



NOVA  
UNIVERZA  
EUROPEAN  
FACULTY OF LAW

## Two-Year Postgraduate Study Programme

# ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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# ABOUT THE FACULTY

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The European Faculty of Law, **member of the Nova univerza in Slovenia**, is an internationally recognised higher education institution whose mission is to create and disseminate knowledge in the field of law, the interdisciplinary field of law and management of infrastructure and real estate and alternative dispute resolution.

The Faculty is distinguished by **high quality study programmes, top academic staff, friendly professional services, linking of theory and practice and practical applicability of the acquired knowledge**. So as to be even more student-friendly, the Faculty introduced **e-learning** following the model of renowned international universities and following the trends of modern social development.

The Faculty also **cooperates with numerous similar institutions and other part-**

**ners in the international community. It is a holder of the Erasmus university charter and signatory to bilateral agreements that enable international exchange to students as well as academic and expert staff. The Faculty offers its best students academic exchange at the Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, USA.** The first programme of its kind in Slovenia enables students to **take part in a student exchange programme in the USA** and after that directly enrol in the **master's programme offered by this American college**.

By facilitating and directing **active research work** of students and publishing their research findings in national and international journals, the Faculty and its graduates partake in the development of Slovenian legal sciences.

A diverse programme of extracurricular activities is ensured by the **Student Council** and the **ELSA Nova Gorica Law Students' Association**.

The school's advantage is its **Career Centre**, which offers career counselling to students and represents the connecting point between the Faculty, students and employers. The Career Centre enables the Faculty to stay connected with its graduates even after they complete their studies.

# ABOUT THE STUDY PROGRAMME

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**The interdisciplinary postgraduate study programme in Alternative Dispute Resolution offers graduates of various fields the possibility to upgrade their existing knowledge. The new theoretical and practical study programme covers the entire spectrum of conflict and dispute resolution, especially mediation, arbitration and similar procedures.**

The programme is also intended for all who are interested in this field and who recognise its potential for new and additional knowledge, which will undoubtedly become increasingly sought after and valuable in the future, as conflicts are an unavoidable part of our daily life. This study

programme teaches students how to use conflicts in order to upgrade personal and business relations. The programme does not 'compete' with litigation and administrative proceedings. Instead, it opens up possibilities for clients to find the best possible solution to a dispute.



After fulfilling the requirements for the completion of the postgraduate study programme in Alternative Dispute Resolution, the student acquires the title of **Master of Alternative Dispute Resolution** (after the name and surname) with the abbreviation **LLM in Alternative Dispute Resolution**.

The postgraduate study programme lasts **two years** or four semesters and is equivalent to **120 credits**. The first three semesters are intended for attending lectures, seminars and study workshops. The fourth semester is allocated for a methodological seminar and the preparation and defence of the Master's thesis, which is worth 20 credits.

**The price of the tuition fees** is comparable to that of programmes offered by other Faculties and is **€ 2,500.00** for an individual year of the study programme. Subject to prior agreement with the Faculty, tuition fees can be **paid in instalments**.

# CURRICULUM

## 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Conflict and Crisis Management: How to Manage Diversity and Protect Minorities	8
Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution	8
Fundamentals of Mediation	8
Processes and Stages of Dispute Resolution	8
Practices, Techniques and Skills of Dispute Resolution	8
Dispute Resolution in the Public Sector and Social Dialogue	8
Elective course 1	6
Elective course 2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

## ELECTIVE COURSES

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Case Studies and Role Playing	6
Resolution of International Disputes	6
Conflicts in History and Culture: Violence, Mediation and Peace	6
Legal and Alternative Resolution of Domain Disputes in the Era of Internet Globalisation	6
Theory and Practice of Negotiations	6

## 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
Arbitration, Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution in Commercial Disputes	8
Alternative Resolution of Civil and Labour Law Disputes	8
Family, Social Security and Health Care Disputes	8
Elective course 3	6
Methodological Seminar	10
Preparation and Defence of the Master's Thesis	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

# ENROLMENT CRITERIA AND CONTINUATION OF STUDIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSFER CRITERIA

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## ► **Enrolment in the first year of the postgraduate study programme in Alternative Dispute Resolution is available to candidates who have completed:**

- ▶ a. a first cycle study programme in the relevant professional field (Social Sciences (31) and Law (38));
- ▶ b. a first cycle study programme in other professional fields (Humanities (22) and Business and Administration (34)) and have acquired at least 180 credits and completed additional study obligations worth 14 credits. The candidates can complete the additional study obligations during their first-cycle study or, prior to enrolling in this postgraduate study programme, by passing the exams for the following courses: Introduction to Jurisprudence (8 credits) and Peaceful Dispute Resolution (6 credits);
- ▶ c. a first cycle study programme in other professional fields (all other ISCED fields) and have acquired at least 180 credits and completed additional study obligations worth 18 credits. The candidates can complete the additional study obligations during their first-cycle study or, prior to enrolling in this postgraduate study programme, by passing the exams for the following courses: Introduction to Jurisprudence (8 credits), Peaceful Dispute Resolution (6 credits) and Mediation and Arbitration – Alternative Dispute Resolution (4 credits);
- ▶ d. a study programme leading to a higher education degree in relevant professional fields (Social Sciences (31) and Law (38)) that was adopted between 1 January 1994 and 11 June 2004;
- ▶ e. a study programme leading to a higher education degree in other professional fields (Humanities (22) and Business and Administration (34)) that was adopted between 1 January 1994 and 11 June 2004 and have completed additional study obligations worth 14 credits. The candidates can complete the additional study obligations during their first-cycle study or, prior to enrolling in this postgraduate study programme, by passing the exams for the following courses: Introduction to Jurisprudence (8 credits) and Peaceful Dispute Resolution (6 credits);
- ▶ f. a study programme leading to a higher education degree in other professional fields (all other ISCED fields) that was adopted between 1 January 1994 and 11 June 2004 and have completed additional study obligations worth 18 credits. The candidates can complete the additional study obligations during their

first-cycle study or, prior to enrolling in this postgraduate study programme, by passing the exams for the following courses: Introduction to Jurisprudence (8 credits), Peaceful Dispute Resolution (6 credits) and Mediation and Arbitration – Alternative Dispute Resolution (4 credits).

Enrolment requirements are also met by candidates who have completed an equivalent study abroad.

**If a decision on limited enrolment is adopted, candidates will be chosen with regard to:**

- the average grade of undergraduate studies – up to 60% of points (every one tenth of the candidate's average grade above 5.0 represents one point);
- the grade for the diploma thesis – up to 40% of points (every grade above 5.0 represents one point).

This is subject to the decision of the Study Affairs Committee.

The Faculty also enables the continuation of studies and enrolment in chosen study programmes in accordance with transfer criteria. Information on the **continuation of studies in accordance with transfer criteria** is available to candidates at the Faculty.

## STUDY MODE

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The postgraduate study programme in Alternative dispute resolution is implemented **part-time (without concession)** study.

Lectures are organised in the afternoon in **Ljubljana**.

Studies at the European Faculty of Law are primarily focused on ensuring high-quality expertise and applicable knowledge and skills that serve graduates and employers alike as added value in the labour market and in employment.

Following the model of renowned international universities, the Faculty introduced **e-learning**, where the student does not come to the teacher but instead the teacher comes to the student. This study mode represents an exceptional opportunity for people who do not feel comfortable with the conventional study mode. The main advantages of e-learning are the **flexibility of the study process** and the possibility to **adapt it to the individual's needs**. It is suitable for students who find it difficult to attend lectures due to distance to the place of study and for **employed students** and **students with special needs**.

# ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMMES



The Faculty implements the following study programmes:

**a) First cycle (Bachelor programmes):**

**Law** (three-year university undergraduate study programme in Law);

**Law and Management of Infrastructure and Real Estate** (three-year professional higher education study programme in Law and Management of Infrastructure and Real Estate);

**b) Second cycle (Master's Programmes):**

**Law** (two-year postgraduate study programme in Law);

**Law and Management of Real Estate** (two-year postgraduate study programme in Law and Management of Real Estate);

**Alternative Dispute Resolution** (two-year postgraduate study programme in Alternative Dispute Resolution);

**Civil and Commercial Law** (two-year postgraduate study programme in Civil and Commercial Law);

**c) Third cycle (PhD Programmes):**

**Law** (three-year doctoral programme in Law);

**Law and Management of Real Estate** (three-year doctoral programme in Law and Management of Real Estate).

Together, the study programmes form an integral whole. The three-year university undergraduate study programme in **Law** provides students with knowledge of law and is intended for employment in conventional legal professions. The three three-year professional higher education study programme in **Law and Management of Infrastructure and Real Estate** is intended for all who wish to acquire fundamental knowledge in interdisciplinary sciences from the fields of law and management of infrastructure and real estate.

**Both undergraduate study programmes enable enrolment in two-year postgraduate study programmes** in Law, Law and Management of Real Estate, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Civil and Commercial Law **and further in three-year doctoral programmes** in Law or Law and Management of Real Estate.

More information about the study programmes is available from the Faculty's website at [www.evro-pf.si](http://www.evro-pf.si) and [www.nova-uni.si](http://www.nova-uni.si).



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