

# Admission Regulations

## for the Master's programmes in Law (MIL, MLaw, MLE)

of 9 December 2014 (with amendments of 22 May 2016)

Pursuant to Art. 70(1) in conjunction with Art. 93(1)(c) of the University Statutes (Consolidated Statute Book of the Canton of St.Gallen No. 217.15; US), the Examination Regulations of the Master's and Bachelor's Levels, and as a complement to the Regulations governing the admission of applicants with a foreign secondary school leaving certificate to the University of St.Gallen,

the Senate Committee of the University of St.Gallen hereby issues the following Regulations<sup>1</sup>:

### I. Scope of application

Art. 1. <sup>1</sup>These Regulations shall govern admission to the following Business Administration Master's programmes:

- Master's programme in International Law (MIL),
- Master's programme in Law (MLaw),
- Master's programme in Law and Economics. (MLE).

<sup>2</sup>The criteria to be satisfied for admission shall be applicable to all applicants.

Scope of application

### II. Admission criteria

Art. 2. <sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Arts. 7 ff. of the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level, applicants may be admitted if they

- a) hold a degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG) <sup>2</sup>;
- b) hold a university degree in a similar major with a minimum of 180 ECTS credits. A law degree from a Swiss university shall be considered to be a degree in a similar major. In individual cases, law degrees from German or Austrian universities may also be considered to be degrees in a similar major.

<sup>2</sup>Graduates with Bachelor's or Master's degrees from *Fachhochschulen* and *pädagogische Hochschulen* shall not be admitted to the Master's programmes in Law.

General admission criteria

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Art. 123 US, only the German version of these Regulations shall be legally binding.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

Art. 3. <sup>1</sup>In addition, applicants may be admitted to the Master's programme in International Law (MIL) if they hold a recognised university degree and are able to provide evidence of at least 30 credits in law courses.<sup>3</sup>

Special admission criteria for the MIL programme

<sup>2</sup>In justified individual cases, applicants with a recognised Master's degree from a university (or with an equivalent degree) may also be admitted without any previous credits from law courses.

Art. 4. <sup>1</sup>Applicants with a degree from the University of St.Gallen in a different subject or a recognised Master's or Licentiate's degree (university diploma) from another university in a different subject shall have to complete a second degree course in law at the Bachelor's Level in order to gain admission to the Master's course in Law (MLaw) and the Master's programme in Law and Economics.

<sup>2</sup>The examinations to be passed are stipulated in para. 2.4 a) in the Implementation provisions concerning admission, enrolment, transfer admissions and second degree courses, change in subjects, degree course combinations, academic results and student suspensions (reference points) and in the Course Regulations for the Bachelor's Level.<sup>4</sup>

Art. 5. <sup>1</sup>In addition to the criteria laid down in the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level, the following criteria shall be applicable:

Additional admission criteria

- a) Application documents shall be submitted formally correctly and in due time.
- b) Evidence of proficiency at CEFR reference level C1 in the language in which the applicant will attend the course. In addition, the implementation provisions concerning "Languages" shall be applicable.
- c) Applicants with foreign university entrance qualifications shall also be subject to the implementation provisions concerning "Admission of applicants with a foreign secondary school leaving certificate or an equivalent qualification for university entrance (Bachelor's/Master's courses)".

### III. Admission conditions

Art. 6. <sup>1</sup>On admission to a Master's programme, the award of a Master's degree may be made contingent upon the satisfaction of the following admission conditions:

Admission conditions

- a) evidence of admission conditions in accordance with Arts. 7, 8 and 9;
- b) evidence of language proficiency in accordance with the implementation provisions concerning "Languages";
- c) evidence of an adequate knowledge of accountancy in accordance with the implementation provisions concerning "Adequate knowledge of accountancy".

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<sup>3</sup> Evidence of 30 credits has been provided if the results are classified as law credits. Partial crediting of credits from individual courses shall not be possible.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

Art. 7. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Master's programme in International Law (MIL) may be made contingent upon conditions amounting to 34 credits:

Admission conditions for the MIL programme

- a) Applicants who hold a law degree from another Swiss university shall not have to satisfy any admission conditions.
- b) Admission conditions may be imposed on applicants with a law degree from a foreign university.
- c) Admission conditions shall be imposed on applicants with a degree in a different major.

<sup>2</sup>The range of subjects for admission conditions is defined in Appendix A.1.

Art. 8. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Master's programme in Law (MLaw) may be made contingent upon conditions<sup>5</sup>:

Admission conditions for the MLaw programme

- a) Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree in Law from another Swiss university shall not have to satisfy any admission conditions.
- b) The conditions to be satisfied shall basically be determined in accordance with the range of subjects of the HSG major in Law (BLaw).

<sup>2</sup>The range of subjects for admission conditions is defined in Appendix para. A.2.

Art. 9. <sup>1</sup>Admission to the Master's programme in Law and Economics (MLE) may be made contingent upon conditions. The conditions to be satisfied shall be determined in accordance with the range of subjects of the HSG major in Law and Economics (BLE)<sup>6</sup>.

Admission conditions for the MLE programme

<sup>2</sup>The range of subjects for admission conditions is defined in Appendix para. A.3.

Art. 10. <sup>1</sup>The satisfaction of admission conditions in accordance with Art. 6(1)(a) and Appendix paras. A.1., A.2.1. and A.2.3. shall basically be subject to the conditions laid down in the Examination Regulations for the Master's Level (Arts. 36 ff.):

Satisfaction of admission conditions

- a) The weighted average of all required results shall amount to a minimum of 4.00, with the average being calculated to two decimals.
- b) Half a negative weighted credit point (NWCP) shall be accepted per three ECTS credits to be earned for admission conditions; if an incomplete block of 3 credits remains, half an NWCP shall be allowed for this, too.
- c) If a student is given an unsatisfactory grade in an examination part, this examination may be resat once, either during or after completion of the entire examination cycle. The better grade from the two examinations shall count definitively.
- d) Any work that has been completed successfully cannot be repeated.
- e) Applicants shall be obliged to satisfy the admission conditions

<sup>5</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

within an academic year starting from the time at which they commence their studies. If they fail to satisfy the admission conditions after a year even for valid reasons such as illness or an accident, evidence of the necessary knowledge shall be considered not to have been produced, and studies at the Master's Level shall be suspended (interrupted); exchange studies shall be precluded in such cases. Studies at the Master's Level shall be suspended even if there are valid reasons. After suspension, students shall only be able to satisfy any of the outstanding admission conditions.

<sup>2</sup>Applicants who definitively fail to satisfy the admission conditions pursuant to Art. 5(1)(a) shall not be permitted to continue their studies in the Master's programme they have chosen, nor shall they be permitted to start studying in a different law programme.

#### **IV. Commencement of studies**

Art. 11. <sup>1</sup>The Master's programmes in Law can be started both in the autumn and in the spring semester.

Commencement

#### **V. Final provisions**

Art. 12. <sup>1</sup>These Regulations shall be applicable to students who want to start their studies in a Master's programme in Law from Autumn Semester 2015.

Effectiveness

<sup>2</sup>These Regulations shall be put into effect as from 1 February 2015 and replace the provisions of the document entitled "Requirements for admission to a degree course at the Master's Level and for a changeover from an undergraduate major to a different Master's programme (7th revision)".

## Appendix

### A List of subjects for admission conditions

#### A.1. List of subjects for the MIL Master's programme

The admission conditions consist of the following subjects:

– Business and Fiscal Law	8 credits <sup>7</sup>
– Public International Law	3 credits
– European Law	3 credits
– Law courses from the BLaw programme according to applicant's choice	6-24 credits
Total	20-38 credits <sup>8</sup>

- To be admitted to the Master's Programme in International Law, University of St.Gallen students of the Major in International Affairs (BIA) will have to provide evidence of 6 ECTS credits earned in only one compulsory BLaw course from AS 17. Such evidence can be provided in the course of studies at the Bachelor's Level.
- All students of the Major in BIA who start the MIL programme before AS 17 will be subject to the above catalogue of admission conditions.
- Students majoring in Economics or Business Administration will be subject to the above catalogue of admission conditions.
- Students of the University of St.Gallen with a Bachelor's degree in Law and Economics (BLE) who start the MIL Master's programme have to complete the courses in Public International Law and in European Law as an admission condition.

#### A.2. Admission conditions for the MLaw Master's programme

##### A.2.1. Students with an HSG Bachelor's degree in Law

- To be admitted to the Master's programme in Law (MLaw), University of St.Gallen students majoring in Law (BLaw) must provide evidence of having completed the course in General History of European Law. Such evidence can be provided in the course of studies at the Bachelor's Level. Students who fail to provide such evidence have to attend the courses to satisfy admission conditions. They can try no more than twice.<sup>9</sup>
- Students of the University of St.Gallen who start the MLaw Master's programme with a Bachelor's degree in Law and Economics (BLE) will have to satisfy the following admission conditions:

– Private Law (exercises)	6 credits
– International Law	3 credits

<sup>7</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>9</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

– European Law	3 credits
– General History of European Law	6 credits <sup>10</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 Credits<sup>11</sup></b>

The credits of the course in “General History of European Law” will be increased from 4 to 6 credits as early as Autumn Semester 2018.<sup>12</sup>

### A.3. Admission conditions for the MLE Master’s programme

#### 1. Students with an HSG Bachelor’s degree in Law

- To be admitted to the Master’s programme in Law and Economics (MLE), University of St.Gallen students majoring in Law and Economics (BLE) have to provide evidence of having completed the courses in “Law in an Economic Context, Business Administration” and “Law in an Economic Context, Economics”. Such evidence can be provided in the course of studies at the Bachelor’s Level. Students who fail to provide such evidence have to attend the courses to satisfy admission conditions. They can try no more than twice per course.<sup>13</sup>
- To be admitted to the Master’s programme in Law and Economics (MLE), University of St.Gallen students majoring in Law and Economics (BLaw) must satisfy the following admission conditions:

#### Law

– Law in an Economic Context, Bus. Adm.	6 credits
– Law in an Economic Context, Economics	6 credits <sup>14</sup>

#### Business Administration

– Accounting, Controlling, Auditing	4 credits <sup>15</sup>
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#### Economics

– Economic Policy (for BLE)	4 credits
– Microeconomics II	4 credits
– Statistics (BLE)	2 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>26 Credits<sup>16</sup></b>

The credits of the two courses in “Law in an Economic Context, Business Administration” and “Law in an Economic Context, Economics” will be increased from 4 to 6 credits as early as Autumn Semester 2018.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2018.

<sup>11</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>12</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>13</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 17 May 2016; in force as from 1 August 2016.

<sup>14</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2018.

<sup>15</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>16</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.

<sup>17</sup> Resolution of the Senate Committee of 22 June 2018; in force as from 1 August 2019.