



LLM PROGRAMS IN PRIVATE LAW AND PUBLIC LAW



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Koç University Law School

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We're Training a New Generation of Lawyers

In today's world, where there is a growing need to adopt legal approaches to cope with local as well as global issues, resolving legal controversies requires a multi-dimensional perspective based on an understanding of different legal disciplines. Consequently, we are seeing an evolution in the profile of lawyers who are able to add to the development of society, economy, politics and the legal profession.

Koç University Law School aims to contribute to the molding of this new lawyer profile, with an understanding based on reliable academic research, as well as practicing experience. We work to instill professional ethical values in our graduates to enable them to work in all fields of law, public or private, without exception.

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Find more detailed information on each program at: law.ku.edu.tr/en/

Koç University

Founded: **1993**
Full-time students: **6875**
Master's students: **927**
International Graduate students: **25%**

Koç University is ranked among the **top 250 universities** in the world by Times Higher Education and among the **top 10 best small universities** in the world.

Why Choose A Koç University LLM Program of Public Law or Private Law?

- Globally recognized professors (and lecturers), distinguished by their publications, research and practice of legal profession.
- Up-to-date courses structured on well-established legal knowledge.
- Research and learning of different legal disciplines based on multi-dimensional perspectives.
- An atmosphere that stimulates academic and vocational progress, whereby legal issues comprising comparative and international aspects are thoroughly examined.
- An integrated program with workshops, seminars and other activities parallel to the curriculum.
- Various options devoted to candidates with a high competence in scientific research and to those who would like to differentiate themselves in the legal profession.
- Regular and effective academic supervision.
- Advanced research opportunities, especially with regard to academic publications and instruction.
- Privilege of being part of a qualified group of graduate students, selected through adopting effective evaluation criteria.
- Academic collaboration with leading international law institutions: Koç University Law School is a member of Law Schools Global League (LSGL) and European Society of International Law (ESIL).



Prof. Dr. Bertil Emrah Oder, Dean of Law School

"With a genuine focus on comparative and international studies of law, outstanding research track of eminent faculty members and full impact in professional practice, our LLM programs both with academic and professional tracks trigger a new approach of advanced legal studies not only for Turkey, but also for studying in Turkey. The programs are fully supported by co-curricular research and professional activities of Dr. Nüsret-Semahat Arsel Centre for International Commercial Law (NASAMER) and Centre for Global Public Law (KÜREMER)."

Prof. Dr. Billur Yaltı, LL.M. Coordinator for Public Law

"LLM in Public Law is offering a unique program for graduates wanting to pursue a career in the field of public law with government and non-governmental organizations at national and international level, as well as in private practice, especially with respect to public interest litigation and policy-making. The aim of the program is to give students solid and comprehensive information on the public law aspects of international and European law through in-depth analysis and on how these bodies of law impact national legal orders."



Asst. Prof. Dr. Işık Önay, LL.M. Coordinator for Private Law

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Master of Laws (LL.M.) Programs

Koç University offers two tracks in LL.M. Programs as LL.M. in Public Law and LL.M. in Private Law including a wide variety of English, bilingual and Turkish classes. Students enrolled in one of these programs are required to take 4 core courses from their own track. Thesis programs are composed of 7 courses in total and are concluded with a thesis. The non-thesis programs are composed of 10 courses and a final project.

Required courses for each track are as follows:

LL.M. Program in Public Law

1. Comparative Constitutional Law: Rights, Institutions and Judicial Review
2. European Human Rights Law
3. Transnational and European Criminal Law and Procedure
4. Public-Private Partnership: Legal Infrastructure *

LL.M. Program in Private Law

1. International and European Contract Law
2. Dispute Resolution Mechanisms in International Private Law
3. Global Competition Law
4. World Trade Organization (WTO) Law and Trade

Common Elective Courses

1. Investment Treaty Law and Arbitration
2. Main Principles regarding the Management of Joint Stock Corporations *
3. Privatization Law *
4. International Labour Law
5. United Nations (UN) Human Rights Protection System
6. Group of Companies Law*
- 7- International Transport Law
- 8- International Tax Law
- 9-Intellectual Property in a Global Perspective

Courses are scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays on a modular basis.

*Good command of Turkish is necessary for these courses.

Aim of the LL.M. Programs

In today's world, where there is a growing need to adopt legal approaches to cope with local as well as global issues, resolving legal controversies require a multi-dimensional perspective based on a conception of different legal disciplines; hence, the lawyer profile who is able to add to the development of society, economy, politics and the legal profession has been changing. With this respect, Koç University targets to contribute to the molding of this new lawyer profile, with an understanding based on reliable academic research, as well as practicing experience.

Fundamental characteristics of the Koç University LL.M. Programs of Public Law and Private Law (thesis track and non-thesis track), which have been established in conformity with the legislation of higher education, are as follows:

- World-wide reputed professors (and lecturers), who are distinguished as to their publications, research and practice of legal profession.
- Up-to-date courses structured on well-established and absorbed legal knowledge.
- Research and learning of different legal disciplines based on multi-dimensional perspectives.
- An atmosphere stimulating academic and vocational progress, whereby legal issues comprising comparative and international aspects are thoroughly examined.
- An integrated program with workshops, seminars and other activities parallel to the curriculum.
- Various options devoted to candidates with high competence of scientific research and to those who would like to differentiate from others in the legal profession.
- Regular and effective academic consultancy.
- Advanced research opportunities with regard to academic publications and instructions in particular, provided by Suna Kıraç Library.
- Privilege of being the part of a qualified group of graduate students, elected through adopting effective scaling and evaluation criteria.
- Academic collaboration with the leading law schools abroad.

Koç University Law School is a member of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA), European Society of International Law and the Law Schools Global League.



The Application Process

The process of becoming an LLM student at Koç University begins with the submission of your online application. All programs begin in September. Check the program page for specific application deadlines.

Fees

For the 2020-2021 academic year, the tuition for the LLM Programs is 76.500 TL. This fee covers tuition and registration and also allows full use of the library, computer laboratories, and infirmary services.

Scholarships

LLM with Thesis students may receive tuition waiver/partial scholarship based only on academic excellence (grades, exam scores, written exam, interview).

Online application

There is no application fee to apply to the LLM programs. Visit <https://gsssh.ku.edu.tr/en/admissions/onlineapplication/> and international students can participate the preliminary interviews via teleconference.

Admission Criteria

Evaluations are based on undergraduate GPA performance (a minimum 2.75 GPA is required), the Academic Postgraduate Education Exam (ALES, only for residents of Turkey), as well as the exam score provided by the Law School to the candidate.

Shortlisted candidates are required to take a written and oral exam as part of the application process. Applicants who are not Law School graduates can be admitted, however, at the end of the program, they receive an MA degree instead of an LLM degree.

English requirements

Applicants of LLM programs must submit one of the acknowledged tests:

TOEFL (paper based): 550
TOEFL (computer based): 213
TOEFL (IBT): 80
YDS (FOR Turkish applicants): 87

Online Application: <https://gsssh.ku.edu.tr/en/admissions/online-application/>

About Istanbul

A welcoming cosmopolitan city

The most populous city in Europe, Istanbul forms the economic and cultural center of Turkey and confidently straddles the border between Asia and Europe, as it has done for millennia with its dome, minaret and skyscraper filled skyline.

Throughout its history, Istanbul has been the capital of three great empires - Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman. Every corner of the city reflects a rich architectural and cultural heritage spanning thousands of years.

Situated on either side of the Bosphorus strait, Istanbul is a vibrant, complex and fascinating metropolis. History, culture, great shopping, and excitement await you as a student.

There are over 30,000 international students in the city and you will always find a taste of home with help from the societies, clubs and centers representing the city's diverse population.

The cost of living in Istanbul is very affordable compared to most European capitals in terms of food and local transportation. Rental accommodation prices vary significantly according to neighborhood. A student can expect to spend between 500 - 700 USD/month on accommodation, food, transportation and other expenses.

About Turkey

Capital: **Ankara**

Population: **80 million**

Currency: **Turkish Lira (TL)**

Language: **Turkish**



What Our Students and Alumni Say of Their LLM Experience

Irina Crivet

Koç University LL.M Graduate Ph.D Candidate

The LLM program in Koç University has been the most thought-provoking personal and professional experience I ever had. I chose to apply here for an LLM in Public Law because of wide-reaching reputation. Koç University was the ideal institution for my postgraduate studies because it constantly adapts its academic approach.



Ezgi Arık

Koç University LL.M Graduate Ph.D Candidate

The most important advantage of graduating from Koç University LL.M Program is the question, inquire and criticism-based law education system rather than the memorization-based one. In addition to this, the curriculum of the Program including the courses in the comparative and international areas of law, besides Turkish law oriented courses provides the privilege to its graduates.

Levent Emre Özgüç

Koç University LL.M Graduate Ph.D Candidate

Looking back to my undergraduate and graduate studies in Koç University Law School, I realize that I have made a choice that I am very content with. Both the university and the faculty are in top positions in their fields because of the national and international opportunities they provide.



Betül Durmuş

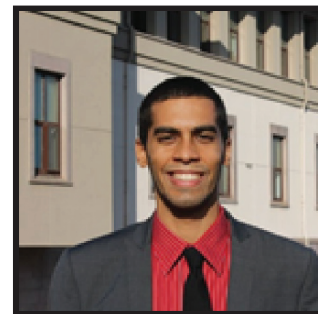
Koç University LL.M Graduate Ph.D Candidate

LL.M. Program at Koç University has provided me the opportunity to realize and improve my academic and practical legal skills. As ranking one of the top Law Schools in Turkey, Koç University Law School offers a dynamic, student-friendly and international research environment. From the very beginning, I am impressed by the curriculum of the LL.M. program as it covers contemporary legal issues which have global and domestic implications.

Hüsamettin Onağ

Koç University LL.M Graduate

I have been working on subjects of legal value for 35 years of my career; however, it was Koç University Law School which has helped me understand the essence and soul of the Law and the concept of Justice, which I believe to be the foundation of everything. I would recommend the LLM Program of Koç University Law School to anyone who wants to improve themselves, regardless of their age and level. The LLM Program has made me realize, again, in the autumn of my life, that learning is a pleasure and inspired my academic studies, made me contemplate on the Rule of Law, which is an institution necessary for the well-being of my country.



Lawrence Cenk Laws, United States,

Koç University LL.M Graduate

"I came to Istanbul to gain an international experience. I chose Koç University because it had the best global reputation and best administrative system. I couldn't see myself anywhere else if I was going to come to Turkey. The best part was being able to interact with so many different lawyers and legal scholars from across Europe and the rest of the world. I even had the chance to go to Geneva and see the UN Human Rights Headquarters and that was a very profound experience for me. Being in Istanbul means you are close to so many places that I have been able to travel to other parts of Europe, North Africa and the Middle East."



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