. Writing seminars for PIL students in 2011-2012 are at least: *International Case-Law Seminar* and *Theories of International Law: A Seminar*.

**Elective courses** (12 ECTS credits) may be chosen from any courses offered in the programme. Schedules and detailed information on all courses is available online on WebOodi at [oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy](http://oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy)

->study guide "*Courses in English – Faculty of Law 2011–2012*"

The writing of the **thesis** will be supported by participation in **research seminars** and by **research seminar exam**. The

literature requirements for the research seminar exam shall be discussed individually with the professor in charge of the field of study. **The research seminar of Public International Law** is methodologically rather than thematically inspired. The emphasis will rest on the development of participants' writing and analytical skills and their critical faculties. **International Business Law** students can write their **thesis** on a range of subject, such as UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, Common Frame of Reference for European Private Law, *lex mercatoria*, various types of agreements, consumer protection and international arbitration. International private law and comparative law offer also perspectives that can be utilized.

Students who have completed their secondary high school in Finnish or Swedish or in Finland must in addition to other degree requirements complete language studies required for Finnish Bachelor's of Laws degree and practical courses of 10 ECTS credits. Information about language courses for students who have completed their secondary education in Finland or in Finnish/Swedish is available on WebOodi:

-> "*Oikeustieteellisen tiedekunnan opinto-opas, 2011-12*"

-> opetus

-> kieliopinnot

## 2.3. The Beginning of the Studies

### 2.3.1. Registration and Enrollment

Registration for attendance (or non-attendance) is obligatory for all students: undergraduates, graduates and postgraduates.

First year students need following documents to register and enroll:

- Confirmation of Participation form
- Student Registration form
- the original bank transfer receipt of paying the Student Union membership fee
- officially certified copy of the Bachelor's certificate and transcript (translated in English), if they were not included in the application file (i.e. graduation takes place in the summer)

These documents must be returned to the Academic Affairs Office of the faculty by Tuesday 2 August 2011 at 16:15/4:15 p.m. (GMT +2). For the first year students the registration is completed at the same time when they enroll to the University of Helsinki.

From the second year on, students have to register within the time frame informed in the previous spring (the registration time for the 2012-2013 will be informed online in the spring 2012).

A registration completed before the beginning of the academic year is cancelled, if the student's situation changes in a way that he/she no longer has a right to pursue a degree at the University of Helsinki for the academic year in question. More information about registration:

[www.helsinki.fi/studying/enrolment\\_and\\_registration.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/enrolment_and_registration.shtml)

### 2.3.2. Membership of the Student Union and the Student Card Lyyra

All degree students at the University of Helsinki are members of the Student Union. **Student Union membership fee** is compulsory. Original bank transfer receipt of paying the Student Union membership fee must be returned to the Faculty of Law with other required registration and enrolment documents.

Instructions on paying the membership fee available online:

[www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/61/](http://www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/61/)  
 Information about the Student Union:  
[www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/](http://www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/)  
 Information about the Student Card (i.e. Lyyra card): [lyyra.fi/eng/](http://lyyra.fi/eng/)

### 2.3.3. Postponing the Commencement of Studies

Student who accepts the study place, must start studies in the academic year 2011-2012. A student can be granted a right to postpone the commencement of the studies for a maximum of one year for a well-grounded reason (i.e. illness or military service). A free form application must be returned to the Academic Affairs Office of the Faculty of Law to Study Secretary Mervi Muru by Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 at 16:15/4:15 p.m. (GMT +2) together with required registration and enrolment documents.

### 2.3.4. Letter of Admission

All admitted students were mailed their Letter of Admission which is needed for immigration authorities, grant providers, housing organization HOAS etc.

### 2.3.5. Certificate of Attendance

After students have been registered by the end of August, students can get a certificate of attendance from the Student Services of the university at anytime during their opening hours (Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33, 1<sup>st</sup> floor).

### 2.3.6. Orientation Course

**Orientation Course is arranged for incoming international students on 1-7 September** (excluding the weekend). All international students are expected to participate in all sessions of the orientation course.

The course includes a general part with information about Finland, Helsinki, the university, studies and so on. During the Orientation Course there will also be

orientation sessions at the Faculty of Law and at the faculty library.

### Schedule of the Orientation Course

- General information about studying at the University of Helsinki on **Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 9 a.m. in Porthania Building** (Yliopistonkatu 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, lecture room PI).
- Introductory lecture about studies at the Faculty of Law on Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 2 p.m. in Porthania Building (Yliopistonkatu 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, lecture room PIV).
- Meeting with professors responsible for each specialization on **Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10 a.m. in Porthania as follows:
  - IBL students meet with professor Hemmo in faculty council room P545 (Porthania, Yliopistonkatu 3, 5<sup>th</sup> floor)
  - PIL students meet with professor Klabbbers in seminar room P668 (Porthania, Yliopistonkatu 3, 6<sup>th</sup> floor)
- Opening event of the academic year at the University of Helsinki on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 a.m. in front of Porthania.
- On **Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>** in Porthania, lecture room PIV, at 9 a.m. there will be a lecture "*Writing and research ethics*" for all international students at the faculty, at 11 a.m. the student organizations of the faculty present themselves and at 11.30 a.m. Moot Court coaches inform about the competitions.
- On Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Dean of the Faculty of Law invites all international students and staff for an informal reception in Porthania, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, lecture room P668.
- Library visits take place on **Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>** in the faculty library (Fabianinkatu 24): IBL students at 2.30 p.m. and PIL students at 3 p.m.

### 2.3.6. International Fair

International Fair organized by the International Exchange Services of the University of Helsinki will be offering information about student life, UniSports, health care, local transportation etc. all day long during September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Porthania (Yliopistonkatu 3, ground floor). Students can visit the venue by themselves already on Thursday September 1st if they have arrived in Helsinki already in August.

### 2.3.7. Tutoring

The faculty has appointed eleven tutors to help international students with adapting in their new study environment. Tutors are Finnish law students, whose task is to guide new students during the Orientation Course, help them with practical matters and matters related to social life, and have regular tutoring hours during the Orientation Course. At the beginning of the Orientation Course on Friday September 2nd all students are divided into tutor groups and each group has its own tutor.

### 2.4. Personal study plan, "HOPS"

To facilitate the long-term planning of studies, each student is required to make a personal study plan (*HOPS – henkilökohtainen opintosuunnitelma*). The study plan is checked regularly, and it will therefore help in monitoring study progress.

HOPS is a compulsory study unit in the degree requirements for the master's degree (1 ECTS credit). In HOPS, students write down their plans and schedule concerning law courses, language studies, and if one plans to go abroad on a student exchange or do a traineeship, these should be included in HOPS as well.

Also, HOPS is an agreement the student makes with herself/himself on what, how and when s/he will study during the two years of study for a Master's Degree. It is not considered to be a binding agreement between the student and the University. HOPS can be very detailed, but it is a flexible agreement and changes can be made to it during the studies.

HOPS forms are available during the Orientation Course. Professors Hemmo and Klabbbers, Study Secretary Muru and International Affairs Coordinator Isotalo will advise students with their study plans. More information about planning studies and personal study plan is available:

[www.helsinki.fi/studying/planning\\_of\\_studies.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/planning_of_studies.shtml)

## 2.5. Checkpoint System to Monitor Study Programme, "ETAPPI"

The MICL Programme is a two-year fulltime programme. Ideally, students complete most of their coursework during the first academic year and work on their theses and research seminars during the second year. A student admitted to study towards master's degree has the right to complete the degree in a time exceeding the normative duration of studies by a maximum of two years. The Universities Act (558/2009) includes also more specific provisions for cases of absence based on, for instance, maternity leave, and possibility of extension the right to study.

A system of "checkpoints" (*ETAPPI-järjestelmä* in Finnish) is used to support smooth progress of studies for those students whose studies have been delayed for some reason. With ETAPPI, study progress is monitored by assessing the accumulation of credits. Study progress will be supported through the

personal study plan (HOPS) and intensive supervision and tutoring.

The current monitoring system consists of two check-points at the master's level, the first after two years of studies (for students who have not yet completed 80 ECTcredits) and a second one if studies have taken more than three years. At both checkpoints, those students who have not completed the recommended amount of credits or who have not been able to complete the degree, will be contacted by the faculty.

More information at:

[www.helsinki.fi/studying/planning\\_of\\_studies.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/planning_of_studies.shtml)

## 2.6. Credits and Grading

### 2.6.1. ECTS

The European Credit Transfer System, ECTS, has been developed by the Commission of the European Communities in order to provide common procedures to guarantee academic recognition of studies abroad. It provides a way of measuring and comparing learning achievements, and transferring them from one university to another. This is achieved through the use of a common ECTS credit unit and a common ECTS grading scale.

ECTS credits (in Finnish *opintopiste*) are a value allocated to course units to describe the student workload required to complete them. They reflect the quantity of work each course requires in relation to the total quantity of work required to complete a full year of academic study at the institution, that is, lectures, practical work, seminars, private work, and examinations or other assessment activities. In ECTS, 60 credits represent the workload of one academic year of study, or 1600 hours (one ECTS credit corresponds approximately to 26,7 hours of work or 150 pages to be read).

Credits are awarded only when the course has been completed and all the required

examinations taken and other course work have been successfully done.

## 2.6.2. Grading

In its meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> 2004, the Senate of the University of Helsinki decided that as of 1 August 2005, the University shall apply a six-level grading scale of 0-5 in the grading of basic degrees.

The grading scale at the University of Helsinki is directly comparable to the ECTS grading scale, as shown below. However, there is one important difference: the ECTS system is based on an expectancy of the distribution of different grades, the Finnish system is not. That means that in the Finnish system there is no rule or expectation as to how big a proportion of the participants in any given course can be given which grade; each student is graded on his/her individual performance, not in relation to the performance of others. The grading scale is as follows:

Finnish Grade	ECTS grade
5 (excellent)	A
4 (very good)	B
3 (good)	C
2 (satisfactory)	D
1 (passable)	E
0 (failed)	F, FX

In addition to applying this general grading system, pass/fail grading may be applied for some courses, like practical skills courses.

## 2.7. Examinations

### 2.7.1. Examination System of Courses

There are no exam periods or weeks, but exams take place throughout the academic year. Unless otherwise

informed, lecture courses have an exam during the last lecture (if a course is completed with an exam). There is one re-take for each exam of a lecture course. Students who have missed the first exam and only attend the re-take do not have the right to have an extra re-take arranged. Re-sit dates and times are available on WebOodi as well.

### 2.7.2. General Faculty Examination System (Set Literature Examinations)

Set literature examinations, such as the research seminar exam, are taken on general faculty examination dates confirmed annually by the faculty council. The dates for the academic year 2011-2012 are listed in 2.7.3. There is no limit on the number of re-takes of set literature exams. Students choose themselves which date they wish to take the set literature examination. **Students have to register for these examinations at least 8 days before the examination date.** Registration forms are to be found at the entrance hall of the Faculty Office, Porthania, 3rd floor (Yliopistonkatu 3). Completed registration forms must be left in the registration form mailbox at the entrance hall of the Faculty Office. It is also possible to register by sending the registration form by regular mail to Faculty of Law, Faculty Office, P.O. Box 4, 00014 University of Helsinki. In summer there is one summer examination date for each specialization. The dates are confirmed during the spring semester 2012. Students have to register for summer examinations by the end of May.

### 2.7.3. Research Seminar Exam and the General Faculty Examination Dates 2011–2012

Research seminar exam can be taken during any of the general examination dates of the subject concerned. How-

ever, since research seminars will take place during the second year of the MICL studies, it is recommended that students take the exam during the second year. The dates for the 2012-2013 will be decided and announced during the spring 2012. If a student takes the exam without having registered for the research exam, the exam will not be graded. Literature is to be agreed with professor responsible for each specialization.

Examinations begin at 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. The location is PI at Porthania (Yliopistonkatu 3).

**International Business Law** (professor Mika Hemmo):

*Wed 19.10. (at 8 a.m.), Mon 16.1. (at 9 a.m.), Tue 24.4. (at 9 a.m.), Tue 29.5. (at 8 a.m.)*

**Public International Law** (professor Jan Klabbers):

*Fri 14.10. (at 9 a.m.), Tue 13.12. (at 9 a.m.), Fri 9.3. (at 9 a.m.), Fri 11.5. (at 9 a.m.)*

### **2.7.4. General Regulations Concerning Exams**

All exams begin exactly at the hour announced. At the beginning of an exam the invigilator (i.e. supervisor) announces the earliest time when students may leave the room. If a student arrives before the time set as the earliest leaving time, he/she has the right to participate in the exam. A student arriving after the time thus set is not allowed to participate. Students have to be prepared to prove their identity upon request e.g. by showing their student card or an identity card.

At every exam students are allowed to carry the following items:

- pen, pencil etc.
- necessary medicines

- a limited supply of provisions such as a water bottle, a piece of fruit or similar  
Depending on the exam students may sometimes be allowed to use their notes, textbooks, dictionaries or other relevant books. Students will be informed by the lecturer/examiner before the exam as to whether this kind of books and documents are allowed. Electronic dictionaries are not allowed. At examinations students are never allowed to use or to carry with them mobile phones, communicators or similar devices that can be used for communication and connection outside the exam room.

### **2.7.5. Publishing Grades and Revision of Grading**

Exam/course grades are published on notice boards of the faculty latest one month after the exam, except for summer exams where the results may be published later. Only those students who passed the course are included in the result lists; if one's student number/name is missing, that usually means that one has failed the exam/course. In this case student should contact the teacher concerned. Results of the courses in English are published on the notice board on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in Porthania.

Students have the right to see their own corrected papers and receive copies of their papers at their own expense as well as get information on the grading criteria from the teachers. If a student is dissatisfied with the grading of his/her exam/essay, he/she may submit a request for revision. The request is submitted to the teacher who did the grading, or, if the grade was given by the Faculty Council, to the Council; in the latter case it must be submitted in writing. The request has to be submitted within 14 days from the time when the student could have had access to his/her results and the grading criteria. The teacher has to give his/her decision in writing, if the

student notifies him/her that he/she is not satisfied with the decision. If the student is dissatisfied with the decision of the teacher or the Faculty Council, he/she may submit a request for revision to the Board of Examination Appeals (in Finnish *opintosuoritusten tutkintolautakunta*) of the University within 14 days from having been informed of the decision.

Board of Examination Appeals  
 Chairperson: Professor Jarno Tepora  
 Secretary: Ms Hannele Markkanen  
 Personnel Registry (in Finnish *kirjaamo*)  
 Yliopistonkatu 4/P. O. Box 33  
 00014 University of Helsinki  
 tel. +358-9-191 22655  
 email: hannele.markkanen@helsinki.fi

The Board of Examination Appeals gives its decisions in writing. The decision contains the reasoning and the facts upon which the decision is based. The decisions are final.

## 2.8. Rules Concerning Plagiarism and Cheating in Examinations

### 2.8.1. Plagiarism

**Copying or paraphrasing sentences or entire paragraphs or texts from a publication or writing of another person and submitting them as part of one's own work without acknowledging the source is called plagiarism.**

When quoting directly another person's writing, the quotation has to be acknowledged by enclosing it in quotation marks and by giving the source (the book, article, internet page etc. from which the quote was taken, the writer, year of publication etc.). When paraphrasing (re-stating the basic argument or facts in the original text using your own words) or summarizing (re-stating and at the same time compressing a text) quotation marks are not used, but the source of the

idea, fact or argument has to be given always.

When stating so called general or universal truths (facts that it is assumed everyone knows, such that Helsinki is the capital of Finland) no source has to be given. In all other cases in academic writing, when stating a fact, an idea or an argument based on another person's writing, the above-mentioned rules have to be followed; otherwise the writer is considered to have committed plagiarism. **Plagiarism is a serious academic offense, and in cases where a student has submitted a course essay that includes plagiaries, the same rules apply as those for cheating in exams** (see 2.8.2. *Disturbance and Cheating in Examinations*).

Anyone who suspects a student of plagiarism, in other words of copying and presenting someone else's ideas, thoughts or writings as his or her own, or of otherwise cheating in his or her studies, shall notify their suspicion to the head of department, or in a faculty with no departments, to the teacher responsible of the discipline. The student shall be notified of the suspicion, and he or she must be given the opportunity to provide an explanation. In addition to ensuring that the student is heard in writing, the teacher responsible for the discipline, shall organise an oral hearing, of which minutes shall be kept. The teacher responsible for the discipline shall submit the minutes of the student's hearing to the dean of the faculty in which the student holds the primary right to study and for his/her information, or if the cheating is deemed serious, for further action.

When necessary, the Dean shall organise a hearing, of which minutes shall be kept. Once the cheating has been substantiated, the Dean may, at his or her discretion, report the matter to the rector, who may initiate disciplinary action as

specified in Section 45 of the Universities Act.

The Rector may issue more detailed instructions for handling cases of plagiarism and cheating. More specific provisions on plagiarism can also be found in Standing Regulations of the Faculty.

As a part of the orientation course LL.D. Miia Korpiola will give a lecture on "*Writing and research ethics*" on Tuesday September 6th 9.00-11.00 in Porthania, PIV.

### **2.8.2. Disturbance and Cheating in Examinations**

No communication is allowed between students at an examination, neither talking, changing papers, showing papers, or any other form of communication. Requests for more paper, writing materials etc. have to be made only to the invigilator. Any behaviour when a student is trying to pass an exam by aid of something else than his/her own knowledge and allowed books/other documents is considered cheating. E.g. talking to another student, showing another student one's own papers, using notes or books that are not allowed for the exam in question or carrying a mobile phone is considered cheating.

If the examination invigilator notices that a student is cheating in the examination, the student shall not be allowed to complete the examination. The provisions concerning cheating and disturbance in examinations shall be applied, where appropriate, to studies completed through other methods than examinations.

If the examination invigilator notices that a student is disturbing an examination or an equivalent learning assessment situation, he or she shall caution the student and, if necessary, take appropriate ac-

tion to prevent any further disturbance. If, despite these measures, the disturbance continues, the invigilator may terminate the disturber's examination. If the disturbance has unreasonably distracted the other students taking the examination, the time reserved for the examination shall be extended by the same amount of time lost due to the disturbance.

Students who are suspected of cheating or disturbing an examination shall be given an opportunity to provide an explanation. When the student is prevented from completing the examination because of cheating or disturbing, the examination invigilator shall record on the examination paper or other assessment material the reason for the interruption and whether the student admits to or denies cheating or disturbing the examination.

Students suspected of cheating shall have their examinations failed. Before such students are failed, they shall be given the opportunity to be heard. The incident shall be reported to the Dean of the faculty.

Students dissatisfied with a fail given on the basis of cheating, may appeal in writing to the faculty council within 14 days of the receipt of the decision. Such matters shall be dealt with, where appropriate, according to the regulations concerning appeals against the grading of the completed studies.

Once cheating has been substantiated, the dean of the faculty may, at his or her discretion, report the matter to the rector for disciplinary action, as specified in Section 45 of the Universities Act.

Rector of the university will issue more detailed guidelines how to proceed in cases of suspected plagiarism and cheating in exams in the autumn 2011.

Students will be notified about this by email.

## 2.9. Recognition of Prior Learning

Previously completed studies and other prior learning may be incorporated into the degree to be completed at the University of Helsinki. Recognition of prior learning concerns especially language studies. In principle, apart from language studies, studies that have already been included in a previously completed degree may not be incorporated into the degree to be completed at the faculty (exception: compulsory courses). More detailed provisions are included in the Faculty's Standing Regulations.

## 2.10. Thesis and Maturity Test

### 2.10.1. Thesis

MICL students write master's thesis as part of their compulsory advanced studies. Students select the topics of their thesis in consultation with the professor in charge of their field of study. Thesis is an independent academic research work which will be written during the second year of studies when research seminar sessions support the writing process. The scope of the thesis is 40 ECTS credits.

The recommended length of a thesis is 60 to 80 full printed pages (A4, 12 pt, Times New Roman or similar, spacing 1.5, margins left 3 cm/others 2,5 cm). The thesis should be bound and contain a summary page after the title page. A summary page model can be obtained online:

[www.helsinki.fi/law/forms/index.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/law/forms/index.htm)

Students have to bring three bound thesis copies to the faculty (one for the su-

pervising teacher, one for the second reader, and one for the Faculty Library). Students specializing in IBL bring two thesis copies to Professor Hemmo during his office hours or by post (Faculty of Law, Professor Hemmo, P.O. Box 4, FI-00014 University of Helsinki). Students majoring in PIL bring two thesis copies to Professor Klabbers during his office hours or by post (Faculty of Law, Professor Jan Klabbers, P.O. Box 4, FI-00014 University of Helsinki). ALSO all students must deliver one thesis copy to the Faculty Office either in person (Leena Isotalo, room P357, office hours Mon-Thu 9–12) or by post (Faculty of Law, Faculty Office, P. O. Box 4, FI-00014 University of Helsinki).

The supervisor and the second reader of the thesis will submit a statement on the thesis and a suggestion on the grade to the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council then confirms the grading of the thesis. If readers suggest that a thesis not be accepted (graded as "*improbatur*", rejected), the student in question has the right to give a statement to the Faculty Council before the Council decides on the matter. Before the grading is confirmed a student may also request that the procedure is suspended, in which case the grading is dropped. Student must give the teachers reasonable time for reading and grading before the Faculty Council meeting; professor should be consulted beforehand as to the deadline for taking the thesis to the Faculty Council.

The thesis is graded in the following way (from highest to lowest):

*laudatur* ("we praise")

*eximia cum laude approbatur* ("accepted with highest praise")

*magna cum laude approbatur* ("accepted with great praise")

*cum laude approbatur* ("accepted with praise")

*non sine laude approbatur* ("accepted not without praise")

*lubenter approbatur* ("accepted willingly")  
*approbatur* ("accepted")

#### THESIS GRADING CRITERIA

In grading the thesis attention is paid to the following factors:

- formation of purpose and following through with it in a coherent manner
- command of the topic
- adequacy and relevancy of sources; source criticism
- coherent argumentation and deduction
- the significance, appeal and presentation method of results
- innovativeness
- the level of independence
- ethical correctness
- fluency and clarity of language, linguistic form, scientific style

Exact dates of the Faculty Council meeting for the academic year 2012-2013 will be confirmed in the spring semester 2012). Faculty Council meeting dates are available at:

[www.helsinki.fi/law/int\\_LLM/index.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/law/int_LLM/index.htm)

#### 2.10.2. Maturity Test

According to the Government Decree on University Degrees (*valtioneuvoston asetus yliopistojen tutkinnoista 794/2004*) a student must demonstrate in studies included in education for a lower or higher university degree or otherwise that he/she has attained proficiency in Finnish and Swedish which is required of civil servants in bilingual public agencies and organisations under Section 6(1) of the Act on the Knowledge of Languages Required of Personnel in Public Bodies (424/2003) and which is necessary for their field. Also according to the same decree students must write a maturity test which shows command of the topic of the thesis and of the Finnish or Swedish language. However, the requirement on Finnish and Swedish language skills does not concern students who have completed their secondary schooling in a language other than

Finnish or Swedish or students who have completed their secondary schooling abroad.

All students must write so called maturity test (*kypsyysnäyte*). The purpose of the maturity test is for students to demonstrate their familiarity with the topic of the thesis (and their Finnish and Swedish language skills if student been educated in Finnish or Swedish or has been educated in Finland). Students write an essay during general faculty examination dates on a topic which is given at the beginning of the exam. They are not allowed to have thesis or any other material is with them during the exam. Students must register for the general faculty examination as usual. Students write their maturity test in English except for students who have been educated in Finnish or Swedish or have been educated in Finland write their maturity test in their first language, in Finnish or in Swedish, depending on in which language they have taken their additional mother tongue course (*äidinkieli*).

Students who have completed their secondary schooling in Finland or in Finnish/Swedish must complete the additional native language studies required for their degree before they register for the maturity test. The maturity test and the native language course must be completed in the same language.

**Faculty Council will confirm these requirements in September 2011. Students will be informed about the decision.**

#### 2.11. Graduation

After the Faculty Council has accepted and graded the thesis and after the student has completed all other requirements in the programme, he/she can graduate. There are nine annual graduation ceremonies (*publiikki*),

usually at the end of each month and one at the beginning of June. The ceremony is usually held in the Consistory Hall (Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor) and it begins at 1 p.m. The last ceremony in each semester is however held in the Great Hall (Main Building, Senate Square entrance). Students are expected to be dressed in a suit. It is possible to invite a moderate amount of relatives and friends to attend.

Graduations ceremonies (and the last days for registration) in 2011-2012 are: 31.8.2011 (16.8.2011), 7.10.2011 (22.9.2011), 27.10.2011 (12.10.2011), 25.11.2011 (10.11.2011), 15.12.2011 (30.11.2011), 3.2.2012 (19.1.2012), 2.3.2012 (16.2.2012), 30.3.2012 (15.3.2012), 4.5.2012 (19.4.2012), 8.6.2012 (16.5.2012).

If it is not clear by the deadline of the registration whether the thesis will be accepted by the Faculty Council in time, or if there are any other results still pending that will be necessary for graduation, students have to register for the ceremony anyway. If a student cannot attend the graduation ceremony personally, he/she will have the graduation documents delivered by post after the ceremony providing that the current mailing address is informed to Faculty Office to Ms Leena Isotalo. Students will graduate only by registering for the graduation ceremony or informing the Faculty Office secretary Leena Isotalo (leena.m.isotalo@helsinki.fi) the address where to mail their diploma, if they are not able to participate in the graduation ceremony (this must be done by the last registration date).

The registration form can be found online:  
[www.helsinki.fi/oik/tdk/english/forms/index.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/oik/tdk/english/forms/index.htm)

Graduation ceremony dates are available online:  
[www.helsinki.fi/law/int\\_LLM/index.htm](http://www.helsinki.fi/law/int_LLM/index.htm)

### 3. COURSES IN ENGLISH AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN 2011–2012 AND OTHER STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The courses listed below are law courses offered during the academic year 2011-2012. Some of them are exclusively for MICL students, some exclusively for MICL and postgraduate students, but most are also open to Finnish degree students, exchange students and visiting students at the Faculty of Law. The information is preliminary and subject to change. The list only gives the semester in which each course is taught. A detailed schedule and course descriptions is available online on WebOodi system at <https://oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy>.

Schedules on WebOodi are updated constantly so students are advised to check it regularly to receive the latest information.

How to find information about courses in English in the Study Guide on WebOodi: [oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/](https://oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/)

- > choose "in English" on the left
- > choose "Search, From Study Guide" on the left (no need to log in)
- > choose "Courses in English, Faculty of Law 2011-2012"
- > read the "General Information" carefully through
- > choose "Teaching"
- > choose "Autumn 2011"/"Spring 2012" and "basic studies"/"subject studies"/"advanced studies"
- > choose the name of the course: all information and schedules of the course will be available

The schedules of the courses and other information about the courses can be checked without logging in on WebOodi, but it is not possible to register for any courses before one has been registered as a student at the University of Helsinki (latest by the end of August). Also one has to collect personally the password and identifier to use the university computer system from the Aleksandia Learning Center. During the orientation course tutors will show how to use WebOodi.

#### 3.1. Course Attendance and Registration

WebOodi includes general information on the courses that are offered during 2011-2012. In general, if it is noted in the course description that class attendance is required this means that students should attend at least 80 % of the classes. Teachers may also give more detailed instructions on attendance and work required such as exams, essays, reading, presentations, learning diaries etc. This information is given during the first lecture of the courses, so therefore students should always attend the first lecture of each course.

Registration is compulsory for all courses. Students must register for courses on WebOodi (minor exceptions mentioned in course descriptions of these courses on WebOodi). Registration begins normally 30 days before the course is due to start and ends 8 days before the first day of the course. However, it is recommended that students check well in advance registration period of the courses they are interested in, especially taking into consideration that the number of students that are allowed to participate for some courses may be limited.

## 3.2. Courses in English at the Faculty of Law

### 3.2.1. International Business Law

#### **Contract law (20816B)**

Teachers: Professor *Mika Hemmo*, Doctoral Student *Katri Havu* LL.M., Doctoral Student *Kalle Mäenpää* LL.M. and Researcher *Ville Pönkä* LL.D.

ECTS credits 4

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course: Intermediate

*Note! Compulsory for IBL students*

#### **Lectures on Consumer Law (208680)**

Teacher: Senior Lecturer *Klaus Viitanen* LL.D.

ECTS credits 4

Period: Autumn 2011

The level of the course: Basic

*Note! Compulsory for IBL students*

#### **Topical Issues in International Commercial Arbitration (20882)**

Teachers: Professor *Mika Hemmo*, Researcher *Daria Kozłowska* LL.M.

ECTS credits 4

Period: Autumn 2011

The level of the course: Intermediate

*Note! Compulsory for IBL students*

#### **Writing seminar in International Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Teachers: Researcher *Daria Kozłowska* LL.M. and Doctoral Student *Alexander Gurkov*

ECTS credits 6

Period: Autumn 2011

The level of the course: Intermediate (a writing seminar)

#### **Business Law in Russia (20949)**

Teacher: *Vladimir Orlov* LL.D., Adjunct Professor in International Contract Law

ECTS credits 2-6

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course: Basic

#### **Competition law and intellectual property rights (20863)**

Teacher: Doctoral Student *Juha Vesala* LL.M.

ECTS credits 3

Period: Autumn 2011

The level of the course: Advanced

#### **Mediation – European alternative dispute resolution in civil and commercial matters**

Teacher: Researcher *Petra Hietanen-Kunwald* LL.M.

ECTS credits: 6

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course: Intermediate

#### **European Company and Commercial Law (20851)**

Teacher: *David Fletcher* LL.M.

ECTS credits 4

Period: Autumn 2011

The level of the course: Advanced

#### **European Private Law and the Conflict of Laws, Comparisons and Reflections (20886)**

Teachers: Professor *Ulla Liukkunen*, Professor *Jan Smits*

ECTS credits 6

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course: Intermediate

#### **Insurance Law**

Teacher: RA *Phillip K. Schulz* LL.M.

ECTS credits 3

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course: Advanced

#### **International IP Law & Enforcement (20869)**

Teachers: Professor *Rainer Oesch*, Professor *Niklas Bruun*, Docent *Taina Pihlajarinne*, Doctoral Student *Juha Vesala*

ECTS credits 8

Period: Spring 2012

The level of the course Advanced

**International Trade and Transport (20948)**

Teachers: Dr. *Ellen Eftestøl-Wilhelmsson* and Senior Associate *Aapo Saarikivi*, Roshier  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**International Trade Litigation (20904)**

Teachers: Researcher *Silke Trommer* LL.M., Researcher *Martin Björklund* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate/Advanced

**Lectures on Company Law (208561)**

Teachers: Professor *Jukka Mähönen*, Professor *Seppo Villa*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**Media Law and Intellectual Property Law in the Digital Environment**

Teachers: Postdoctoral Researcher *Päivi Tiilikka* LL.D. and Docent *Taina Pihlajarinne* LL.D.  
 ECTS credits 6  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate (a writing seminar)

**Seminar on Consumer Law (20868)**

Teacher: Senior Lecturer *Klaus Viitanen* LL.D.  
 ECTS credits 6  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**Lectures on Competition Law**

Teacher: Professor *Petri Kuoppamäki*  
 ECTS credits 1  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**Practical Course on International Tax Law (20519)**

Teacher: Professor *Marjaana Helminen*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**Corporate Transactions (20964)**

Teacher: Doctoral Student *Michaela Kadašiová* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits: 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**Sports Law (20976)**

Teacher: Researcher *Katarina Pijetlovic* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits 2  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**Arbitration as a Method of Dispute Resolution**

Teacher: Researcher *Santtu Turunen* LL.M.  
 ECTS Credits 6  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**VIS MOOT (19th Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot) (20598)**

Teacher: Researcher *Santtu Turunen* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits max 16  
 Period: Autumn 2011 and Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced (See also 4.1.)

**3.2.2. Public International Law****The Law of Treaties (20810)**

Teacher: Professor *Jan Klabbers*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced  
*Note! Compulsory for PIL students*

**International Organizations Law (20817)**

Teacher: Professor *Jan Klabbers*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Advanced  
*Note! Compulsory for PIL students*

**Principles of Public International Law (20801)**

Teacher: Professor *Jan Klabbers*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011 or Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate  
*Note! Compulsory for PIL students*

**WTO and Regional Economic Integration (20794)**

Teacher: *Yovana Reyes Tagle* LL.D.  
 ECTS credits 2-4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**Globalization and Global Governance (20790)**

Teacher: Professor *Jan Klabbers*  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**The Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights (20929)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher *Julen Etxabe* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Autumn 2011  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**International Case-Law Seminar (20816)**

Teacher: Researcher *Kristian Wohlström* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits 6  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate (a writing seminar)

**Migration law and security**

Teacher: Researcher *Magdalena Kmak* LL.D.  
 ECTS credits 4

Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**Protection in international law (20894)**

Teacher: Researcher *Ida Staffans* LL.Lic.  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced

**Reading International Law (20930)**

Teacher: Professor *Jan Klabbers*  
 ECTS credits 5  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced (a method course)

**Theories of International Law: A Seminar (20896)**

Teacher: Doctoral Student *Pekka Niemelä* LL.M.  
 ECTS credits 6  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Advanced (a writing seminar)

**A Theory of Rights in Practice: the European Convention on Human Rights (20785)**

Teacher: *Jarna Petman* LL.M., Adjunct Professor in International Law  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**International Law and Politics – Helsinki School Manifesto (20826)**

Teacher: *Jarna Petman* LL.M., Adjunct Professor in International Law  
 ECTS credits 4  
 Period: Spring 2012  
 The level of the course: Intermediate

**3.2.3. EU Law****Introduction to European Union Law (20875)**

Teachers: Postdoctoral Researcher *Massimo Fichera* Ph.D. and Postdoctoral

Researcher *Fernando Losada Fraga*  
Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 8  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Basic

### **European Union Law (20880)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher  
*Massimo Fichera* Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Advanced

### **Introduction to the Internal Market Law (20877)**

Teachers: Professor *Juha Raitio*,  
Researcher *Samuli Miettinen* LL.M.  
ECTS credits 2  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **Fundamental Social Rights of Europe (20885)**

Teacher: Professor *Matti Mikkola*  
ECTS credits: 2-4  
Period: Spring 2012

### **Practical Course on EU Tax Law (20518)**

Teacher: Professor *Marjaana Helminen*  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **The Relationship between National Courts and the European Court of Justice (20905)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher  
*Fernando Losada Fraga* Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Advanced

## **3.2.4. Criminal Law**

### **Comparative Crime and Criminal Justice (20831)**

Teacher: *Matti Joutsen* LL.D., Adjunct  
Professor in Criminal Policy  
ECTS credits 4

Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **European Legal Space and the Europeanization of Criminal Law (20832)**

Teachers: *Sakari Melander*, Acting  
professor in Criminal Law, and Docent  
*Tuomas Pöysti* LL.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

## **3.2.5. Other Law Courses**

### **Elements of Modern Law**

Teacher: Ari Hirvonen LL.D.  
ECTS credits 6  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Advanced  
*Note! Compulsory for all MICL students*

### **Comparative European Legal History**

Teacher: Professor Heikki Pihlajamäki  
and Researcher Mia Korpiola LL.D.  
ECTS credits 6  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Intermediate  
*Note! Compulsory for all MICL students*

### **Law and Film (20946)**

Teacher: Researcher *Monica Lopez Lerma* Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **Law and Memory**

Teacher: Researcher *Stiina Löytömäki*  
Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **Transnational Justice**

Teacher: Researcher *Monica Lopez Lerma* Ph.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **International Law and the Rule of Law in China**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher *Chen Yifeng* LL.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **Theories of multiculturalism in the European legal context (20975)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher *Dorota A. Gozdecka* LL.D.  
ECTS credits 4  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Postgraduate (open also for undergraduates)

### **Law and Culture (20849)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher *Dorota A. Gozdecka* LL.D.  
ECTS credits: 4  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Intermediate (open also for postgraduates)

### **What Sociologists Think About the Law: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives (Lecture Series) (20910)**

Teacher: Postdoctoral Researcher *Sabine Frerichs* Dr.rer.pol.  
ECTS credits 2  
Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Advanced

### **Seminar on Environmental Law (20915)**

Teacher: Professor Emeritus *Erkki Hollo*  
ECTS credits 6  
Period: Spring 2012  
The level of the course: Intermediate

### **Introduction to Finnish Legal System and Dimensions of Law (20764)**

Teachers: Senior Lecturer *Frey Nyberg* LL.D. - Private Law, Researcher *Anu Mutanen* - Public Law, Doctoral Student *Samuli Hurri* LL.Lic. - Legal Theory, Acting Professor *Sakari Melander* LL.D. - Criminal Law, Docent *Tuomas Hupli* LL.D. - Procedural Law  
ECTS credits 4

Period: Autumn 2011  
The level of the course: Basic

**All course information is preliminary and subject to change.**

## **3.3. Other Study Opportunities**

### **3.3.1. Moot Court Competitions**

#### **EUROPEAN LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

European Moot Court Competition is held annually. The written phase takes place in the autumn semester, whereby the 40 best teams are chosen to take part in the oral regional final, held in February. The four best teams will go on to the finals, which is organized in the Court of the European Union in Luxembourg. The language of the competition is either French or English. For further information please visit at [www.elmc.org](http://www.elmc.org).

#### **WILLEM C VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT**

The Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot is an international moot court competition, which focuses on international commercial law and arbitration. The competition is carried out in teams and will begin in October when the case in question is announced. The language of the competition is English. For further information please visit at [www.cigs.law.edu/vis.html](http://www.cigs.law.edu/vis.html). See also the course VIS MOOT under 3.2.

#### **ELSA MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

The teams to the ELSA Moot Court Competition are chosen through European preliminary competitions. The topic of the competition is WTO and previous knowledge of basic level international law and WTO is helpful. Participants will receive 10 ECTS-credits for the written phase and 16 ECTS-credits for the entire

competition. For further information please visit [www.elsamootcourt.org](http://www.elsamootcourt.org).

### ***T.M.C TELDERS MOOT COURT COMPETITION***

T.M.C Telders Moot Court Competition focuses on international law and is held annually in Hague. Registration for the competition will take place during the autumn semester through the international law thesis seminar. A written memorandum will be drafted during the autumn semester followed by the oral portion which will be prepared during the spring semester. More information: Doctoral Student in International Law Pekka Niemelä ([pekka.niemela@helsinki.fi](mailto:pekka.niemela@helsinki.fi)).

### ***MANFRED LACHS SPACE LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION***

Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition is organized annually by the International Institution of Space Law (I.I.S.L) and takes place in Paris. Registration for the competition begins in the autumn semester through the international law thesis seminar. N.B. Even though the T.M.C Telders and the Manfred Lachs Moot Court Competitions are administered through the international law thesis seminar, partaking in the thesis seminar is not a peremptory prerequisite for attending the competitions. More information from Doctoral Student in International Law Pekka Niemelä ([pekka.niemela@helsinki.fi](mailto:pekka.niemela@helsinki.fi)).

### ***NORDIC MOOT COURT COMPETITION***

The Nordic Moot Court Competition focuses on the European Human Rights Convention. It is held annually during the month of June in one of the Nordic capitals with the language of the competition being Swedish. Registration by 31.10. Contact persons within the law faculty are Professor Raimo Lahti ([raimo.lahti@helsinki.fi](mailto:raimo.lahti@helsinki.fi)) and Researcher Martin Björklund ([martin.bjorklund@helsinki.fi](mailto:martin.bjorklund@helsinki.fi), tel. 09-191 28442).

## **3.3.2. Student Exchange**

All degree students of the faculty are encouraged to study abroad during the completion of their degree. To be an eligible candidate for an exchange programme, the student must be enrolled as a degree student at the University of Helsinki. Before the beginning of an exchange period students are expected to draw up a study plan (learning agreement) which must be approved by the faculty. After the exchange period the academic work and credits will be transferred to the degree to be completed at the home institution.

The Faculty of Law offers more than 200 Erasmus and Nordplus student exchange places in Europe and four in the US. The application period for student exchange places for the autumn 2012, spring 2013 and for the academic year 2012-2013 starts in January 2012 and the deadline for applications is mid-February. More information will be emailed to students at the beginning of 2012.

Overseas student exchanges are mainly taken care of at the university level in the International Student Service (Main Building, Fabianinkatu 33, 1<sup>st</sup> floor). More information on the intranet of the university, ALMA: [alma.helsinki.fi/doclink/122493](http://alma.helsinki.fi/doclink/122493)

## **3.3.3. Helsinki Summer School (HSS)**

Information about summer courses of HSS is available at: [www.helsinkisummerschool.fi/](http://www.helsinkisummerschool.fi/)

## **3.3.4. Summer Seminar in International Law in August**

Information about the summer seminar arranged by the Faculty of Law and the

Erik Castrén institute of International Law and Human rights is available at [www.helsinki.fi/summerseminar/](http://www.helsinki.fi/summerseminar/)

### 3.3.5. Language Learning Opportunities

**The Department of Finnish, Finno-Ugrian and Scandinavian Studies** arranges Finnish **language courses for international students**. International students registered at the university are free to take these courses, although students have to register for these courses in advance at the beginning of semesters. Students who are already familiar with Finnish may take a minor in Finnish language and culture. The programme is offered entirely in Finnish, and students can apply for admission to the programme after they have completed the four basic Finnish courses. Passing the Finnish 1-4 courses by a placement test is also possible. More information:  
[www.helsinki.fi/fus/studying/finnishforinternationalstudents.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/fus/studying/finnishforinternationalstudents.html)

The University of Helsinki Language Centre provides language courses to students from all eleven faculties. The major emphasis of the teaching programme is on the degree requirements of the faculties.

There is a special **English language course offered for MICL students** which runs during period 3 on Thursdays 12-14 and during period 4 on Mondays 9-11. Academic Writing for Students in English-Medium Master's Degree Programmes 1 (993734). Registration and more information on WebOodi.

The Language Centre Self-Access Centre in the Aleksandria Learning Centre offers facilities and materials for independent study in over 50 languages. The services are available for both degree and exchange students. Language tutors

in eight languages are available for consultation once a week. You will find more information about the language tutors, self-access learning and learning resources on the Language Centre at [www.helsinki.fi/languagecentre](http://www.helsinki.fi/languagecentre)

Swedish language courses for international students are arranged by the Language Centre of the university.

More information about language studies at [www.helsinki.fi/studying/finnish\\_swedish\\_and\\_other\\_language\\_studies.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/finnish_swedish_and_other_language_studies.shtml)

Information about course selection of compulsory language studies for students who have completed their secondary education in Finland or in Finnish/Swedish is available on WebOodi:

-> *"Oikeustieteellisen tiedekunnan opinto-opas, 2011-12"*

-> opetus

-> kieliopinnot

## **4. COURSE RESULTS AND TRANSCRIPTS**

### **4.1. Results**

Results are always due by latest one month after the exam or in reasonable time before the re-take or next exam date. Results are sent to the Academic Affairs Office and they appear on the 3<sup>th</sup> floor notice board at Porthania latest one month of the exam. Results are entered to the university student register system OODI latest one month after they have been published. In order to prevent unnecessary delay and difficulty, students must always to write their name and student number clearly on the exam paper and remember to use the same version of their name.

### **4.2. Transcripts for Checking One's Credits and Grades**

One can at any time check one's credits and grades on the WebOodi register system at: [oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/](http://oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy/) by choosing "*completed studies*". By choosing "*transcript*" student's unofficial transcript will be sent automatically to student's university email address within few hours.

### **4.3. Official Transcripts**

Students who need an official transcript, should drop by in the Main Building at the Student Services (1<sup>st</sup> floor) where they can obtain a transcript during their office hours. Students are entitled to receive one transcript per semester free of charge.

## 5. SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

### 5.1. Library Services

#### 5.1.1. City Center Campus Library/Law Collection

At the University there are numerous libraries that are all part of the University of Helsinki library system. The most important for law students are the Faculty of Law library and the Undergraduate library. The Faculty of Law library provides students and staff with a collection of more than 90.000 volumes, ca. 300 serials and ca. 200 periodicals. The collections consist mainly of juridical literature, decisions of courts, official publications and legislations of various countries. The Undergraduate library provides study materials (mainly compulsory text books), facilities, and guidance in library use.

#### European Documentation Centre

The faculty library was awarded the status of a European Documentation Centre (EDC) in October 1991. EDCs are set up in selected universities by the European Commission and act as repositories of official EU information. Helping universities and research institutes to promote and develop education and research on European integration, encouraging them to take part in the debate on Europe and to do what they can to make Europe more transparent by helping ordinary citizens to learn about the Union's policies: these are the main aims of the network of European Documentation Centres (EDCs).

The collection of the EDC focuses on EU legislation, the work of the Institutions, and on the case law of the Court of

Justice of the European Communities. Included in the collection are also books and journals on international economic law, international industrial and intellectual property law, and international arbitration. Students have access to various databases containing information on these topics.

#### Using the Library

Incoming international students are offered a guided tour at the City Center Campus Library/Law Collection as part of their orientation course. A library user's guide in English is available at the City Center Campus Library. Students use their LyyraCard (i.e. student card) as a library card.

International students are offered a guided tour at the library as part of their orientation course and **two courses on information seeking** in the autumn:

1) a "*Short Course in Information Seeking*" course will be arranged on Thursday 15 September at 12.15-14.00 at the faculty library (Fabianinkatu 24 A)  
Registration at:  
[www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/training/coursedescriptions.html#short](http://www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/training/coursedescriptions.html#short)

2) an "*information seeking training session for law students*" on Monday 10 October at 16.15-17.45 in Porthania, lecture room P667. The aim of the training session is to provide students with some intermediate information skills. In this course students should already have basic level skills in information seeking (= "Short Course in Information Seeking"). Students will learn how to find journal articles for writing a master thesis and how to seek information from legal databases e.g. Westlaw International, HeinOnline and EUR-Lex.  
Registration at:  
[elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/28815/lomake.html](http://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/28815/lomake.html)

Questions about courses on information seeking should be addressed to faculty library to Information Specialist Kati Syvälahti (kati.syvalahti@helsinki.fi).

A library user's guide is available at the Faculty Library. More information on the Faculty of Law library is available at [www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/](http://www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/)

### 5.1.2. Library Facilities at the University in General

As Helsinki is the capital of Finland, it houses the country's central libraries and archives. The National Library of Finland is the oldest and largest academic library in Finland. In addition, the Helsinki University library also provides library information services on four different campuses and online. The Helsinki University library (HULib) is Finland's largest multidisciplinary university library and is open to all users.

City Centre Campus Library serves the faculties of City Centre Campus: Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Theology. In 2012 the City Centre Campus Library will open in new Kaisa Building in Kaisaniemi. At the moment the City Centre Campus Library still serves in 11 premises at central Helsinki. The Law collection is situated in the old faculty of law library premises, in Fabianinkatu 24 A. The city centre campus library also has an Undergraduate collection, including both scientific literature and fiction for the use of all students at the university. The Undergraduate collection contains study materials needed in basic and intermediate studies on the City Campus of the University of Helsinki.

Contact information:  
City Center Campus Library/Law collection  
P. O. Box 4 (Fabianinkatu 24)

FI-00014 University of Helsinki  
[www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/](http://www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/)

City Center Campus  
Library/Undergraduate collection  
PO Box 53 (Fabianinkatu 32)  
FI-00014 University of Helsinki  
[www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/](http://www.helsinki.fi/library/citycentre/)

National Library of Finland  
P.O. Box 15 (Unioninkatu 36)  
FI-00014 University of Helsinki  
[www.nationallibrary.fi/](http://www.nationallibrary.fi/)

The Library of the Parliament  
Aurorankatu 6  
FI-00120 Eduskunta  
[lib.eduskunta.fi/Resource.phx/library/index.htm](http://lib.eduskunta.fi/Resource.phx/library/index.htm)

## 5.2. Computer Services and Email Addresses

The Faculty of Law has its own computer room only for law students in Porthania, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, room P667. To be able to use the university IT services, students need to have a user account. A user account includes a user ID, password, email address, disk space on a server and a possibility to use programs and printers. Students collect their user account information personally from the Learning Centre Aleksandria after they have been registered to the university. All users of the university's computer facilities have to follow the rules which can be found at [www.helsinki.fi/atk/luvat/rules.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/atk/luvat/rules.html)  
Law students can use computer facilities at the faculty and other university computer facilities. Computer labs are usually open when the buildings are open. However, a student can apply for a key card that makes it possible to use the labs outside the opening hours at [www.helsinki.fi/atk/english/clabs/keycard.s.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/atk/english/clabs/keycard.s.html)

The university provides each student with an email address of the format `firstname.familyname@helsinki.fi`. If students wish to continue using some other email address, they can re-direct their university email address so that all messages sent to their `@helsinki.fi` address are forwarded to the address you wish to use. Open the webpage [www.helsinki.fi/cgi-bin/mappiforward](http://www.helsinki.fi/cgi-bin/mappiforward) and follow the instructions to complete the re-direction. The university uses always these email addresses when contacting the students by email.

### **5.3. Career Services at the University**

The Career Services, an expert unit in the University administration, offer advice and information on job hunting, career planning, internships in Finland and abroad, graduate destinations and similar matters for the University's degree students, recent graduates and Alumni members. More information: [www.helsinki.fi/studying/career\\_services.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/career_services.shtml)

Students can include practical courses in their degree as optional studies. Also an internship (1-3 months/2-7 ECTS credits) can be included in the the degree.

### **5.4. Information Services at the Faculty**

Students find information on the noticeboards of the Faculty Office. In Porthania 3th floor vestibule there are noticeboards for results of courses in English and other information for international students.

Course information is regularly updated online on WebOodi (<https://oodi-www.it.helsinki.fi/hy>). There is also an e-mail information list for international mas-

ter's programme students at the faculty. Students are entered into the list after they have been admitted to the Faculty. Information on schedule updates, visiting lecturers etc. will be sent through the e-mail list as soon as the information is available.

### **5.5. Counselling on Learning Skills**

Students who find they need pedagogical consultation on e.g. academic writing or learning strategies are advised to contact Pedagogic Lecturer Anne Haarala-Muhonen.

## 6. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### 6.1. Financing Studies

Information about financing studies is available at:  
[www.helsinki.fi/studying/index.html](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/index.html)

The application for the **International Student Grant** which was mailed to all accepted students in April must be returned to the faculty by August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011 with other enrollment and registration documents if one wishes to apply for the grant. More information about the grant is available at:  
[www.helsinki.fi/studying/UHISG.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/UHISG.shtml)

### 6.2. Housing in Helsinki

Information about housing is available at [www.helsinki.fi/studying/Housing.shtml](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/Housing.shtml)  
 As the University of Helsinki does not have any dormitories, students must arrange housing themselves.

The **Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region, HOAS**, is one possibility to arrange housing. More information about HOAS is available online at [www.hoas.fi](http://www.hoas.fi). HOAS is a separate organization from the University of Helsinki and therefore all questions about housing arrangements concerning HOAS's dormitories should be addressed directly to HOAS. Students are strongly advised to submit the application to HOAS as soon as possible (if there are no other housing arrangements), because HOAS applies "first come first served" principle concerning housing offers. Housing application must be filled in very carefully and all information required must be provided to HOAS, because otherwise the application may not be processed.

Please see also what the **Student Union** can offer:

[www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/36/](http://www.hyy.helsinki.fi/english/36/)  
[www.lyyra.fi/home.php](http://www.lyyra.fi/home.php)

Since most of the students will arrive at the end of August, one needs to think about timing of the arrival, because keys for housing at HOAS's dormitories can be collected at HOAS only on workdays during their office hours. Keys have to be collected personally by the tenant. If there is a need for **temporary accommodation** just for a few days when arriving in Helsinki, please see hostels listed at  
[www.visithelsinki.fi/In\\_English/Visitor/Helsinki/Accommodation/Hostels\\_and\\_camping.iw3](http://www.visithelsinki.fi/In_English/Visitor/Helsinki/Accommodation/Hostels_and_camping.iw3)

### 6.3. Information about Immigration

Non-EU citizens should apply for a residence permit at their earliest convenience to avoid any delay in commencing your studies. The best way to start the process is to carefully go through the instructions of the Finnish Immigration Service (MIGRI, [www.migri.fi](http://www.migri.fi)) mailed to all accepted students in April. The University of Helsinki does not control immigration nor issue residence permits, but to make the process easier the admissions services of the University of Helsinki informs MIGRI about all new international degree students.

### 6.4. Information about Health Care and Insurance

We wish to emphasize most particularly the importance of taking care of having sufficient insurance cover. The University of Helsinki cannot offer any financial assistance whatsoever towards meeting health care or any other costs if a stu-

dent has not taken care of the insurance matters.

More information about **Student Health Care Center (YTHS)** is available online at [www.yths.fi/en](http://www.yths.fi/en)

**Students from outside EU/EEA countries must have a private health insurance.** Health insurance is a requirement for obtaining a residence permit for studies. Before you arrange any health insurance please see more information at [www.migri.fi/](http://www.migri.fi/)

**Citizens of EU/EEA countries** have a right to use the Finnish public health care services provided that they have proof issued by their national health insurance system that they are covered by the system in their home country. More information please see: [www.kela.fi](http://www.kela.fi). It is strongly suggested that even EU/ETA citizens might consider whether they should have an additional private insurance cover, as the public services do not cover e.g. transport back to the home country in case of a serious illness. More information at [www.helsinki.fi/studying/insurances.shtm](http://www.helsinki.fi/studying/insurances.shtm)

## 6.5. Study Related Special Arrangements

If there is any need for study related special arrangements because of a handicap or a chronic illness, please inform about this to Study Secretary Mervi Muru when enrolling and registering at the university. Requests for any special arrangements require always a doctoral certificate. More information from [llm-info@helsinki.fi](mailto:llm-info@helsinki.fi) or [vammaispalvelut@helsinki.fi](mailto:vammaispalvelut@helsinki.fi)

## 6.6. Fellow Students and Networking

To get to know your fellow students already before coming to Helsinki, please see Facebook at the page "*University of Helsinki Incoming International Students 2011*".

**TSEMPPI**, the organization for international degree students, welcomes international degree students to join their network at [www.tsemppi.com/newstudent](http://www.tsemppi.com/newstudent). In September an International Welcome Week for students in the whole Helsinki Metropolitan Area is arranged by Tsemppi.

There are also three student organizations at the Faculty of Law: Pykälä ry (mainly for Finnish-speaking students), Codex rf (mainly for Swedish-speaking students) and ELŠA Helsinki (European Law Students' association).

**Pykälä ry** ("pykälä" is the Finnish word for paragraph, "ry" means registered association) is the largest law student organization in Helsinki and in Finland. Its primary functions are guarding the benefits of and representation of law students both at the University and elsewhere. Most of the activities such as seminars and parties are organized at the Pykälä premises in Sörnäinen. More information: [www.pykala.fi](http://www.pykala.fi)

**Codex** is the organization for Swedish-speaking law students; Codex represents them, guards their benefits and organizes lots of fun activities. Most of the activities are organized at the Codex club. Codex is an especially attractive option for Nordic students or those having an interest in the Swedish language, but everyone else is welcome too. More information: [www.codex.fi](http://www.codex.fi)

**ELŠA Helsinki ry** is part of an international law students' association. ELSA

offers its members chances to work abroad and take part in seminars and conferences all over Europe. ELSA Helsinki also arranges many social events which are meant as well for the local students as for the exchange students from all over the world. More information: [www.elsahelsinki.fi](http://www.elsahelsinki.fi)

## 7. TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF AT THE FACULTY

Students who have questions about academic or practical issues can contact teachers and administrative personnel directly during their office hours, phone or send them an email. The room numbers indicate the location of the office: P stands for Porthania (Yliopistonkatu 3); the first number indicates the floor (e.g. P320 is on the 3rd floor).

Martin Björklund, LL.M., Research Fellow. Office hours by appointment, room P623. Tel. +358-9-191 22793. E-mail: martin.bjorklund@helsinki.fi

Niklas Bruun, LL.D., Professor in Private Law. Office hours by appointment, room P465. Tel +358-9-191 22776, E-mail: niklas.bruun@helsinki.fi

Gozdecka Dorota Anna, LL.D., Postdoctoral Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room 322. Tel. +358-9-191 23824, E-mail: dorota.gozdecka@helsinki.fi

Ellen Eftestøl-Wilhelmsson, LL.D., Senior Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P333. Tel. +358-9-191 23388. E-mail: ellen.eftestol-wilhelmsson@helsinki.fi

Julen Etxabe, S.J.D., LL.M., Postdoctoral Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P 349. Tel: +358 9 191-23605. E-mail: julen.etxabe@helsinki.fi

Massimo Fichera, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P323. Tel: +358 -9-191 23248. E-mail: massimo.fichera@helsinki.fi

David Fletcher, LL.M. London. E-mail: david.fletcherdtcc@btinternet.com

Sabine Frerichs, Dr. rer. pol., Postdoctoral Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P 321. Tel. +358-9-191 23823. E-Mail: sabine.frerichs@helsinki.fi

Alexander Gurkov, LL.M., Doctoral Student. Office hours by appointment, room P469. Tel. +358-9-191 23686. E-mail: aleksander.gurkov@helsinki.fi

Anne Haarala-Muhonen, D.Ed., Pedagogic Lecturer. Office hours Tue 9-10, room P373. Tel. +358-9-191 22544. E-mail: anne.haarala-muhonen@helsinki.fi

Katri Havu, LL.M., Doctoral Student. Office hours by appointment, room P342. Tel. +358-9-191 22882. E-mail: katri.havu@helsinki.fi

Marjaana Helminen, LL.D., MBA. Professor in Fiscal Law. Office hours Thu 13-14, room P643. Tel. +358-9-191 23398. E-mail: marjaana.helminen@helsinki.fi

Mika Hemmo, LL.D., Professor of Civil Law. Office hours by appointment, room 473. Tel +358-9-191 22812. E-mail: mika.hemmo@helsinki.fi

Petra Hietanen-Kunwald, LL.M., researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P434. Tel. +358-9-191 22823. E-mail: petra.hietanen-kunwald@helsinki.fi

Ari Hirvonen, LL.D., University Lecturer in Jurisprudence, Adjunct professor in Legal Philosophy and Legal Theory. Office hours Thu 11-12, P565. Tel. +358-9-191 22478. E-mail: ari.hirvonen@helsinki.fi

Erkki Hollo, LL.D., Dr.iur., Emeritus Professor in Environmental Law. Available by agreement, room P423. Tel.

+358-50 369 5696. E-mail:  
erkki.hollo@helsinki.fi

Tuomas Hupli, LL.D., Trained on the bench, docent in procedural law. Office hours by appointment, room 578. Tel +358-9-191 22449. E-mail: tuomas.hupli@helsinki.fi

Teija Isotalo, M.Soc.Sc., International Affairs Coordinator. Office hours Tue and Thu 9–11.30, room P355. Tel. +358-9-191 22148. E-mail: law-international@helsinki.fi

Matti Joutsen, LL.D., M.Pol.Sc., Adjunct Professor in Criminal Policy, Director, International Affairs, Ministry of Justice. E-mail: matti.joutsen@om.fi

Michaela Kadašiová, LL.M., Doctoral Student. Office hours by appointment, room P345. Tel. +358-9-191 23205.

Sirpa Kajan, Head of Academic Affairs Office. Office hours Tue and Thu 9-9.30, room P354. Tel. +358-9-191 22460. E-mail: oik-opintoasiainpaallikko@helsinki.fi

Jutta Kajander, M.Soc.Sc., Postgraduate Studies Coordinator. Office hours Tue and Thu 9–11.30, room P371. Tel. +358-9-191 24367. E-mail: oik-jatkokoulutus@helsinki.fi

Jan Klabbers, Dr. iur., Professor in International Law. Office hours Mon 12-13, room P651. Tel. +358-9-191 23141. E-mail: jan.klabbers@helsinki.fi

Magdalena Kmak, LL.D., Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Office hours by appointment, room P648. Tel. +358-9-191 23559. E-mail: magdalena.kmak@helsinki.fi

Mia Korpiola, LL.D., Docent in Legal History. Office hours by appointment,

room P134. Tel. +358-9-191 22320. E-mail: mia.korpiola@helsinki.fi

Daria Kozłowska, LL.M., Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room 347. Tel. +358 -9-191 24103. E-mail: daria.kozłowska@helsinki.fi

Petri Kuoppamäki, LL.D., Professor in Competition Law. Office hours by appointment, room P480. Tel. +358-9-191 22847. E-mail: petri.kuoppamaki@helsinki.fi

Jukka Lahtinen, Department Secretary (register and transcripts, computer licenses). Office hours by appointment, room P356. Tel. +358-9-191 22474. E-mail: oik-kanslia@helsinki.fi

Ulla Liukkunen, Professor of International Private Law. Office hours by appointment, room P474. Tel. +358-9-191 23396. E-mail: ulla.liukkunen@helsinki.fi

Monica Lopez Lerma, Ph.D., LL.M., Visiting Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P349. Tel: +358-9-191 23605. E-mail: monica.lopez@helsinki.fi

Fernando Losada, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Researcher. Office hours by appointment, room P351. Tel. +358-9-191 22672. E-mail: fernando.losada@helsinki.fi

Stiina Löytömäki, LL.Lic., Doctoral Student. Office hours by appointment, room P533. Tel. +358-9-191 23481. E-mail: stiina.loytomaki@helsinki.fi

Viljo Matikainen, M. Sc., Computer Planning Officer. Office hours by appointment, room P374. Tel. +358-9-191 23139. E-mail: viljo.matikainen@helsinki.fi

Sakari Melander, LL.D., Acting Professor in Criminal Law. Office hours Tue 15-16,

room P585. Tel. +358-9-191 21781.  
Email: sakari.melander@helsinki.fi

Samuli Miettinen, LL.M., Researcher.  
Office hours by appointment, room P546.  
E-mail: samuli.miettinen@helsinki.fi

Matti Mikkola, LL.D., Professor in Labour  
Law. Office hours Thu 11-12, room  
P488. Tel. +358-9-191 22819. E-mail:  
matti.mikkola@helsinki.fi

Mervi Muru, Study Secretary. Office  
hours Tue–Thu 9–11.30, room P320.  
Tel. +358-9-191 23204, fax +358-9-191  
22152. E-mail: llm-info@helsinki.fi.

Anu Mutanen, Researcher. Office hours  
by appointment, room P639. Tel. +358-  
9-191 22473. E-mail:  
anu.k.mutanen@helsinki.fi

Kalle Mäenpää, LL.M., Doctoral Student.  
Office hours Tue 11-12, room P470. Tel.  
+358-9-191 23117. E-mail:  
kalle.maenpaa@helsinki.fi

Jukka Mähönen, LL.D., MSc.(Econ),  
LL.M. (Berkeley), Adjunct Professor in  
Law and Economics, Professor of Civil  
Law and Dean, University of Turku,  
Faculty of Law. Tel. +358-2-333 5526  
(office). E-mail: jukka.mahonen@utu.fi

Pekka Niemelä, LL.M., Doctoral Student.  
Office hours by appointment, room P648.  
Tel. +358-9-191 23545. E-mail:  
pekka.niemela@helsinki.fi

Arja Niskala, Informatician (Library). Tel.  
+358-9-191 22005. E-mail:  
arja.niskala@helsinki.fi

Kimmo Nuotio, LL.D., Professor of  
Criminal Law, Dean of the Faculty. Office  
hours by appointment. Tel. +358-9-191  
22013

Frey Nybergh, LL.D., Trained on the  
Bench, Adjunct Professor of Civil and

Commercial Law, Senior Lecturer in  
Private Law (temporary office holder),  
Office hours Tuesday 13-14, room  
P438a. Tel. +358-9-191 23174. E-mail:  
frey.nybergh@helsinki.fi

Rainer Oesch, Professor of Commercial  
Law. Office hours Mon 13-13, room  
P448. Tel. +358-9-191 22810. E-mail:  
rainer.oesch@helsinki.fi

Vladimir Orlov, LL.D., Adjunct Professor  
in International Contract Law. E-mail:  
vladimir.orlov@helsinki.fi

Jarna Petman, LL.M., Lecturer/Professor  
in International Law (ad interim), Deputy  
Director of the Erik Castrén Institute.  
Office hours Tue & Thu 13-14, room  
P622. Tel. +358-9-191 24025. E-mail:  
jarna.petman@helsinki.fi

Heikki Pihlajamäki, Professor in Legal  
History. Office hours by appointment,  
room P522. Tel. +358-9-191 22539. E-  
mail: heikki.pihlajamaki@helsinki.fi

Taina Pihlajarinne, LL.D., Docent in  
Commercial Law. Office hours by ap-  
pointment, room P336. Tel. +358-9-191  
22456. E-mail:  
taina.pihlajarinne@helsinki.fi

Katarina Pijetlovic, LL.Lic., Doctoral Stu-  
dent, Researcher in European Union  
Sports Law. E-mail: pijet-  
lovic@hotmail.com

Ville Pönkä, LL.D., Trained on the  
Bench, Postdoctoral Researcher. Office  
hours by appointment, room P471. Tel.  
+358-9-191 22847. E-mail:  
ville.ponka@helsinki.fi

Tuomas Pöysti, LL.D., Docent in  
Administrative Law. Office hours by  
appointment. Tel. +358-9-432 5700. E-  
mail: tuomas.poysti@helsinki.fi

Juha Raitio, Professor in European Law.  
Office hours Tue 11-12, room P521. Tel.

+358-9-191 23690. E-mail:  
juha.rautio@helsinki.fi

Yovana Reyes Tagle, LL.D., Office hours  
by appointment, room P432. E-mail:  
yovana.reyes@helsinki.fi

Aapo Saarikivi, Senior Associate. Tel.  
+358 20 506 6577, Mobile: +358 400  
377 093. Email:  
aapo.saarikivi@roschier.com

Lena Sisula-Tulokas, LL.D., Professor in  
Civil Law. Office hours Tue 11-12, room  
P467. Tel. +358-9-191 22816. E-mail:  
lena.sisula@helsinki.fi

Jan Smits, Ph.D., Professor. Office hours  
by appointment, room P345. E-mail:  
jan.smits@helsinki.fi

Ida Staffans, LL.Lic., Researcher. Office  
hours by appointment. Tel. +358-9-191  
22672. E-mail: ida.staffans@helsinki.fi

Päivi Tiilikka, LL.D., Trained on the  
Bench, Postdoctoral Researcher. Office  
hours by appointment, room P346. Tel.  
+358-9-191 22097. E-mail:  
paivi.tiilikka@helsinki.fi

Silke Trommer, LL.M., Researcher. Of-  
fice hours by appointment, room P573.  
Tel. 09 191 23562. E-mail:  
silke.trommer@helsinki.fi

Santtu Turunen, LL.M., Research Fellow.  
Office hours by appointment, room P591.  
Tel. +358-9-191 22442. E-mail:  
santtu.turunen@helsinki.fi

Juha Vesala, LL.M., Doctoral Student.  
Office hours Mon 13-14, room P446. Tel.  
+358-9-191 22821. E-mail:  
juha.vesala@helsinki.fi

Klaus Viitanen, LL.D., Acting Senior  
Lecturer in Commercial Law. Office  
hours Mon 15-16, room P491. E-mail:  
klaus.viitanen@helsinki.fi

Seppo Villa, LL.D., Professor in  
Commercial Law. Office hours Mon 13-  
14, room P447. Tel. +358-9-191 22813.  
E-mail: seppo.villa@helsinki.fi

Kristian Wohlström, LL.M., Researcher.  
Office hours by appointment. E-mail:  
kristian.wohlstrom@helsinki.fi

Yifeng Chen, LL.D., Postdoctoral Re-  
searcher. Office hours by appointment,  
room P656. Tel. +358-9-191 23541, gsm  
+358-50 311 2626. E-mail:  
yifeng.chen@helsinki.fi