EÖTVÖS LORÁND UNIVERSITY (ELTE) FACULTY OF LAW BUDAPEST
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Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, (ELTE), Hungary’s oldest, largest and most prestigious university, started its 375th academic year in 2010. It is a promising sign that this year it has received the distinguished title of Research University.

Tuition at the Faculty of Law of ELTE University began in 1667. No other Hungarian Faculty of Law has longer uninterrupted record, and it ranks well among the most venerable of Central Europe’s law schools in distinction.

The Faculty of Law maintains wide-ranging international relations primarily with universities in Europe and is proud to be involved in educational and research projects with similar institutions abroad. In recent years we have placed special emphasis on consolidating ties with universities in neighbouring countries to promote intensive regional co-operation in legal education.

Integrating research and education at the Faculty into the European Higher Education Area and fostering international educational and scholarly ties are key components of our vision. Therefore, true to our traditions, we will further expand international contacts in research, education and student exchange. There will be an even greater number of courses and educational programmes in foreign languages, some of them involving eminent instructors from abroad, also to attract and serve students from abroad. We are proud to announce that in September 2013 our Faculty launched Hungary’s first LL.M. program in European and International Business Law.

At a time when globalisation and European integration are on the agenda, an intercultural approach to law and its application, in other words, comparative legal studies are indispensable for a sound analysis of legal issues and the settlement of legal disputes.

It goes without saying that the Faculty does not intend to train technocrats, whose sole interest is restricted to specific domains of jurisprudence and legal occupations. Instead, we would like to see intellectuals whose studies and research cover a measure of the humanities as well. Ideally, they retain their affinity to the arts throughout their legal careers. It is a priority for us to strengthen case method in legal education and we recognise the importance of practical work, tutorials and small classes where discussion is possible.

This booklet carries information on the history of University and the work of the Faculty of Law: the departments and instructors, the various educational programmes, research and international projects as well as student life.

We hope that this booklet will help you to come to know our Faculty, which continues to welcome all interested instructors, researchers and students.

Prof. Miklós Király
Dean
The predecessor of Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), the oldest, biggest and longest continuously operating University of Hungary was founded in 1635 in the rural town of Nagyszombat by Cardinal Péter Pázmány, as a catholic university for teaching Theology and Philosophy. In 1770-1780, the University was transferred to Buda and later to Pest, and with the support of Maria-Theresa, the Empress of Austria and Queen of Hungary, became the Royal Hungarian University.

Over the following decades, new faculties were established to meet the expectations of a learned society. In the second half of the 19th century, the University developed into a centre of modern higher education in today’s sense, covering nearly every scholarly field. In 1950 the university was reorganised and adopted its present name. It was named after one of its professors, the world-famous physicist, Loránd Eötvös.

Recently, a new campus has been built on the scenic banks of the Danube for the Faculties of Natural and Social Sciences and Informatics.

Currently, the university has eight faculties: Law, Humanities, Informatics, Education and Psychology, Social Sciences, Science, Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education and Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education.

Eötvös Loránd University is internationally recognised and its programs are accredited by the Hungarian Accreditation Board. The diplomas issued by Eötvös Loránd University are acknowledged worldwide, and its course credits are transferable in all countries in the European Union.

Over the last hundred years, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) has had many world famous scientists and four Nobel Prize laureates among its teachers and alumni. The current number of students enrolled yearly has reached 32,000, and there is an academic staff of 1800 highly-qualified teachers and researchers.

Faculty of Law
Budapest, 1-3 Egyetem tér
Founded in 1667

Faculty of Humanities
Budapest, 4/A Múzeum körút
Founded in 1635

Faculty of Informatics
Budapest, 1/C Pázmány Péter sétány
Founded in 2003

Faculty of Education and Psychology
Budapest, 23-27 Kazinczy utca
Founded in 2003

Faculty of Social Sciences
Budapest, 1/A Pázmány Péter sétány
Founded in 2003

Faculty of Science
Budapest, Pázmány Péter sétány 1/A.
Founded in 1949

Bárczi Gusztáv Faculty of Special Education
Budapest, 3 Ecseri út
Founded in 1900
Has been a part of ELTE since 2000

Faculty of Primary and Pre-School Education
Budapest, 40 Kiss János altábornagy utca
Founded in 1869
Has been a part of ELTE since 2000
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FACULTY

It was a milestone in the history of the University when in 1667 the combined estates of Imre Lósy and György Lippay, both of them cardinals and archbishops of Esztergom, were used to found the Faculty of Law. Alongside canon law and Roman law, emphasis was placed on teaching Hungarian substantive law and procedural law. Tenets of *jus commune* were taught expressly to rectify the shortcomings and crudeness of domestic jurisprudence at the time. The teaching of Hungarian law began in 1672 at two departments. The subject of the theory of Hungarian law included Hungarian substantive law and the practice of Hungarian law included the law of legislation. Until the *Ratio Educationis* was issued (1777), tuition took place at five departments: the Department of Roman Law, the Department of Canon Law (both of them operated right from the beginning), two departments where Hungarian law was taught and the Department of Natural Law.

A new curriculum was introduced in the wake of the *Ratio Educationis*. In addition to the tenured instructors, so-called extraordinary instructors could be hired to ensure the teaching of new subjects. The instructor of Roman law had to teach criminal law as well; and the instructor of Hungarian law had to teach, among other things, statistics about the countries of Europe and principles of Hungarian public law. Efforts were made to establish a department of the history of Hungarian law but Empress Maria Theresa refused permission. With time the assortment of subjects multiplied. The majority of the new subjects were proposed by the Court in Vienna but the study of Hungarian law and the history of Hungarian law also developed with some delay. There was no direct correspondence between the number of subjects and departments as some professors taught three or even four subjects. Once a subject managed to gather a strong following, the related department was soon to be set up. By the twentieth century it had become established practice that programmes taught as majors had a department of their own in all cases.

Today the Faculty has 15 departments and the Center for Theory of Law and Society plus the Institute of Political Sciences. The Faculty of Law trains Juris Doctors and a relatively smaller number of criminologists, political scientists and public administrators.

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Center for Theory of Law and Society

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Fundamental theories of law
- Legal dogmatics
- Philosophy of law and state
- Legislative policy
- Philosophy
- Ethics
- Human rights
- Law and justice
- Sociology
- Sociology of law

The Center’s main activity is twofold, as an educational department it is responsible for teaching legal and social theories, social sciences and as a research center it organises scientific researches on the field of legal and social theories and sociology of law. The courses give law students the ability of understanding the most important theories of law, the conceptual background of the state and society. Its duty also is to strengthen the openness of students for social sciences and the social problems in general and those tensions and dilemmas lawyers can face with during professional work. The educational activity focuses on the most important value basis of the democracy, rule of law, and human rights. As a research center it takes part in several theoretical and empirical social researches individually and collectively. The aim of the Center is to become the most important research group among the Hungarian legal workshops with wide interest on the social scientific field. Some research topics are constant parts of the activity of the center: theoretical problems of legal responsibility, Hungarian tradition in legal philosophy, history of theories on law and state, philosophy of politics, moral philosophy, philosophy of religion, philosophy of language, the history of universal and Hungarian philosophy, sociology of judiciary, sociology and history of legal professionals, legal consciousness, legal culture, social, legal and cultural changes, modern social and legal theories.

The list of professors and the contact information of each unit can be found on the following webpage of the Faculty:
http://www.ajk.elte.hu/en/departments

Department of Administrative Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Foundations of the science of public administration
- Administrative law

Research topics at the department:
- Comparative science of public administration; modernisation of public administration in contemporary society; regional structure and officialdom in public administration; the concept of person in public administration; autonomous public administration authorities; public corporations and local governments; administrative procedural law; sanctions under administrative law; environmental protection; environmental law; administration of industry and commerce; construction law; telecommunications law; the organisation of local public services

Department of Agrarian Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Law of cooperative farms
- Agrarian law

Research topics at the department:
- The institutional system of agrarian law; relation between agrarian law and environmental protection; the ownership and use of land; environmental protection; the interplay of the ownership and use of land; theories of agrarian law in Europe; agricultural policy in the European Union; harmonization of legislation in the European Union in the field of agrarian law; the dogmatics of the law of cooperative farms; the economic essence and legal nature of cooperative farms; the internal financial relations of cooperative farms; the characteristics of social cooperatives and their position among the various cooperatives

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Department of Civil Law

Principal subject taught at the department: Civil law

Research topics at the department:
Fundamental issues in civil law; the analysis of civil law from an economic point of view; the legal protection of privacy; constitutionality and private law; relation of public law and private law; intellectual property rights; contract law; tort law; general issues of corporate law; legal issues of divorce; a general theory of legal conflicts; human rights in private law; the management of business organisations; corporate social responsibility; legal regulation of real estates; the influence of European law on Hungarian civil law; issues of the codification of civil law

Department of Civil Procedure

Principal subjects taught at the department: Civil procedure Out-of-court civil procedure

Research topics at the department:
Civil procedure and out-of-court civil procedure; society and the rules of court; the role of lawyers and prosecutors in the civil rules of court; the relation between information technology and law; the European rules of court; comparative civil rules of court and civil rules of court around the world; international commercial arbitration

Department of Constitutional Law

Principal subjects taught at the department: Constitutional law Human rights

Research topics at the department:
Parliamentary rights; fundamental rights of municipalities; the history and contemporary meaning of the separation of powers; the electoral system; the work of the Constitutional Court; judicial independence; comparative constitutional law; the position of the Hungarian Constitution in European integration; the institutions of ombudsmen; fundamental rights and their protection

Department of Criminal Law

Principal subjects taught at the department: Criminal law

Research topics at the department:
Problems of recidivism; juvenile offenders; the harmonisation of criminal law regulations in the European Union
Department of Criminal Procedure and Prison Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Criminal procedure
- Prison law
- Criminalistics

Research topics at the department:
Harmonisation of legislation in criminal accountability; expectations – principles – traditions; the composition and operation of criminal law policy: its history and topical issues; the changing role of the law enforcement agencies, the prosecutor’s office and the courts in criminal procedure; the rights of the defendant and the injured party; the “parallel” history of penal theories and penal sanctions; milestones in the evolution of prison systems in modern times; human rights in prison; functions of the new coercive sanctions; international and domestic supervision of prisons; new interconnections of criminal procedure and criminalistics; the instruments of the proceedings of evidence

Department of Criminology

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Criminology
- Specialised criminology

Research topics at the department:
How crime reproduces itself; the human rights of the offender; victimology; criminal psychology; the victims’ legal status and indemnification; international organised crime; drug-related crime; interconnections of criminology and crime policy; social changes and crime; community sanctions and measures; restorative criminal justice

Department of Economics and Statistics

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- Economics
- Statistics
- Demography
- Legal information technology

Research topics at the department:
Law and economics; modern theories of markets; international economics; international finance; international economic integration; environmental protection; public finance; economics of enterprise; economic aspects of bankruptcy law; territorial differentiation of ventures; territorial embedding of economic processes; the operation of the market of information as reflected by network science, with special reference to networks of interest representation; the importance of contraception and the prevention of unwanted pregnancy in the relationships of young people; statistics on the effect of abortion of women’s chances of getting pregnant; characteristics of the Hungarian national minority in neighbouring countries as reflected by demography and social statistics; Hungary’s historical demography; analyses of the careers of criminals; complex, comparative analyses of the development of subregions

Department of Fiscal and Financial Law

Principal subject taught at the department:
Financial law

Research topics at the department:
The law of public finances; the law of public revenues; the law of monetary affairs; the financial markets and institutions; international financial law; European financial law; the theory of regulation

Department of International Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
- International law
- European public law and European public policy

Research topics at the department:
Theoretical questions of international law from a historical perspective; the peaceful settlement of international disputes with diplomatic measures; the law of outer space; maritime law; global warming; the protection of fauna and flora; the common heritage of humankind; minority rights; new challenges in the field of protecting human rights; the relation between the WTO and the EU; the Hungarian constitutional order; interconnections of international law and the law of the European Union; the foreign and security policy of the EU; the enforcement of freedom, security and law in the European Union; security policy; refugee problems; aspects of the use of force in international law, humanitarian law; terrorism and international law; investment protection; the rights of investors; diplomatic immunities; state aids; the operation, financing and regulation of public works.
Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
Private international law
Commercial law of the European Communities

Research topics at the department:
Law and international economic relations; comparative commercial and private law; the private law of the European Union; comparative and international copyright

Department of Labour Law and Social Law

Principal subject taught at the department:
Labour law

Research topics at the department:
Institutions of collective labour law; the law of strikes; the history of labour law; the employment relation of public-service employees; the instruments and organisations of social insurance; theoretical and practical issues in the pension system

Department of Roman Law and Comparative Legal History

Principal subjects taught at the department:
Roman law (history and institutes of Roman law; Roman criminal law; the influence of Roman law on the subsequent legal development in Europe); Exegesis of the sources of Roman law; Comparative legal history; History of commercial law; Comparative history of public administration; European social history

Research topics at the department:
Ancient legal history and comparative law; Evolution of modern private law systems and the Roman law tradition; The development of bona fides (principle of good faith and fair dealing) from Roman law up to the present; The development of some fundamental notions of private law (e.g. ownership, legal transaction, contract, validity and effectiveness of legal transactions, responsibility and liability) from Roman law up to the present; Private law liability in Roman law and in the subsequent legal development in Europe (especially custodia liability and vicarious liability); The development of the law of partnerships from ancient times up to the present; Government in the Byzantine Empire; State governance in the Middle Ages; Medieval towns; Public administration in the Modern Age; Anglo-American constitutional development; Government in the Russian Empire; The Fascist State; Comparative history of local government; Comparative legal history of civil service; Criminal law in the Middle Ages and in the Modern Age; The evolution of business law in the Modern Age, with special regard to the evolution of business organisations; Political thought and legal theory in the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Age

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Department of the History of Hungarian State and Law

Principal subjects taught at the department:
History of Hungarian state and law (The history of Hungarian Constitution, the history of Hungarian law, the history of Hungarian public administration)
The history of European constitutions and parliamentarism

Research topics at the department:
The history of Hungarian criminal law and prisons; the evolution of justice policy in Hungary; the evolution of the Constitution and law in Transylvania; codifications in the Hungarian legislative history; historical patterns and contemporary models of parliamentarism; the Soviet constitutional model and the evolution of Hungarian constitutional law in the 1950s; historical foundations of the Hungarian private law; a historical study of the symbols of law; the history of parliamentarism in Hungary with special reference to European influences; marriage law in Hungary; symbols in law; the history of media law; the history of commercial law; law in repressive regimes; the impact of the law of the United States on Hungary; public administration and the rule of law; the evolution of prison law; freedoms; citizens' rights; media law; the history of canon law; the law of historical monuments

Institute of Political Sciences

The main task of the institute is train students who are political science major.

Compulsory and optional subjects taught at the institute:
Would-be Juris Doctors study political science in two terms and then they have to study a subject called “Alternative Political Science” during another term where they have a choice of topics as offered by the department.

Research topics at the institute:
The evolution and characteristics of multi-party system in Hungary; the history of political thought in Hungary; the history of East-Central Europe; transition from one political system into another; political development at national and international levels; liberalism; problems of the rule of law; theories of democracy and power; modern concepts in political sciences; political and economic problems of the Hungarian Constitution; human rights and the work of the Constitutional Court; the emergence and collapse of Bolshevism; the political development of France in the 20th century; a comparative analysis of the history of the world outside Europe; the domestic policy of the European Union; popular movements and protests; public policy; the political system of the United States; forms interest representation in politics
High-Quality Education

The premier law school of Hungary, our Faculty considers quality its topmost priority. The requirements for the content of education and the instructors’ work are laid down in our Regulations. The dominant majority of the instructors have an academic degree. Habilitation is among the preconditions for professorial positions.

The Faculty has established an Award of Excellence, entitled The Textbook of the Year to honour outstanding quality in the creation of textbooks. To win the award a textbook has to have noteworthy scholarly value, has to be digestible by the students and it has to satisfy certain requirements in its out appearance.

The Faculty has founded what it calls the Social Council. Its key task is to convey to the Faculty the needs of the legal profession and the labour market so that the curricula and the everyday practice of education could be shaped accordingly.

The students’ scholarly circles are an important component of quality education. A considerable number of students participate in them and the professional standards are high. Several students of the Faculty have fared well at the competitions of the National Conference of Students’ Scholarly Circles.

The primary mission of the Bibó István Special College is to help students to choose the branch of scholarship they intend to focus on and with time they should be able to become experts on that field. The members of the special college attend courses and seminars in small groups and are taught how to analyse legal cases and political dilemmas. They also have access to tutorials and take part in field work. At the tutorials they are treated like “private students.” The extracurricular activities (hiking, culture evenings, film clubs, concerts and sports days) help team building and the cultivation of collegiate traditions.

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Training in Foreign Languages

Center for Training in Foreign Languages

Subjects taught at the Center:
Handelsrecht (commercial law); writing German legal documents in German; an introduction to the German language of business and commerce; Kaufmannsdeutsch; French public law; French civil law; law in everyday life; introduction to Russian legal language; the essential vocabulary of Russian public law; the Russian language of business; preparatory course for the intermediate-level examination in Russian language

Training in Foreign Languages in International Cooperation

Training in French – Master 1 (Paris II)

A course in French language, entitled: “French and European Law” for Hungarian students began at the Faculty in the spring term of 2002. It was the result of an agreement between Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) and ELTE’s Faculty of Law. The course lasts for four semesters, and each semester consists of twenty hours of lectures and eight hours of seminars. In 2006 that programme transformed. Since then it is called: “French and Hungarian Maîtrise of Law” (Master 1). The participants can obtain the diploma of Panthéon-Assas Paris II University, a diploma that is recognised by both states. A Hungarian Juris Doctor diploma is a precondition for getting that French degree.

To help the studies of those students, the library of the Faculty has been augmented with French legal documentation. The purchase of those books and documents has been financed by the culture section of the French Embassy in Hungary.
Training in German – LL.M. (Göttingen)

A course in German language, entitled: "German and European Law" for Hungarian students began at the Faculty in the autumn term of 2002. It was the result of an agreement between Georg-August-Universität Göttingen and ELTE’s Faculty of Law. The course lasts for two semesters, and each semester consists of 36 hours of lectures and consultations, which are held in German by instructors of the Göttingen University.

As from academic year 2006/2007, the cooperation of the two universities assumed a new format. After completing their legal programme in German in Budapest and upon obtaining their Hungarian Juris Doctor diploma, Hungarian students may attend the Göttingen University for one semester and obtain the LL.M. diploma of the Georg-August-Universität. The Göttingen University acknowledges the Hungarian students’ completion of studies at ELTE to be equivalent with one semester in the master’s training. That is why it is sufficient for those students to attend classes at Göttingen for just one semester and then they may defend their diploma thesis.

Thanks to donations by the Georg-August-Universität of Göttingen, the library of the Faculty has been complemented by German legal documentation.

Training in Foreign Languages for Foreign Students

Foreign students can attend courses in foreign languages at our Faculty, mainly under the Erasmus Programme.

The list of available courses can be seen below. The course-list can change slightly by the beginning of each semester, the current list and description of courses can be found on the following webpage of the Faculty:

http://www.ajk.elte.hu/en/studying_here/courses_foreign

Autumn Semester
- Terrorism and Human Rights
- Transitional Justice
- Introduction to Hungarian Civil Law
- The Hungarian Tort Law in a Comparative Perspective
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Introduction to EU Competition Law
- The Mobility of Companies in Europe
- EU Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters
- International and Comparative Tax Law
- U.S. Corporate Reorganization and Bankruptcy Law
- Introduction to American Law
- Jurisdiction in Civil and Commercial Litigation
- American Politics
- Defending Children’s Rights in Hungary and in Europe
- French Politics
- The Law of the Internal Market

Spring Semester
- Transnational Commercial Law
- Human Rights in Private Law
- Transitional Justice
- Litigation at the European Court of Justice
- International and European Criminal Law
- Sociology of Human Rights
- European and International Consumer Protection Law
- International Commercial Arbitration
- The role of EU institutions in protecting fundamental rights
- Labour Rights as Human Rights
- Introduction to Hungarian Constitutional Law
- Introduction to the International Capital Markets
- Prison and Social Exclusion
- Cultural Criminology - A Reading Course
- European Tax Law

- The Law of European Civil Procedure
- Civil Liberties in the United States
- US Business Law
- Justice with Michael Sandel
- Modernization of States and International Relations in a Historical Perspective
- French Politics
- Political Sociology of Post-Socialism
- Grundkurs Verfassungsrecht II
- Europäisches Verbraucherrecht
- Europäisches Zivilverfahrensrecht
- Rechtsgrundlagen für wirtschaftliche Transaktionen in der EU II
- Grundkurs Bürgerliches Recht II
- Lexique du droit public français II (Organisation de la justice)
- Diritto Comparato II (Sistemi Giuridici Ungherese-Italiano)
- Corso integrativo di diritto europeo
LL.M. in European and International Business Law postgraduate course
Launched from September 2013, this English-language postgraduate course offers an in-depth education covering the complex legal environment of European and international economies.

The course concept links theory to real world business. The high level curriculum offers solid grounding in the institutional fundamentals of the European economic integration and an introduction to international business law.

The foundation classes are followed by core courses which provide comprehensive overview on contract law, international arbitration, competition law and intellectual property law. Specialised courses in the 2nd semester allow students to immerse in areas such as consumer protection, social policy, e-commerce, international carriage of goods, securities, business related crimes or M&A regulations.

For more information visit:
http://www.ajk.elte.hu/en/businesslaw_llm

Executive LL.M. in International Business Law
Starting from 2013 each June a postgraduate course takes place at our Faculty. The course is the result of cooperation among Boston University School of Law, Law Faculty of Lazarski University and Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, conducted by Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg.

This graduate program provides exposure to the core topics of international business practice. The participants attend a two-week course over one to three years, take part in research projects and complete online assignments.

The attendees are legal practitioners from numerous countries and visiting instructors of Boston University conduct the courses on premises that are ensured by ELTE. The presentations are interactive and practice-oriented. They are meant to help the participants with their day-to-day work. Alongside serious study, the participants can find pleasure in Budapest’s rich cultural scene.

Training in the Hungarian Language
At the Faculty of Law training takes place in various programmes (Juris Doctor, criminology, political sciences and administration in two areas), in full-time and correspondence formats and at several levels (bachelor’s, master’s, undivided, and doctoral).

Full-time training
Juris Doctor – undivided training, which offers a master’s degree
Criminology – MA
Political Sciences – BA
Political Sciences – MA

Correspondence course
Juris Doctor – undivided training, which offers a master’s degree
Legal administration – BA

Training Programmes at the Faculty
I. Juris Doctor Programme
full time and correspondence course, ten semesters

Training is undivided and it offers a master’s degree (the bachelor’s and master’s training united into a single programme).

At our Faculty training has sound theoretical foundations. The Juris Doctors graduating from our institution can choose from a variety of practice-oriented and research-oriented jobs. The curriculum covers law and political sciences, other social sciences that are related to a Juris Doctor’s work, the principal institutions of Hungary’s legal system, legislation and the various applications of law. An advanced syllabus and Juris Doctor culture, coupled with field experience, specialised postgraduate education

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http://www.ajk.elte.hu/en/businesslaw_llm

Executive LL.M. in International Business Law
Starting from 2013 each June a postgraduate course takes place at our Faculty. The course is the result of cooperation among Boston University School of Law, Law Faculty of Lazarski University and Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, conducted by Center for International Legal Studies, Salzburg.

This graduate program provides exposure to the core topics of international business practice. The participants attend a two-week course over one to three years, take part in research projects and complete online assignments. The attendees are legal practitioners from numerous countries and visiting instructors of Boston University conduct the courses on premises that are ensured by ELTE. The presentations are interactive and practice-oriented. They are meant to help the participants with their day-to-day work. Alongside serious study, the participants can find pleasure in Budapest’s rich cultural scene.

Training in the Hungarian Language
At the Faculty of Law training takes place in various programmes (Juris Doctor, criminology, political sciences and administration in two areas), in full-time and correspondence formats and at several levels (bachelor’s, master’s, undivided, and doctoral).

Full-time training
Juris Doctor – undivided training, which offers a master’s degree
Criminology – MA
Political Sciences – BA
Political Sciences – MA

Correspondence course
Juris Doctor – undivided training, which offers a master’s degree
Legal administration – BA

Training Programmes at the Faculty
I. Juris Doctor Programme
full time and correspondence course, ten semesters

Training is undivided and it offers a master’s degree (the bachelor’s and master’s training united into a single programme).

At our Faculty training has sound theoretical foundations. The Juris Doctors graduating from our institution can choose from a variety of practice-oriented and research-oriented jobs. The curriculum covers law and political sciences, other social sciences that are related to a Juris Doctor’s work, the principal institutions of Hungary’s legal system, legislation and the various applications of law. An advanced syllabus and Juris Doctor culture, coupled with field experience, specialised postgraduate education
V. Legal Administration
BA, Correspondence course, six semesters

The programme covers the nuts and bolts of the administration of justice, so the graduates have a chance of helping to make its workings more effective. The graduates are meant to assist the activities of judges, prosecutors, notaries public and lawyers, and their expertise is an asset in public administration procedure. Students of the Legal Administration programme are taught civil and criminal law with a view to their future challenges at work. Equal emphasis is laid on substantive law and procedural law. In fact certain aspects of procedural law, as for instance, notarial procedure and the registration of companies, are taught in such a detail that you could not find in Juris Doctor training.

VI. Labour and Social Insurance Administration BA. Correspondence course, six semesters

The Faculty arranges this type of training to satisfy the needs of employers in the field of social insurance and related fields (tax administration and certain specialised areas and divisions of company administration). The syllabus covers related theoretical knowledge and daily matters in the work of social insurance institutions of various levels. Ambitious students can carry on with their studies at specialised master’s level. The programme also covers general issues, like the interplay of the internal and external systems of social security, social and economic processes that prompt changes in the social insurance system, as well as practical competences.
Institute of Postgraduate Legal Studies

The institute conducts specialised postgraduate trainings for legal professionals, as well for other professionals. Organisation of postgraduate courses for lawyers on specific legal fields is in the main focus of the institute, allowing legal practitioners to upgrade their knowledge and specialise themselves. Another service is to familiarise legal practitioners and others with new developments in the application of law, with new and amended laws and other statutes effectively and in a short time.

In accordance with a cooperation agreement signed with the Budapest Bar Association, the institute takes a lion’s share from preparing Budapest-based trainee lawyers for the bar exam by its courses organised twice a year.

Specialised postgraduate training courses are organised in the following fields:
- Codification
- Environmental protection law
- Family law
- Health law
- Insurance law
- Investment, corporate finance and stock exchange law
- Labour law
- Public procurement law
- Taxing

Courses for others than legal practitioners:
- Law for businesspersons
- Law for environment protection experts

More information: http://www.eltejti.hu/
The Faculty is in cooperation with more than one hundred and thirty partner universities.

We have been fostering cordial and increasingly intensive relations with long-established universities of Europe. Moreover, relations of varying intensity are cultivated with overseas universities, including some in the People’s Republic of China and the United States.

Dynamic efforts have also been made to reinvigorate contacts with universities in neighbouring countries. In harmony with general European tendencies and global challenges, the inter-university relations emphasise the mobility programmes for students and instructors, courses conducted in foreign languages, and the educational and research networks. The Faculty has scored impressive results in the latter field.

Our international relations take various forms – as bilateral and multi-lateral contacts, EU programmes, cooperation agreements between faculties, etc. – and are realised under various financing arrangements. Within the framework of relations between university departments and on the basis of invitations, instructors of the Faculty take part in research and mobility programmes, conferences and study trips mostly at European universities. Occasionally they respond to invitations from China and the US as visiting lecturers.
Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

In 2001 the European Commission conferred the title of "Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence" on the Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law acknowledging its results in education and research in connection with European integration during the previous decade.

As financed by the European Commission, in 2009 the Centre launched a research programme, entitled: "Central European countries after and before accession – possible ways of cooperation at regional level." In view of the fact that several countries of Central and Eastern Europe acceded to the European Union in 2004 and 2007 after almost a decade of preparations in economic, political and legal fields, research seeks answer to several questions: in what directions have the various branches of law developed; how can the new EU Member States respond to the challenges of law of the European Union; how could these states learn from one another’s experiences; in what manner is it possible to improve the efficiency of the teaching of the law of the European Union at local and regional levels? The following branches of law are covered by research: the law of business organisations, competition law, private international law, the free movement of individuals, family law and the law of immigration, certain aspects of consumer protection and the diversity of the European legal culture.

Another important aim of the programme is to promote cooperation among the universities of the region and to establish and operate a network that will facilitate joint research and perhaps even joint education. We intend to find and involve in joint efforts experts of the region who are experienced in the teaching of and research on European integration in general and certain regional aspects in particular, including the analysis of related theoretical issues. Our long-term goal is that the interested universities should convert this one-off cooperation project into long-term cooperation.

Bilateral Relations

The Faculty cooperates and exchanges instructors with numerous partner institutions under inter-university, inter-faculty and inter-departmental agreements.

The main partner universities are as follows:
- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- Université Panhélios-Assas (Paris II)
- Ruprecht-Karls Universität, Heidelberg
- Friedrich-Schiller Universität, Jena
- Jagellonian University, Krakow
- "Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca
- University of Novi Sad
- Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania

Europe-China School of Law

Since 2008 our Faculty has been a member of a consortium that is coordinated by the Universität Hamburg, the China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing and the Tsinghua University, Beijing, and rallies 13 additional European universities. This Chinese-European law school is intended to promote the training of young Chinese legal practitioners who can respond to international challenges.

Legal Research Network

In cooperation with University of Groningen, University of Turku, University of Uppsala, Universiteit van Gent, Universität Göttingen, Université Lille Nord de France, University of Bristol.

In 2009 our Faculty was invited to participate in the Legal Research Network (which was founded in 2006). Under the auspices of the Network a summer university is held each year for doctoral students and a legal conference, which is attended by instructors of the participating universities.

ERASMUS MUNDUS

ELTE (and the Department of Criminology) is part of the Doctorate in Cultural and Global Criminology (DCGC) Programme. The DCGC Programme is a three-year collaborative PhD programme which is funded by the European Union as an Erasmus Mundus Joint Degree Doctorate. The four partner universities are the University of Kent, the University of Hamburg, Utrecht University and ELTE. The structure and principles of the programme are shaped by its objectives: the need to understand and respond to new crimes, developing an international and cultural outlook on crime and social harm, to
ERASMUS

Our University joined the ERASMUS mobility programme in 1999. Bilateral agreements have been signed with ninety partner universities since then. Year by year around a hundred Hungarian students study at universities in Europe while over a hundred and ten foreign students attend our Faculty.

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Under the instructors’ mobility component, instructors of the Faculty get the opportunity to teach abroad and foster relations with teachers of the same field. As the lectures of visiting European instructors are known well in advance, they feature in the curriculum, and students from home and abroad can attend them.

The lectures conducted by visiting instructors cover the main branches of law, so the students who study at our Faculty have a choice of lectures in English, German, French and Italian.

As there are some twenty-five such lectures per semester the ad-hoc multinational student audiences can compare the legal systems of various countries and make contacts.

The student mentor system operates successfully both at university- and faculty-level: helpful Hungarian students welcome and assist in the studies and daily university lives of the guest students. At beginning of each term the exchange students can add their names to the University’s international mailing list, and then they are posted about fresh news and programme ideas. An introductory orientation meeting welcomes them in Budapest; then there is a playful and humorous tour of Budapest; and later there are daytrips and excursions within the outside Hungary. At the International Student Club the guest students speak about their customs, introduce the fine arts and cuisine of the countries of their origin.
By promoting the mobility of instructors and students across Europe, these networks ensure close cooperation for participating universities and enhance the European and comparative features of legal education. The annual conferences of networks are hosted by another university each year. During those conferences the partner universities discuss experiences of the exchange programme, other issues of international relevance and further opportunities of cooperation.

### Cooperation under the auspices of Networks

The Faculty has joined several networks of law schools to fully utilise the opportunities of the ERASMUS programme and coordinate cooperation more effectively. They are as follows:
- Rotterdam Network (30 universities),
- European Legal Practice Integrated Studies (ELPIS) (31 universities),
- Coimbra subgroup (18 universities),
- Caen-Würzburg Network (15 universities),
- Legal Research Network (7 universities).

### Foreign Instructors at the Faculty

Thanks to its extensive international relations, our Faculty invites renowned instructors from abroad, thereby increasing the number of lectures in foreign languages for our domestic and foreign students. The courses conducted by visiting instructors are part of the official curriculum; they are credit-earning optional subjects.

The instructors who visit the Faculty under the Erasmus programme from Germany, France and Italy usually come for a brief period and conduct few lectures. However, their lectures are more specialised and the students who listen to them can make a good use of them in their studies.

Thanks to the Faculty’s cooperation with DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), we employ in full time a German-speaking language instructor. The instructor holds lectures and seminars and keeps the students posted of scholarship opportunities in Germany.

Once in each semester the Faculty organises a course in international tax law. The course is conducted by legal experts from the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation, Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

The Faculty’s cooperation with the Salzburg-based Center for International Legal Studies is especially advantageous for students who cannot conduct a part of their studies...
International Conferences Held at the Faculty

International conferences are regularly held at the Faculty and often the lecturers include eminent foreign professors. Relying on their domestic and international professional contacts, many of our departments organise seminars. Such seminars are forums for the exchange of ideas for instructors, students and public personalities. Some of the most important conferences held at the Faculty in recent years were as follows:

• Coimbra Group Meeting – annual conference of European law faculties’ network
• Budapest Deans’ Conference – meeting of Central and Eastern European law faculties
• “Central and Eastern European Countries after and before the Accession” – Jean Monnet Conference
• “Economic Crisis and Global Governance” – Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Pázmány Péter Catholic University,
• “Die Europäisierung des Rechts” – Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen
• “Main Institutions of Legal Procedure in the Chinese and the Hungarian Legal System” – Northwest University of Politics and Law, Xi’an
• Anniversary conference held on the occasion of the signing of the Treaty of Rome – Hungarian member association of the International Association for European Law (FIDE), Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law of ELTE Faculty of Law, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, CompLex Publishers LLC
• Awareness Raising Seminar on Contemporary Humanitarian Issues: “Humanitarian Action and Foreign Policy” – NOHA (Network on Humanitarian Assistance)
• International Workshop on Human Rights Enforcement Mechanisms – Civil Law Department of ELTE Faculty of Law
• “Aktuelle Aspekte der rechtshistorischen Forschung, Internationale Doktorandenta- gung” – Department of History of Hungarian State and Law of ELTE Faculty of Law
• International Workshop on Human Rights Enforcement Mechanisms – Department of Constitutional Law of ELTE Faculty of Law
• “The European Constitutional Area and National Constitutionalism” – Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg
• “Common European Sales Law” – Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law of ELTE Faculty of Law
• “The Impact of International Instruments on National and European Law” – Legal Research Network conference
• “Codification of Private Law” – Max Planck Institute, Hamburg, Civil Law Department of ELTE Faculty of Law
• “Evergreen Questions of Criminal Policy: Get Smart or Get Tough” – Common Study Programme in Critical Criminology
• “Implementation and Enforcement of EU Private International Law in Visegrad Countries” – Visegrad Cooperation
• Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects – UNIDROIT
• “International Employment Law and Business Immigration” – Center for International Legal Studies
• “Deutsch-Ungarisches Kolloquium” – Universität Göttingen
• “Beyond Punitiveness: Crime and Crime Control in Europe in a Comparative Perspective” – European Society of Criminology, Criminology Department of ELTE Faculty of Law

abroad. The Center arranges relations between American law instructors and universities in Europe. Year by year our University receives two visiting instructors from the United States through its mediation. The instructors visiting our Faculty are practising lawyers with extensive field experience. As their courses feature in the official curriculum, they enable students to get an insight into the legal system of the United States. In addition to getting information about the theoretical background of court decisions, they can analyse real-life legal cases and come up with various ideas for solving them. Often the analyses of the cases continue beyond class, under less formal circumstances.
Students of the Faculty in Activities Abroad

Year by year our students take part in international competitions of law school students and they regularly fare well there. The Hungarian student teams regularly take part in the following contests:

**As coached by the Department of International Law:**

- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, organised by the International Law Students Association; Washington DC;
- Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, organised by the University of Leiden, The Netherlands.

**As coached by the Department of Private International Law and European Economic Law:**

- Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court, organised by the Pace University School of Law and the Law Faculty of the University of Vienna;
- Willem C. Vis EAST International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court, organised by the City University of Hong Kong School of Law and the CIARB East Asia Branch (Hong Kong);
- European Law Moot Court, organised by the European Moot Court Society.

**As coached by the Department of Criminology:**

- International Commercial Mediation Competition, organised by the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France

Summer University for Hungarians beyond Hungary’s Borders

Ever since 1996 the Faculty of Law organises a Hungarian-language Summer University for Hungarians who live beyond Hungary’s borders in the second part of July. The lectures are conducted simultaneously in two sections. In the first section the syllabus covers the Hungarian legal terminology, the characteristics of Hungarian legal institutions, the sources and special literature of Hungarian law and recent results in codification. Comparisons are made between Hungarian and other European legal institutions; and the legal institutions of Hungarian minorities in neighbouring countries are outlined to explore possibilities of development in that field. In the second section the most important chapters of Hungarian constitutional history and of the history of Hungarian public law are introduced. The participants are recruited among legal practitioners, law school students, history major students and teachers of history who consider the Summer University as extension education. The lectures are conducted by instructors of the Faculty and eminent members of the Hungarian legal establishment. The Summer University is organised with the assistance of the Government Office for Hungarian Minorities Abroad and financially supported by several ministries, foundations, banks, social associations, companies and book publishing houses.
The Faculty’s Annual Publications in Foreign Languages

ANNALES UNIVERSITATIS SCIENTIARUM BUDAPESTINENSIS DE ROLANDO EŐTVŐS NOMINATAE SECTIO IURIDICA

The Faculty of Law of ELTE publishes its foreign language scientific journal, the Annales, yearly for more than a half century, since 1959.

The volumes containing English and German language studies give primarily an insight into the scientific activity and recent research outcomes of the professors of the Faculty. As the international relations of the Faculty broaden, we publish more and more contributions written by foreign professors, primarily by the honorary doctors and visiting lecturers of the Faculty. The journal is internationally recognised: this is proven by the interest shown by foreign libraries and publishers as well as by the contract concluded with EBSCO Publishing, the renowned publisher operating one of the largest journals database of the world, for the online publication of the articles.

ELTE LAW JOURNAL

ELTE Law Journal is the new law journal of our Faculty, launched in 2014.

While it is edited in Budapest, the aim is for it to be not only a national but a regional and an international forum for publications available for scholars and practitioners. ELTE Law Journal contains original articles that explore contemporary, practical issues in the field of private law, criminal law, constitutional and administrative law, international law and European law. There is a strong preference for publication submissions with a comparative approach and for articles exploring legal issues from the perspective of European law and/or international law.

The language of ELTE Law Journal is English.
RESEARCH – RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Law of ELTE University plays a pivotal role in research on law and political sciences in Hungary. Research conducted at the Faculty covers all the branches of jurisprudence. Some of the main issues are as follows: the transformation of the legal system in terms of institutions and norms over the past two decades; surviving effects of the period that preceded transition (in 1989-1990); the examination of present conditions; predictions about forthcoming tendencies and practical tasks, with special reference to the approximation of laws in the European Union.

The number of instructors with academic degrees is very high by national standards and they are highly active in the field of publishing essays. The departments of the Faculty, the related scholarly workshops and individual instructors actively apply for research grants, which also helps them produce book-size works and essays that can also be used in education. A healthy equilibrium has to be found between teaching and research for all instructors. This is far from being a theoretical question. As the number of students grows, so grows the workload of the instructors, which means they have less energy for research. The teaching duties influence the directions of research. In other words, they indirectly define the end-users’ demand for researchers. Besides, the ratio of education and research in the time budget of instructors changes from time to time; and ideally it is more or less balanced.

Numerous publishing houses have got out scholarly works written by instructors and researchers of the Faculty. Some of the departments and, as from the year 2000, the Faculty itself, have embarked on publishing works written by the teaching staff.

The changes in Hungary’s social and economic life have called for an unusual volume of new legislation and the reappraisal of the fundamental components of the legal system. A considerable body of research has been done to explore the interplay between the processes in the “real world” and in the legal system. Another important field of research is compliance with the European Union’s norms. Basic research and issues related to Hungary’s EU accession dominate in research done at the Faculty. These challenges require considerable research potentials and funds. For the promotion of research it is inevitable to modernise the Faculty’s library, to optimise the flow of electronic information, to foster relations and cooperation with renowned universities of Europe.

True to its traditions and in response to the challenges of the era, the Faculty intends to retain its eminent position in basic research, the elaboration of legal dogmatics and in ensuring the modern scholarly foundations for the university syllabuses. The Faculty’s departments regularly apply for research grants from various endowments, foundations and governmental agencies. Only scholarly research can ensure the required high standards of teaching. The Faculty’s habilitation regulations make it clear that habilitation is only available for those applicants who have acquired profound knowledge and an impression grasp of a branch of scholarship. The Faculty’s doctoral regulations lay down strict rules for obtaining a PhD title.
Library of the Faculty

In its reading room of 150 seats the library provides access to specialised literature, reading, research and learning facilities for professors and students alike. The library offers on-site use only; its collection may not be borrowed (except for professors and other employees of the faculty, to who special rules of borrowing apply). The new reading room, with the adjoining rooms, workplaces and the depository was finished in the summer of 1998. The development of the Faculty Library to a research library started in 2010, and thus the acquisition policy has altered, collecting research guides and foreign language legal dictionaries has become a priority. The Faculty is constantly looking for new resources to continue with these acquisitions.

Scope of collection of the Library: law and political sciences, social sciences, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, lexicons, domestic and foreign periodicals of law and social sciences.

The Faculty Library collects and explores historical and recent handbooks, monographs, textbooks and periodicals of Hungarian legal and administrative sciences. It collects legal theory and legal history monographs and handbooks of states from different legal systems as well as their statute books and periodicals in the most commonly known languages (English, German, French). The Library seeks to procure synoptic and most valuable works of related sciences such as philosophy, sociology, statistics, political sciences, Hungarian and world history. Bibliographies, encyclopaedias, lexicons and dictionaries of the reference library support research and provide general information. The LL.M. in European and International Business Law is supported by a special section of the library.

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The Faculty Library is public. Membership is free for students and professors of the Faculty and for other employees of the University.

Student organisations at the Faculty of Law

Students’ Union

The Student Union is a self-governing body consisting of the elected representatives of the students of the Faculty of Law. Every enrolled student of the Faculty is entitled to vote when these representatives are elected. The main objective of the Student Union is to promote and defend the points of view and the rights of the students of the Faculty of Law as much as to give them assistance in every aspect of university life. At the highest level of representation the Union aims to present a united front in the decision-making bodies of the Faculty (Faculty Council), where the students hold one fifth of the mandates.

The Student Union’s executive body is the Presidency which consists of the president and several vice-presidents. Each vice-president is responsible for a special field (e.g. study affairs, social affairs, international relations, etc.). The Vice-president for International Relations is responsible for keeping contact with other universities, finding scholarship opportunities and propagating them among the students of the Faculty. Helping foreign students who study at the Faculty of Law also belongs to his/her scope of duties. In this latter issue his/her main help is the Chief Mentor of the Faculty of Law who coordinates the so-called mentor system and deals with matters related to the incoming exchange students.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Faculty of Law is a group of five students whose task is to provide assistance to the work of the Vice-president for International Relations and the Chief Mentor of the Faculty of Law.
Mentor System

The Chief Mentor of the Faculty of Law coordinates the Faculty’s mentor system, supervises the Faculty’s mentors and gives a mentor to each exchange student of the Faculty. He/she organises programs for exchange students in cooperation with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Faculty of Law and with the Vice-president for International Relations. According to his/her scope of duties the Chief Mentor of the Faculty of Law cooperates with the other Faculties’ Chief Mentors as well to arrange programmes for the exchange students at university level.

The mentor system is a community which is made up of Hungarian student volunteers of the Faculty of Law. The aim of this group is to make every exchange students’ stay at Budapest easier. Many of these volunteers have already been abroad with the Erasmus program or other exchange programmes so they know the possible difficulties that might come up in a “study abroad” situation. They provide information related to study matters, organise free-time programmes, like visiting museums, day trips and parties and, of course, they do their best to help solving problems that can occur during the foreign students’ exchange period.

Connection with the ESN

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, founded in 1990 to support and develop student exchange. The main focus of ESN is on current exchange students, who often face problems in their new living environments. Therefore ESN offers help in academic, social and practical integration process through the activities of the local sections. Many sections have introduced mentor systems, which help the international students mainly in academic and practical integration. At the Faculty of Law and also at the whole ELTE the ESN works through the mentor system(s).
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