

# UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ

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# Faculty of Law University of Niš

Established in 1960, the Faculty of Law at the University of Niš is one of the leading higher education and research institutions in the field of law in Serbia and the region. It offers accredited undergraduate, master and doctoral degree programmes aligned with the European standards and the needs of the legal profession.

The teaching process is based on the application of modern methodologies. It combines theory and practice through cooperation with judicial authorities, public administration, the business sector, and the civil society. The Faculty is actively involved in research projects, international cooperation, and mobility programmes, particularly Erasmus+, which provide continuous professional development opportunities for students and academic staff.

The ongoing development of the Faculty infrastructure, digital support for teaching, and access to relevant legal resources foster a stimulating academic environment for learning and research. The Faculty of Law at the University of Niš integrates high-quality teaching, research excellence, and international engagement, which contribute to building a recognizable status and reputation within the European Higher Education Area.



# The city of Niš as the University center

The City of Niš is one of the oldest cities in Europe and a major university, administrative and cultural centre in Southeastern Europe. Its location at an important European crossroads has fostered the development of an open and dynamic environment, focused on international cooperation and knowledge exchange.

The University of Niš, established in 1965, comprises 14 faculties which offer contemporary study programmes and are actively engaged in European projects and academic mobility initiatives. The Faculty of Law plays a distinctive role in this development, maintaining strong links with judicial authorities, public institutions, and international partners.

As a city whose history goes back to over two millennia, Niš has preserved remarkable cultural landmarks, including Niš Fortress, Mediana, and Ćele-Kula (the Skull Tower), a unique cultural and historical monument of European significance. Modern infrastructure, affordable living conditions, and a vibrant cultural scene make Niš an attractive destination for study, research, and collaborative projects.



## Accredited Law Studies Programs

Bachelor Program in Applied Law Studies

1.1.

Specialist Program in Applied Law Studies

1.2.

Undergraduate Academic Law Study Program (LL.B.)

2.0.

# Master Academic Law Study Programs (LL.M.)

- 3.1. Master of Laws (LL.M) General program
- 3.2. Master of Laws (LL.M) in Internal Affairs
- 3.3. Master of Laws (LL.M) in Law and Information Technology
- 3.4. Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Law and Information Technology (in English)

<u>Doctoral Academic</u> <u>Law Study Program (LL.D.)</u>

4.0.



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### Faculty Teaching Units

**Chair of LEGAL THEORY** 

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**Chair of CRIMINAL LAW** 

**Chair of CIVIL LAW** 

**Chair of TRADE LAW** 

**Chair of LAW AND ECONOMY** 

**Chair of LEGAL HISTORY** 

**Chair of INTERNATIONAL LAW** 



# Faculty's Centers as special scientific units

#### Legal and Social Research Center

The Legal and Social Research Center at the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, is a constituent part of the scientific research unit primarily aimed at organizing and managing the Faculty scientific research activities. The Center encompasses the entire body of Faculty professors and teaching assistants but project activities may also include the Faculty administrative staff and external associates.

The governing bodies of the Legal and Social Research Center are the Scientific Council, composed of one representative from each department (chair), the Managing Director, and the Scientific Secretary.

The Legal and Social Research Center organizes and performs a range of scientific, professional, and publishing activities, in accordance with the plan and program of the Faculty of Law and the University of Niš. Within the prescribed scope of activities, the Center prepares and implements research projects, organizes national and international scientific conferences, and publishes the results of its research.



The focal point of the Legal and Social Research Center activities is cooperation with institutions in the country and abroad, as well as providing professional and consulting services. The Center also participates in the delivery of multidisciplinary teaching and research practice at the postgraduate level, and fosters the development of teaching methods in the field of legal and social sciences. Through its activities, the Center contributes to the development of scientific thought, academic cooperation, and the practical application of research results.

#### List of the most significant scientific conferences





# Center for Private International Law of the Hague Conventions

The Center for Private International Law of the Hague Conventions was officially opened on 5 October 2012 by Dr. Hans van Loon, then Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, during the 10th International Conference on Private International Law. As the only institution of its kind in Southeast Europe, the Center is dedicated to advancing the study and practical application of Hague Conventions in Serbian legal practice.

On 17 November 2023, the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, in cooperation with the Center for Private International Law of the Hague Conventions, hosted the 18th Regional Scientific Conference titled "Private International Law and International Organizations - Achievements and Challenges." The event marked the 20th anniversary of the inaugural PIL international scientific conference held in 2003. The Center has also organized various lectures held by prominent Private International Law professors and other world-wide known experts in this field (e.g. Professor emeritus Spyridon Vrellis; Professor Marta Pertegás, Dr. h.c. Christa Jessel-Holst, and Dr. Hans van Loon), covering a wide range of topics — from cultural heritage protection, Brexit's implications for EU private international law, and international family law, to contemporary challenges such as climate



change, digital transformation, and the legal aspects of Blockchain Technology. The Center regularly organizes lectures and events to promote dialogue and expertise in the field of Private International Law and the EU Private International Law. Through its activities, the Center fosters regional and international cooperation, supports legal professionals, and promotes the protection of human rights and international legal standards.

## Center for Public Policies of the EU

The Center for European Union Public Policy operates within the University of Niš and the Faculty of Law as an organizational unit without legal personality. It was established through the TEMPUS project "Developing Training in EU Public Policy in the Context of European Integration" (DEPOCEI). The Center is governed by a Council and led by a Director and Deputy Director, appointed by the Rector upon the Dean's proposal.

Its main objectives are to strengthen research in EU public policy, develop training programs in various EU sectoral policies, and support institutions involved in the EU accession process. It also promotes awareness of the importance of EU public policy in Serbia. Activities include organizing professional training courses, publishing books and journals, and developing library and documentation-information services.



### Cooperation

#### International cooperation

The Faculty of Law at the University of Niš maintains an extensive network of international cooperation, having concluded over 40 bilateral and multilateral agreements with universities and institutions across Europe. It also participates in mobility and exchange programmes, including agreements under the Erasmus Programme, fostering international mobility of students and academic staff as well as joint research, conferences, and educational projects. Furthermore, the Faculty is a member of the South East European Law School Network (SEELS), which promotes regional cooperation and exchange among law schools in South-East Europe.





## Cooperation with domestic institutions

In the field of education, the Faculty collaborates with the Niš Bar Association, the Supreme Court of Cassation, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Serbia, the State Attorney's Office, courts and public prosecutor's offices across the country, as well as institutions and organizations in the field of social work and other related institutions. Many of these institutions serve as practical teaching bases, significantly contributing to the quality of legal education and the professional development of students.





#### **Domestic Cooperation**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Niš places special emphasis on cultivating and maintaining strong relationsips with a wide range of national academic and other institutions. Over the years, the Faculty has established numerous cooperation agreements and protocols, reflecting its commitment to active collaboration and academic exchange.

#### Partnership Agreements with Domestic Faculties and Educational Institutions

The Faculty of Law at the University of Niš fosters cooperation with a large number of faculties and other scientific institutions. This collaboration enables Faculty of Law students to complete part of their study programs at partner institutions, allows teaching staff and associates to teach or engage in research activities there, and provides administrative personnel with the opportunity to gain insight into similar operations at other institutions. In the field of academic collaboration and networking, the Faculty has signed agreements with the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade, the Faculty of Law at the University of Kragujevac, the Faculty of Law at the University of Priština, the Academy of Criminalistic and Police Studies in Belgrade, and many other faculties and educational institutions across the country.



### Projects

Faculty members and associates of the Faculty of Law are actively engaged as researchers in a broad spectrum of national, regional, and international projects.

The Faculty has independently implemented two major projects:

- 1.0. Harmonization of Serbian Law with European Union Law, financed by the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, implemented in the period from 1 January 2013 until 31 December 2020; and
- 2.0. Protection of Human and Minority Rights in the European Legal Area (Project No. 179046), carried out under the auspices of the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, and financed by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Serbia, in the period 2011–2019.

Furthermore, the Faculty is a member of the Network of Law Faculties of South East Europe (SEELS), within which it realized a number of scholarly and institutional activities

for more details see here



In cooperation with other institutions, the Faculty of Law has participated in the implementation of seven projects financed by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Government of the Republic of Serbia

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Within the TEMPUS programme, the Faculty of Law has implemented three projects

for more details see here

For projects implemented within the ERASMUS+ and other programms see here.

For other projects see here.

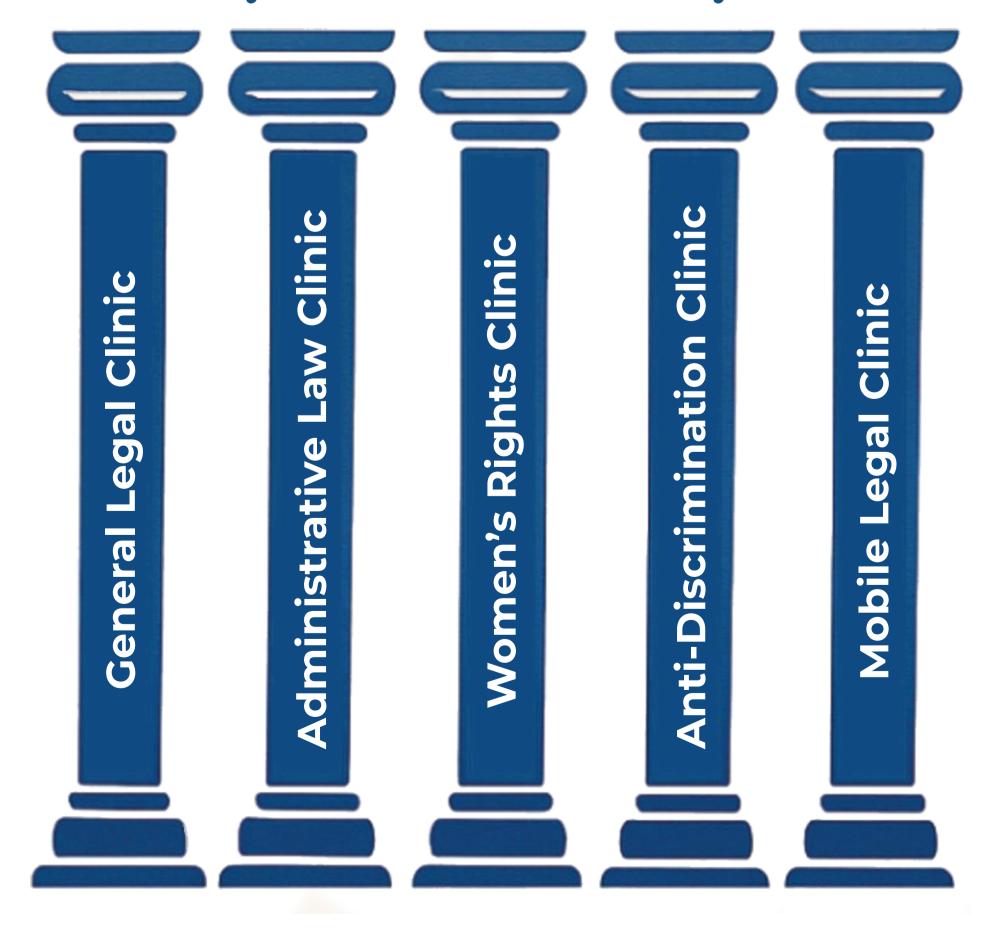


## Legal Clinics

The Legal Clinic at the Faculty of Law, University of Niš, was established in 2002 to help students bridge the gap between legal theory and practice. Within the legal clinic programs, students have the opportunity to provide pro bono legal assistance to live clients and develop the essential professional skills under the supervision of professor and practicing lawyers. Today, the Clinic includes five units: the General Legal Clinic, Administrative Law Clinic, Women's Rights Clinic, Anti-Discrimination Clinic, and Mobile Legal Clinic. Over the past two decades, the Legal Clinic has become a model of practical training and social responsibility in legal education.

### Legal Clinics

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#### Publication Center

The Publication Center at the Law Faculty in Niš publishes reviewed and proofread textbooks, monographs, serial and thematic collections of papers, and other relevant publications. The Center publishes the following Law Faculty journals: The Collection of Papers of the Law Faculty in Niš, Facta Universitatis: Law and Politics, and Legal Horizons. The Collection of Papers of the Law Faculty in Niš has been published since the establishment of the Law Faculty in 1960. It is categorized as a top journal of national importance (M51). It features scientific articles, case law analyses, book and conference reviews, and other academic contributions. The Journal Facta Universitatis, Series: Law and Politics, publishes high quality, peer-reviewed, original and review papers in English (M51). The Journal Legal Horizons (M52) includes works by university professors and associates, PhD students, and legal practitioners.

The Law Faculty in Niš regularly uses both domestic and international electronic databases and online library catalogues: OPAC - OnLine Public Access Catalogue, eIFL - Electronic Information for Libraries, KoBSON - Consortium of Serbian Libraries for Consolidated Procurement, COBISS - Online bibliographic system and service. The COBISS online library system connencts libraries into a unified library and information network. The Consortium of Serbian Libraries for Consolidated Provurement (KoBSON) enables access to



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