



**Ilia State University
School of Law**

Master Program

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| Program Title | Criminal Law |
| Academic Degree/Qualification to be Awarded | Master of Criminal Law |
| Program Duration/Scope (semester, number of credits) | 120 ECTS credits 4 credits |
| Language | Georgian, with a component of English Language |
| Program Development Date and Renewal | Program developed y., It is renewable at the beginning of each academic year in order to improve the learning process. Approved: By the Academic Council of Ilia State University - Minutes #2 of February 27, 2017 , updated 2024 |

Prerequisites (requirements) for admission to the program

A person with an academic degree of Bachelor of Law can become a student of the program. Those who have passed the general master's examination and the internal university exam have the right to study the master's program (written exam (essay/case study) in the specialization - public law (60%); English exam B2 level (40%) (see Appendix 3) Information relevant to the internal university exam will be posted on the university's website.

Program objectives

The objective of the Master Program in Criminal Law is to prepare a competitive and qualified lawyer who will have systematic knowledge of criminal law (including court practice, European and international criminal law, criminal law institutions) as well as the skills necessary for practical activities, and who will be able to identify, study and analyze the legal problems in the field of criminal law and solve them, which will be useful in daily practical activities both in the public (judicial, prosecutor's office, investigative bodies) and private (lawyer) sectors.

Program description

The Master Program in Criminal Law includes mandatory and elective courses in criminal law, including courses necessary to develop practical and research skills. The program offers students the opportunity to choose courses from any master's program of Ilia State University within the framework of 12 credits.

The Master Program in Criminal Law is oriented to helping students with an in-depth study of problems in the practice of criminal law. For this purpose, the Master Program in Criminal Law offers students a course to study the practice of the common courts and, first of all, the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The course on justification of the sentence in the criminal law case is especially important, which will allow the student to get acquainted with the "forms" of sentencing, the components necessary for its justification and stylistic fluency. In order to achieve the objective of the Master Program in Criminal Law, the courses of international criminal law, European criminal law and comparative criminal law are also of great importance, which will allow the student to get acquainted with the international instruments for the protection of human rights in the field of criminal law (including important decisions of the European Court of Human Rights) and the criminal justice systems of the European Union and other countries.

The program also includes a course on the justification of the use of restraining measures in a criminal case, through which the student will learn about the practice of using coercive measures limiting human rights in the context of the presumption of freedom.

The program also includes a course on the judicial-political aspects of terrorism in light of contemporary challenges, as well as a course on the goals of punishment and practical problems related to its imposition. At the same time, the Master Program in Criminal Law is focused on helping students develop practical skills. Accordingly, the program also offers students courses on the practical activities of parties to criminal proceedings. The program provides an opportunity for the student to explore the problematic and comparative legal aspects of juvenile justice and jury trials.

Learning Outcomes

- In the field of criminal law, describes the main trends of national and foreign law, determines the relationship between international and national law and the influence of the EU law on domestic law, analyzes the standards of judicial ethics.
- Shares with the professional community the research conducted using the latest research approaches on current issues of criminal law
- Evaluates complex legal problems and formulates new, original ways of solving them.
- Conducts legal activities by analyzing the latest approaches in the field and judicial practice.
- Demonstrates respect for democratic values and participates in the development of legal values

Master of Criminal Law employment areas

- International organizations of relevant profile
- Public sector of the relevant profile, including the prosecutor's office, the court, the Ministry of Internal Affairs;
- Continuation of studies at the doctoral level;
- Non-governmental organizations working in the field of human rights
- Lawyer practice
- Practicing expert in criminal law issues

Learning-teaching method:

The following teaching methods are applied in the program:

- Interactive lectures and seminars;
- Discussions/debates
- Group work
- Problem-based learning (PBL)
- Cooperative Learning (cooperative)
- Case study
- Case solution
- Brain storming
- Role-playing and situational games (simulated process)
- Demonstration method
- Analysis and synthesis;
- Method of practical work/project;
- Supervision and reflection.

Staff (visiting lecturer/researcher/academic staff) may use one or more of the above methods or any other method depending on the specific learning task.

Note: The teaching methods used in the different components of the program are specified in the respective syllabuses

Evaluation method

The grading of the master's program students is carried out based on a 100 point system.

- (A) Excellent – 91-100 points
- (B) Very good – 81-90 points
- (C) Good – 71-80 points
- (D) Satisfactory – 61-70 points
- (E) Sufficient – 51-60 points
- (FX) Insufficient – maximum 41-50 points which means that the student needs to do more work to pass and is given the right to take an additional exam one time with an independent work;
- (F) Failed – maximum 40 points and less, which means that the student's performance is not sufficient and he/she must study the subject once again.

In the educational program component, in case of obtaining FX, an additional exam is scheduled at least 5 days after the announcement of the results of the final exam.

Upon obtaining an FX grade in the master's thesis, the master's student is entitled to submit a revised master's thesis during the following semester.

In case of receiving an F grade in the master's thesis, the master's student loses the right to re-submit the same master's thesis.

Evaluation methods, components, minimum competence thresholds, evaluation criteria and their specifics are presented in the syllabus of the training courses.

Important supplementary terms /resources for learning

- Educational process management system "Argus";
- Turnitin" and "Moodle" programs;
- University library (including electronic bases);
- University computer centers;
- Lecture halls;
- School of Law clinics;
- Research centers of the School of Law;

Program Structure

The component of the educational program is distributed as follows:

Law block - 108 credits

54 credits - Mandatory courses of criminal law specialty, including

18 credits – Practical component

6 credits - Academic writing for lawyers

24 credits - Elective courses of criminal law specialty

30 credits - Master thesis

12 credits - Mandatory courses of policy (policy block)

12 credits - Free component (The student can choose any course offered by the master programs of Ilia State University)

Detailed structure of the program see Annex #1

map of competences see Annex #2