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## **Faculty of Law of Masaryk University**

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The Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University ranks among top institutions in the field of juridical science and education. The history of these activities reaches back to the very beginnings of its establishment in 1919. It is one of the most prestigious research and educational institutions in the field of law in the Czech Republic as evidenced not only by the greatest interest of applicants within the whole country, but also by many annual surveys of independent journalistic newspapers among the field experts. It is one of four public law faculties in the Czech Republic and it is often characterized as a modern, dynamic faculty focused mainly on the interconnection of educational activity and scientific research. Furthermore, the faculty graduates are continuously rated highly by representatives of both science and practice. The faculty also reaches the first place in using the evaluation and other assessment procedures and quality control, which are introduced in both the management of human resources and the implementation of accredited study programs, research and supporting activities.

### **Science – Research – Internationalization**

The Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University achieves the best results among all law faculties in the Czech Republic in the assessment of science and research as for the number of evaluated results as well as in particular for the number of adjusted points of results, to which a continuous pursuit of the internationalization of faculty and its scientific research activities contributes to. The faculty purposely develops professional and additional partnership relations with law protection institutions and both representative and executive bodies in the Czech Republic, the EU and wider international context. The publishing of collective international monographs is an example of significant achievements in this area. Traditional foreign partners of the faculty include: the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, USA; the Faculty of Law of the University of Białystok, Poland; the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Silesian University in Katowice, Poland; the Faculty of Law of the University of Maribor, Slovenia; and the Nottingham Trent University, Great Britain.

### **Scientific Research Growth of Academic Staff**

The Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University supports scientific activities of its personnel by various tools. These tools allow the academic staff to visit foreign institutions and engage in joint research and creation of publications. Last but not least, the participation in international scientific conferences is supported also. In addition, the faculty carries out habilitation procedures and professor appointment procedures. One of the priorities of the faculty's strategic plan is to provide its academic staff with proper and high quality facilities for scientific research that will enable them to reach the highest academic degrees.

## **Professional Growth of Students**

The faculty also seeks to build a scientific research capacity within its students. An important part of this agenda is a competition called “Student Research Training Activities”, a tradition that dates back to the academic year of 1998/1999 and is annually announced by the Dean of the Faculty. Students compete with their original professional work in the field of Law on themes announced by important public and private institutions. Among other student scientific competitions, there is a competition for the IUS et SOCIETAS Award. Furthermore, every year students participate in significant international moot courts, e.g. the Willem C. Vis International Arbitration Moot, the Philips C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, the Foreign Direct Investment Moot Competition and the Jean-Pictet Competition.

Motivational tools for the students of the doctoral programme are often brought by doctoral supervisors themselves, by individual departments and as well as by university projects supporting doctoral and post-doctoral students. The doctoral students are often fully fledged members of research teams. A major effect of continuous faculty effort is that the proportion of doctoral students in publishing and other activities continues to grow.

The quality of students is also consistently increased through the involvement of foreign teachers into schooling, through the creation of framework for teaching skill subjects and through the requirement of practical experience in the course of study.

## **Scientific Conferences**

The Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University focuses on the enhancement of scientific research competencies of its members among others through supporting their mutual encountering, which is the aim of holding scientific conferences. The major faculty conference, with a high international participation is called, “Days of Law” and is held in autumn. Its counterpart in the spring term is the “COFOLA” Conference, which is held by the doctoral students and focused on students of both doctoral, master’s degree programme and young scientists. Another well-established international conference is the autumn conference, “Cyber Space”. A number of other professional conferences with significant outcomes are realized on department level. Electronic versions of the conference proceedings are freely available on the faculty scientific web portal ([www.science.law.muni.cz](http://www.science.law.muni.cz)) and they are a sought source of information for the general professional public.

## **Library and Information Activities**

The Central Faculty Library has a crucial role in handling scientific information. Thanks to the quantity and quality of information, it is a valuable source for a judicial centre of the state. The library continually monitors trends in information sources and constantly expands a range of available electronic databases of scientific texts. In addition, the faculty library has a unique fund of old books. In this collection, there are printed books from the period of 1546 - 1950. The Library has undergone an extensive reconstruction, enlargement and modernization. Since the May of 2015 it has been profiling itself as the centre for information in the field of Law in the Central European area.

## Professional Periodicals

The publishing of journals pertains to important scientific research activities of the faculty. The Journal of Jurisprudence and Legal Practice has been issued since 1993. The “Revue pro právo a technologie” (the Magazine for Law and Technologies) is published under the auspices of the faculty’s Institute of Law and Technology as well as a periodical issued in English and entitled The Masaryk University Journal of Law and Technology. Many foreign experts contribute especially to the latter one.

## Project Activities

The Faculty of Law of the Masaryk University and its members collaborate on national as well as international research projects. The providers include: the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, the European Union (the Horizon 2020, the Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programme, the Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme, Marie Curie Actions) and others. On the Faculty of Law of Masaryk university is realized project The Rise of Judicial Self-Government in Europe: Changing the Architecture of Separation of Powers without an Architect supported by the European Research Council.

## Other Professional activities

The faculty members continuously take part in solving law practice problems by participation in proposing draft legislation, by participation in comment procedures to those proposals, by participation in creating the case law of the courts and by expertise activities. Furthermore, the academic staff is involved in working groups or advisory bodies of the central state administration authorities as the members of control commissions or supervisory bodies of the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, the Higher Education Development Fund or as the members in various professional and educational associations.



## **DEPARTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL WORKPLACES**

## **Department of Legal Theory**

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The Department of Legal Theory deals mainly with topics concerning the issues of: the process of globalization, the Europeanization and pluralization of law; the prohibition of discrimination and the protection of minority rights; domestic violence and its philosophical and legal analysis; legal and welfare state in the context of postmodernism; the concept of legal and social equality; traditions and perspectives of the Brno normative legal school; the mechanism of operation of law in society; the changes in the law system; the application of law; the issues of legal hermeneutics, methodology and theory of legal interpretation; the contemporary critical legal theory; the Law and Literature movement, and the matter of law as a tool of social control.

## **Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science**

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In its publishing activities, the academic staff of the Department of Constitutional Law and Political Science is focused on all areas of constitutional law in terms of both theory and practice. One of the reasons is that most of the staff works at the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Administrative Court or the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office. The main attention is paid to a theory of the Constitution; the legislation including the creation of legal regulations in the area of local authorities; the electoral law; the theory and protection of fundamental rights and freedoms; the theory of citizenship; and the status of head of state. With regard to the department

staff's focus of activity, the permanent attention is paid to the individual problems of constitutional and administrative courts. In the field of politics, it means in particular the issues of the development of a modern state; the separation of powers; and executive powers. In the field of political science, the issues are the basic concepts and processes of the political system and the international system, including both the security and the foreign policy of the Czech Republic.

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The members of the Department of the History of the State and Law, focus their activities in particular on the following issues: Roman law and the related issues of the law of succession, the impact of Roman law on legal development in the Middle Ages and Modern Times; military administrations; the comprehensive older and newer Czech and Czechoslovak legal history; development of private law; judicial proceedings; critical editions of medieval legal sources; German legal history; the period of Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia; the development of family law in our territory; and the development of the first Czechoslovak Republic jurisprudence.

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The Department of Administrative Studies and Administrative Law focuses mainly on the field of: European principles and standards of good governance; transparency of public administration and protection of personal data; regional and special-interest self-administration; the issue of property rights of public bodies; public law institutes borderline with private law;

administrative procedures; discretionary powers of administrative bodies; legislative activities of public administration; judicial control of public administration; liability for damages and non-pecuniary damages caused within the exercise of public administration; the institute of the Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsman); construction law; trade licensing law; water law; transport law; cadastral law; educational law; and the field of administrative science issues.

## **Department of Civil Law**

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The focus of scientific research activities of the Department of Civil Law is to a large extent defined by the institutional framework, in which the individual sub-teams, respectively individual members of the department are engaged. Regarding the factual orientation of their research, the key issues are related to: European civil law; European family law; intellectual property law; Europeanization of legal entities in the non-profit sector; the position and development of Czech civil law within the Central European space and its confrontation with the systems of law of Central and East European countries, including Austria, Germany and the law of EU; the paradigm of value, institutional and systemic foundation of civil law; the non-profit sector; the development of private law in the territory of the Czech Republic; domestic violence and its solutions; consumer protection law; and housing law.

## **Department of Criminal Law**

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The research activities of the Department of Criminal Law are focused not only on the profile branches of law, i.e. both substantive and procedural



criminal law, but also on the related non-legal disciplines, especially criminology and penology. The subjects of scientific interest of individual faculty teachers are particularly the following topics: Europeanization of substantive and procedural criminal law; the concept of crime; the subsidiarity of criminal repression; the mistake in criminal law; circumstances excluding illegality; the punitive criminal justice system (alternative punishments, imprisonment, life imprisonment, prison service); juvenile criminal law; criminal liability of legal entities; economic criminality; the right to a fair trial; international judicial cooperation in criminal matters; and evidence in criminal proceedings.

## **Department of International and European Law**

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In the field of public international law, the Department of International and European Law deals mainly with: the application of international law by international and national courts; international criminal law; international economic law; international investment protection; law of international treaties; and diplomatic and consular law.

In the field of international private and business law, the department, among others, deals with: the general part of private international law; obligations of treaties; the international sales contract; European international private and procedural law; the impact of computerization on international private law; the online private dispute resolution; international arbitration proceedings; and international unification of private substantive law.

In the field of EU law, the department deals with: the character of EU law; EU federalism; the precedence of EU law and its sources; languages in law, especially in EU law; free movement of goods and services in the EU; external relations of the EU; the protection of intellectual property on an international scale and in EU law; the interpretation of EU law; and the EU health law.

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The members of the Department of Commercial Law in their activities especially focus on the issues of: corporate law, company law and law against unfair competition; antitrust law; capital market regulation and law of securities; the process of public procurement; contract law in entrepreneurial practice; and the issue of economic analysis of law.

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The Department of Financial Law and Economics in its scientific research activities deals with studying the interaction of law and economics, respectively economy, the public financial activities and their legal strictures. The sphere of interest includes, among others: monetary policy and monetary law; public finance and fiscal law (budget law, tax law, the issue of legal regulation of public debt, etc.), financial market and financial market law. A special attention is also paid to the particularities of e-environment in these segments of law.

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The Department of Labour Law and Social Security among other things, focuses on: the research of liberalization in collective labour law; in particular the possibilities of extending the scope of the collective agreement and its normative part. This segment is particularly about promoting greater liberalization as well as the limitation to the strict state regulation where this is not necessarily necessary.

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At present and in the near term, the scientific research attention and the activities of the Department of Environmental Law and Land Law are focused on the topics of: the responsibility in environmental law; the resolution of conflicts of interest in the territory; the control, supervision and inspection as tools for environmental protection. The choice of these topics enables all department members to use their experience as well as to employ their focus on the issues which the department provides likewise in its educational area, i.e. the issues of both environmental law and land law.

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The dominant disciplines in which the Institute of Law and Technology develops its educational, scientific and expert activities are information and communication technology law, legal informatics and also special fields of technology law, such as energy law, law of specific production, health law and others.

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