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# Welcome to the Faculty of Law





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As one of eight faculties at the University of Copenhagen, the Faculty of Law carries out research, education and knowledge dissemination within the area of law. Founded in 1479, the University of Copenhagen is the largest college of higher education in Denmark and the highest ranking university in Scandinavia.

The Faculty of Law has developed an ambitious strategy for the Faculty's activities until 2012. The strategy puts the Faculty of Law among the best educational institutions in Europe, and the aim is to ensure and develop the high quality of our study programmes and research, thereby placing the Faculty at the heart of the development of our society.

As a natural part of the efforts to realise the Faculty's vision of producing research of high quality and societal relevance with sharp focus, a clear profile and strong impact, the Faculty has established a number of interdisciplinary research centres based on binding relations to strong academic environments. These centres form the heart of the research activities at the Faculty.

To fulfil the Faculty's visions for education a reform of the legal studies has been adopted, which will provide the graduates with the qualifications needed by society in the future. In addition to comprehensive legal core competencies and a thorough knowledge of the legal

method, the Faculty's law study programme must give the students the ability to work both independently and in teams, interdisciplinary knowledge and an international perspective and competence to navigate in a changeable and complex global reality. Teaching is research based and takes place in a stimulating study environment focusing on student activating learning strategies. The reform will affect the students starting their studies in September 2011.

To support the core services of research, education and knowledge dissemination, the Faculty's administrative support consists of three service areas: Research Services, Study Services and ICT Services.

The faculty management consists of the Dean, the Deputy Dean, the Head of studies, the Head of research, the Head of PhD-programme, the Faculty Director and the Heads of Service within the areas of research, studies and communication.

The Faculty employs about 75 full-time researchers, 35 PhD scholars and 70 administrative staff members. There are about 400 part time instructors contributing to the teaching of approximately 4.000 law students and 300 international guest students. The annual budget is DKK 144 million. For more facts on the Faculty, please visit the Faculty website [www.jura.ku.dk/english](http://www.jura.ku.dk/english)

# Research

Research at the Faculty of Law concerns itself not only with Danish national law, but to a great extent also with the legal regulation effected through EU law and international law. The Faculty's researchers keep up to date on legislation and judicial practice and analyse key trends. The Faculty's research findings are published both in Denmark and internationally through articles in legal journals, books etc.

The research covers a wide range of areas within legal studies from property, public and criminal law to bio law, capital market law and mediation. The research at the research centres and the research groups focus on thematic priority areas, and their activities are carried out as joint projects on interdisciplinary themes.

## Research centres

- **CEC – Centre for European Constitutionalization**  
Analyzing the constitutional dialogue between European institutions and the Danish legal system
- **Center for Pension Law**  
Analyzing essential issues in the contractual and legislative framework for pension systems
- **CEVIA – Centre for Enterprise Liability**  
Analysing the interplay between public and private law in relation to enterprise liability
- **CIIR – Centre for Information and Innovation Law**  
Research within all areas of intellectual property law, data protection law, technology law and the interplay between the disciplines
- **CRS – Centre for Studies in Legal Culture**  
Promoting cutting-edge research on the relationship between law and culture
- **FOCOFIMA – Forum for Company Law and Financial Market Law**  
Research at the forefront of corporate law and finance
- **WELMA – Centre for Legal Studies in Welfare and EU Market Integration**  
Analyzing the Danish welfare society in a European integration process



# Legal Studies at the University of Copenhagen

The Faculty offers research-based law programmes.

## **Bachelor of Laws, LLB**

The Bachelor programme is a three-year full-time programme intended to qualify the student to work with legal issues in both the public and private sectors. After completing the programme, the student should be able to identify, analyse and solve both theoretical and practical legal problems. A passed Bachelor programme qualifies the student for admission to the Master programme in law. It should be noted that in Denmark almost all Bachelor graduates will choose to follow a Master programme as this is required in order to work as a lawyer, prosecutor and judge.

## **Master of Laws, LLM**

The Master programme is a two-year full-time programme that improves the theoretical and methodological skills the student obtained during his or her Bachelor studies, as well as increases the student's ability to work independently. At Master level, more than 100 law courses are offered in English as well as in Danish. With the exception of one or two mandatory courses the student has the opportunity to freely compose his or her own study programme to target a desired legal career. Furthermore, the student is to write a thesis consisting of one term's work.





### **MSc in International Law, Economics and Management**

ILECMA is an elite Master's degree programme that we offer together with the Law Department at Copenhagen Business School. The programme is conducted in English and is a full-time programme, which takes two years. It is anchored in law and combines law, economics and management with courses covering all three areas. The MSc programme is intended for highly qualified and ambitious students with a strong international outlook and is part of the Copenhagen Master of Excellence programme.

Study start is 1 September every year and only 20 students will be admitted each year. If you want to know more, please visit [www.jura.ku.dk/ilecma](http://www.jura.ku.dk/ilecma)

### **Master of Societal Conflicts and Interventions (MoSCI)**

The MoSCI programme is interdisciplinary and provides participants with both theoretical and practical skills. The main focus is on long-term, deep-rooted conflicts that may be local, regional, national or international.

The programme qualifies participants to analyse and advise institutions, businesses and organisations on how to address a given situation of conflict and how to

take preventive measures. No more than 26 students are admitted approximately every second year. The study is part time and organized as residential courses in Denmark twice every semester. The programme is conducted in English. For more information, please visit [www.jura.ku.dk/mosci](http://www.jura.ku.dk/mosci)

### **Master in Mediation and Conflict Resolution (MKM)**

The target group is skilled professionals with at least two years of relevant working experience, who want to develop and improve their role as a mediatory third party, and are interested in improving their analytic, personal and intervention skills in complex conflicts at the individual level. The programme is conducted in Danish. For more information, please visit [www.jura.ku.dk/mkm](http://www.jura.ku.dk/mkm)

### **Diploma Programme in Criminology**

The programme is aimed at practitioners within the criminal justice system such as police officers, street-workers and employees of the Prison and Probation Service. The programme, offered in collaboration with Metropolitan University College, covers such topics as criminological methodology, the root causes and spread of crime, sentencing and social control, and crime prevention. The programme is conducted in Danish. For more information, please visit [www.jura.ku.dk/diplom](http://www.jura.ku.dk/diplom)

# Teaching and Exam Forms

To study law at the University of Copenhagen is not cramming for laws and memorizing acts. The teaching process is designed to develop the students' abilities to identify, formulate and solve complex legal problems. Among the methods used is giving the students plenty of opportunity to participate actively in class through debates and two-way communication between teachers and students.

Courses end with either a written or an oral exam. Written exams generally last between three and six hours or are in the form of take-home exams to be handed in after one to three days. Usually all types of aids are permitted. Oral exams may take place with or without preparation and may be based on a written synopsis prepared by the student.

## External Examiner

In Denmark, the quality of exams at all levels is generally assured through the use of external examiners, and this is also the case at the Faculty of Law. The team of external examiners at the Faculty comprises judges, lawyers, solicitors and other legal experts, who are not associated with the University. An external examiner is present at every exam, both written and oral, to witness/read through the examination paper and to work with the examiner to give a grade for the student's performance.



# The PhD Programme

Twice a year, the Faculty of Law offers 3-5 scholarships to highly qualified applicants for our three-year PhD study programme. The PhD scholarships are usually posted within specific areas of research, defined by the Faculty's research centres, but the Faculty also accepts high quality applications for research, which do not match the posted research areas.

Students accepted to the PhD programme are expected to take part in PhD courses, which are offered by the Faculty and other research institutions, undertake lecturing and to participate in research environments outside the Faculty. PhD students are also expected to take part in the general academic life at the Faculty.

Admission to the programme requires that the applicant holds a Master's degree or has similar qualifications. Furthermore, the applicant must submit a precise, original and feasible project description.

The PhD programme is highly demanding and requires personal maturity, dedication, commitment and thoroughness as well as an ability to work independently.

If the appointed evaluation committee finds the project description qualified and the Faculty of Law has a suitable supervisor in the specific area of research, the applicant will be invited to an interview before the final selection of qualified applicants.

For more information, please visit  
[www.jura.ku.dk/phd/english](http://www.jura.ku.dk/phd/english)



# International Co-operation

Lawyers of today and tomorrow need to be able to both understand and function in a global society. Therefore, it is the Faculty's goal to contribute in all possible ways to the internationalisation of Danish graduate students in law. This can be done by offering:

- Study abroad programmes
- A varied and advanced selection of relevant courses, also in foreign languages
- Guest teaching by competent international professors
- The opportunity to participate in traineeships abroad
- Participation in international moot court competitions

The Faculty of Law is one of the most active faculties at the University of Copenhagen when it comes to international co-operation and student exchange. Every year, professors and other researchers from international universities participate in research projects and teaching. With international capacity, such subjects as Media Law, American Contract Law, Mediation, and Comparative Corporate and Securities Law have been offered.

## Student Exchange

The Faculty of Law wants to give as many students as possible the opportunity to study at an international university for one or two terms. To make this possible, the

Faculty has entered into agreement with highly qualified universities all over the world. A list of the Faculty's partners is available at [www.jura.ku.dk/english](http://www.jura.ku.dk/english)

In addition, the Faculty works hard to develop a varied selection of courses of high academic quality in English so that the Faculty can admit more than 300 international guest students a year and, at the same time, give Danish students the opportunity to follow international disciplines in a foreign language.



# International Moot Court

Moot courts are fictive courts where teams of law students from universities worldwide compete against each other as counsel for the defence and counsel for the prosecution and present their cases to a professional panel of judges in a courtroom. The team with the most convincing arguments and best rhetorical skills wins.

The Faculty participates in a number of international moot court competitions:

- Jessup: Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition
- EU: European Law Moot Court Competition
- CISG: Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
- Jean-Pictet Competition
- INC: International Negotiation Competition
- Nordisk: The Nordic human rights moot court competition
- Intellectual Property Law
- Copenhagen Competition

The participants are selected among student applicants and over the years the Faculty's moot court teams have been awarded a number of international prizes.

The Faculty makes PCs available and has equipped an ultramodern courtroom with, among other things, video conferencing equipment. The students also receive teaching in rhetoric and legal guidance from professional lawyers in the relevant areas. Expenses connected with the competitions are partly covered by sponsors, which include some of Denmark's largest law firms.



# Copenhagen Competition

Since 2009 the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen has hosted its own international negotiation competition for law students from all over the world. The Copenhagen Competition takes up a new current topic each year; the 2009 competition was on Climate Change in the run-up to the COP15, the 2010 competition is on Access to Medicines, which is an unresolved area on the agenda in many international fora, and the 2011 competition will deal with the EU enlargement, as EU will begin negotiations on this topic that year.

The Copenhagen Competition aims at enhancing the students' individual and collective legal scholarship,

legal analysis, treaty text drafting abilities – and the teams that qualify for the oral negotiations in Copenhagen are also able to show their skills as negotiators. The results of the negotiations are handed over to the “real” negotiators/policy makers, who also participate as Advisory Board for the competition and as judges.

For more information, please visit  
[www.copenhagencompetition.dk](http://www.copenhagencompetition.dk)



