
THE SCHOOL OF LAW

General Information

The School of Law (SL) is one of the leading schools of Azerbaijan. It was established in 1991, since the first day of the creation of Khazar University. One of the specific features of the School is a high degree of innovation in both teaching and research of the faculty members and academic activity of the students.

The faculty of the School is thoroughly established. The student body is intellectually distinguished and diverse in interests. English and Azerbaijani both are used as a medium of instruction. The fact that English is used as a language of instruction in the School helps both students and faculty in their study, research, and professional activity, opening them the new horizons of contacts with the professional community worldwide.

The first Legal Clinic in the Caucasus was founded in 1998 at Khazar University School of Law. It trains young lawyers who have not only theoretical knowledge but also practical skills necessary for their legal practice and carries on social function in rendering a free legal assistance to the disadvantaged groups of the population of the country. The clinic offers an opportunity for students to handle all aspects of client matters, from initial interview through trial, hearing and other procedures.

There is also Moot Court functioning at the School. It was established with support of the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA-CEELI). It provides opportunity for the students to gain both practical and theoretical skills in the Court.

One of the strengths of the School is the richness of its curriculum. It offers students the opportunity to sample different areas of Law and to design a program of study that fits their individual interests and career plans.

The curriculum reflects the tendency of development in the region as well as in developed world and corresponds to the standards of the leading American and European schools. It provides active use of independent study and integrates classroom learning with actual training in social work agencies appropriate to students' interests and background.

Rationale and Objectives

Recent changes in the social and political situation in the region, the country's regaining independence, and the new problems arising in the sphere of Law and Legal Regulations are the main features defining the core idea of the School's development. Clear understanding of the current conditions reinforces the necessity for developing new approaches to Legal Studies in the country. The modern international environment demands highly advanced professional knowledge combined with necessary tools to interact with the world community.

Each year, visiting professors, as well as practicing lawyers from law firms, government, and public organizations, contribute their specialized skills and knowledge to the students of the School.

The basic objectives of the School's educational policy are to provide its graduates with:

- advanced general and professional knowledge
- strong analytical and intellectual abilities
- high moral standards and value system
- understanding and applying legal concepts
- research skills and methods
- information processing skills
- problem-solving skills

The curriculum of the School helps its graduates to become skill-armed and highly experienced in their professional sphere.

Programs and Degrees

School of Law realizes that students often have different goals and different requirements in their quest for a legal education. With this in mind, the School of Law offers several programs designed to fit individual needs of students who seek a legal education. The School offers a number of academic programs in Law and International Law.

Undergraduate Programs

The degree programs in the School of Law are designed to expose students to a variety of intellectual challenges by combining a wide distribution of courses and the opportunity to specialize in one particular field.

The student is expected to select a major at the beginning of his/her freshman year. Every student has the right to change his/her major with the approval of the Dean's Office. Doing so, this student must meet the requirements of the new major.

The requirements for all the majors in undergraduate programs include:

- **University Requirements**
- **General Education Requirements**
- **Major and Major-related Requirements**

The **University Requirements** include two main components and give the total number of 27 credits:

English Language includes 15 semester credits of:

- Listening/Reading 1 (3 credits)
- Speaking/Writing 1 (3 credits)
- Listening/Reading 2 (3 credits)
- Speaking/Writing 2 (3 credits)
- English for Special Purpose/Legal English (3 credits)

Azerbaijani Studies includes 12 semester credits of:

- Azerbaijani (Azeri) Language and Composition (3 credits)
- Azerbaijani Literature (3 credits)
- Azerbaijani Culture (3 credits)
- History of Azerbaijan (3 credits)

The **General Education Requirements** provide students with a minimum of 21 credits.

The Humanities courses division of the program includes particular courses in *Literature, Language and Linguistics, Philosophy, History, Culture and Civilization, Fine Arts and Art History*. Students must take at least two courses with a minimum of 6 credits, 3 credits for each course.

The Social Sciences group contains courses in *Geography, Political Science, International Relations, Law and Government, Anthropology, Economics, Sociology and Psychology*. Students must take at least two courses with a minimum of 6 credits, 3 credits for each course.

The Science and Technology component of the General Education Program unites three divisions:

- *Physical Sciences and Mathematics*
- *Life Sciences*
- *Computer Sciences*

Open Electives: students must take two additional courses with a minimum of 6 credits. These courses can be taken from any major or non-major divisions without any restriction.

Essay

Majority of the courses include writing of essays. It should be an original research of the student, written and printed with introduction, conclusion, references and a cover page. The standards of essay writing are available in the relevant departments.

Research Paper

Every student completing bachelor degree must satisfy the Written Work Requirement by writing a research paper under the direction of his/her supervisor. Papers are evaluated for knowledge of subject, originality of ideas, and craftsmanship of research. It is recommended to write a paper between 35-45 pages.

The scope and objectives, career perspectives, and curriculum requirements for two undergraduate majors offered by the School of Law are given below.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Legal Studies

Students who are interested in Legal Studies will find a number of opportunities to make it true at Khazar. Courses are offered in such diverse areas of Law as Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law, International Law, Human Rights, Commercial Law and others.

The new conditions and environment demand specialists with highly advanced professional knowledge and deep theoretical understanding of Law. Students may gain practical experience through taking courses in the School's clinical program. The curriculum is aimed at developing special and professional knowledge and skills.

The undergraduate major in Law is considered as preparation for graduate study in Law. At the same time, the School prepares its graduates to serve as lawyers and in law-related roles.

To complete bachelor degree in Law students are required to earn 136 credits.

CODE	COURSES	CREDITS
	UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS	27
	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	21
	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	82

Major Related Non-legal courses

PLTS 110	Introduction to Political Science	3
ECON 101	Introduction to Economics	3
PHIL 110	Philosophy	3

Major Required Courses (total 42 credits required)

LAW 104	Law and Society (Theory and History of State and Law)	4
LAW 102	Law Enforcement Systems	3
LAW 202	Civil Law (General Part)	3
LAW 204	Criminal Law (General Part)	3
LAW 106	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 302	Civil Process	3
LAW 304	Criminal Process	3
LAW 212	Civil Law (Special Part)	3
LAW 214	Criminal Law (Special Part)	3
LAW 408	Labor Law	4
LAW 400 or LAW 402	Legal Clinic (Criminal Law or Civil Law)	3
	Research Paper	6

Major Electives (total 31 credits required)

LAW 107	Basics of Law	3
LAW 108	Roman Law	3
LAW 118	Administrative Law	3
LAW 128	Islamic Law	3
LAW 220	Family Law	3
LAW 224	Welfare Law	3
LAW 305	Business Law	3
LAW 306	Legal Writing	3
LAW 308	Housing Law	3
LAW 312	Introduction to Advocacy	4
LAW 326	Agricultural Law	3
LAW 330	Competition Law	3
LAW 340	Criminology	3
LAW 404	Patent Law	3
LAW 406	Arbitration Law	3
LAW 410	Election Law	3
LAW 430	Forensic Expertise	3
LAW 432	Court Psychiatry	3
LAW 448	Criminalistics	3
LAW 504	Crimes against Personality	3
LAW 510	Financial Law	3
LAW 512	Commercial Law	4
LAW 520	Penology	3
LAW 604	Environmental Law	3
LAW 606	Intellectual Property Law	4
LAW 618	Evidence	3
INTLAW 258	International Public Law	4
INTLAW 262	Human Rights	4
INTLAW 264	International Environmental Law	3
INTLAW 362	International Private Law	4
INTLAW 368	Diplomacy Law	3
INTLAW 372	International Criminal Law	3

INTLAW 454	Legal Clinic (Human Rights)	3
INTLAW 464	International Custom Law	3
INTLAW 656	International Arbitration Law	3
PHIL 116	Logic	33
OPEN ELECTIVES		6
	Elective 1	3
	Elective 2	3
TOTAL		136

Note: The School may also offer alternative courses to those listed above.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Law

Legal studies combined with international and regional studies provide a platform for BA degree in International Law, which includes courses on essentials of Law, various areas of International Law and International Institutions. This major gives the students excellent job opportunities in public, private and international organizations. The core set of courses provides fundamentals of the major in wide variety of electives, allowing the students to develop a program that will meet their career needs and interests.

Students are required to take the second foreign language with a minimum of 6 credits.

To complete bachelor degree in International Law students are required to earn 132 credits.

CODE	COURSES	CREDITS
UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS		27
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS		21
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		78
Major Related Non-legal Courses (total 15 credits required)		
PLTS 110	Introduction to Political Science	3
ECON 101	Introduction to Economics	3
PHIL 110	Philosophy	3
	Second Foreign Language 1	3
	Second Foreign Language 2	3
Major Required Courses (total 42 credits required)		
LAW 104	Law and Society (Theory and History of State and Law)	4
INTLAW 156	Comparative Constitutional Law	4
INTLAW 252	Comparative Civil Law	3
INTLAW 254	Comparative Criminal Law	3
INTLAW 256	Law of International Organizations	4
INTLAW 258	International Public Law	4
INTLAW 262	Human Rights	4

INTLAW 356	International Economic Law	3
INTLAW 362	International Private Law	4
INTLAW 454	Legal Clinic (Human Rights) Research Paper	3 6
Major Electives (total 21 credits required)		
INTLAW 168	Comparative Administrative Law	3
INTLAW 264	International Environmental Law	3
INTLAW 352	Comparative Civil Process	3
INTLAW 354	Comparative Criminal Process	3
INTLAW 368	Diplomacy Law	3
INTLAW 372	International Criminal Law	3
INTLAW 374	Legal system of USA	3
INTLAW 456	International Trade Law	3
INTLAW 460	International Security Law	3
INTLAW 464	International Custom Law	3
INTLAW 652	International Humanitarian Law	3
INTLAW 654	Immigration Law	3
LAW 102	Law Enforcement Systems	3
LAW 108	Roman Law	3
LAW 128	Islamic Law	3
LAW 306	Legal Writing	3
LAW 308	Housing Law	3
LAW 312	Introduction to Advocacy	4
LAW 324	Municipal Law	3
LAW 326	Agricultural Law	3
LAW 340	Criminology	3
LAW 400	Legal Clinic (criminal law)	3
LAW 402	Legal Clinic (civil law)	3
LAW 408	Labor Law	4
LAW 410	Election Law	3
LAW 416	Health law	3
LAW 448	Criminalistics	3
PHIL 116	Logic	3
OPEN ELECTIVES		6
	Elective 1	3
	Elective 2	3
TOTAL		132

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Graduate Programs

For students who choose to pursue an advanced degree, School of Law offers advanced degrees in Law and International Law.

Non-lawyers who want to obtain graduate degree at the School of Law are required to complete prerequisite courses from Bachelor degree, besides the general program.

Every student completing Master degree must satisfy the Written Work Requirement by writing thesis under the supervision of the supervisor. It is recommended to write thesis between 75-85 pages.

Master of Law (L.L.M)

L.L.M program provides opportunities for advanced study, independent research, and intellectual growth.

The goal of this program is to provide academic and professional training in legal practice and interdisciplinary analysis related to current developments in Law.

Students who completed undergraduate combined programs can obtain the L.L.M Degree after two years of study at the graduate level.

The L.L.M Degree students should take a certain number of required courses and electives.

The core set of courses provides fundamentals of the field, while variety of elective courses allows students to develop a program that will meet their personal needs and special career interests.

The Master of Law program provides in-depth studies in the following main areas of Law: Civil Law, Criminal Law, Human Rights, Advocacy, Commercial Law, Taxation, and International Law.

To complete Master degree in Law students are required to earn 66 credits including basic prerequisites.

CODE	COURSES	CREDITS
BASIC PREREQUISITES		16
LAW 106	Constitutional Law	4
LAW 212	Civil Law	3
LAW 214	Criminal Law	3
LAW 302	Civil Process	3
LAW 304	Criminal Process	3
REQUIRED COURSES		26
LAW 508	Advocacy	4
LAW 502 or LAW 548	Contract Law or Entrepreneurship Law	4
LAW 608 or LAW 606	Property Law or Intellectual Property Law	4
LAW 514	Tax Law	4
LAW 610 or LAW 602	Torts or Labor Disputes Resolution	4
	Master Thesis	6
MAJOR ELECTIVES		24
LAW 128	Islamic Law	3
LAW 220	Family Law	3

LAW 224	Welfare Law	3
LAW 305	Business Law	3
LAW 306	Legal Writing	3
LAW 308	Housing Law	3
LAW 340	Criminology	3
LAW 400	Legal Clinic (Criminal Law)	3
LAW 402	Legal Clinic (Civil Law)	3
LAW 404	Patent Law	3
LAW 406	Arbitration Law	3
LAW 410	Election Law	3
LAW 416	Health Law	3
LAW 430	Forensic Expertise	3
LAW 432	Court Psychiatry	3
LAW 504	Crimes Against Personality	3
LAW 506	Crimes Against Property	3
LAW 510	Financial Law	3
LAW 512	Commercial Law	3
LAW 520	Penology	3
LAW 526	Education Law	3
LAW 536	Conflict of Laws	3
LAW 542	Gender and Law	3
LAW 546	Natural Law	3
LAW 604	Environmental Law	3
LAW 616	Theoretical Problems of Punishment	3
LAW 618	Evidence	3
LAW 624	Corporate Governance	3
LAW 626	Real Estate Law	3
LAW 628	Proceedings in first and appellate court instances	3
LAW 630	Proceedings in Supreme Court	3
LAW 634	Preliminary Inquiry	3
INTLAW 262	Human Rights	4
INTLAW 458	International Financial Law	3
INTLAW 558	International Commercial Law	3
INTLAW 654	Immigration Law	3
INTLAW 660	Oil Law	3
INTLAW 810	International Business Law	3
INTLAW 820	International Business Transactions	3

TOTAL**66**

Note: The school may also offer alternative courses to those listed above.

Master of International Law

The program is designed for graduate students from both Azerbaijan and abroad who seek to increase their understanding of the transnational legal environment. This includes matters of international trade and investment, international human rights, international environmental law, etc. This program provides tremendous career opportunities in Azerbaijan and internationally.

To complete Master degree in International Law students are required to earn 58 credits including basic prerequisites.

CODE	COURSES	CREDITS
BASIC PREREQUISITES		20
LAW 104	Law and Society (Theory and History of State and Law)	4
INTLAW 156	Comparative Constitutional Law	4
INTLAW 256	Law of International Organizations	4
INTLAW 258	International Public Law	4
INTLAW 362	International Private Law	4
REQUIRED COURSES		26
LAW 508	Advocacy	4
INTLAW 458	International Financial Law or International Commercial Law	3
INTLAW 558	International Commercial Law	3
INTLAW 554 or	International Sea Law or International Air Law or International Humanitarian Law	3
INTLAW 552 or	International Humanitarian Law	3
INTLAW 652		
INTLAW 658 or	European Union Law or US Legal system	3
INTLAW 374		
INTLAW 656	International Arbitration Law	3
INTR 210 or INTR 310	History of Diplomacy or Modern Diplomacy	4
	Master Thesis	6
ELECTIVES		12
INTLAW 168	Comparative Administrative Law	3
INTLAW 252	Comparative Civil Law	3
INTLAW 264	International Environmental Law	3
INTLAW 352	Comparative Civil Process	3
INTLAW 354	Comparative Criminal Process	3
INTLAW 372	International Criminal Law	3
INTLAW 456	International Trade Law	3
INTLAW 460	International Security Law	3
INTLAW 462	Comparative Election Law	3
INTLAW 464	International Customs Law	3
INTLAW 556	Modern Problems of International Law	3
INTLAW 654	Immigration Law	3
INTLAW 660	Oil Law	3
LAW 128	Islamic Law	3
LAW 306	Legal Writing	3
LAW 368	Diplomacy Law	3
LAW 404	Patent Law	3
LAW 416	Health Law	3
LAW 502	Contract Law	4
LAW 512	Commercial Law	3
LAW 546	Natural Law	3
LAW 548	Entrepreneurship Law	4
LAW 602	Labor Disputes Resolution	4
LAW 606	Intellectual Property Law	4
LAW 608	Property Law	4
LAW 610	Torts	4

LAW 624	Corporate Governance	3
LAW 626	Real Estate Law	3
INTLAW 810	International Business Law	3
INTLAW 820	International Business Transactions	3
TOTAL		58

Note: The school may also offer alternative courses to those listed above.

Ph.D. Programs

The Ph.D. programs in Legal Studies and International Law are highly specialized ones. The aim of these programs is to develop the candidate's skills in a specific field of Law and to increase his/her capacity to make research that will contribute to the existing theory and knowledge. For general information, please see "Theses and Dissertations. General Guidelines for Graduate Studies".

All requirements for the Ph.D. must be met approximately in three to four years.

During the first year, student must choose an advisor according to his/her and faculty research interests. The Ph.D. student's outline is prepared according to his/her educational background and characteristic features of the dissertation and must be approved by the Dissertation Committee consisting of Ph.D. Candidate's adviser and four other experts. Two of the latter must be external experts.

Ph.D. candidates are required to present a dissertation of approximately 120 -150 pages, consisting of research, analysis and collaborating data. The Ph.D. dissertation is usually worth 10-12 credits but in some exceptional cases the number of credits for a Ph.D. dissertation may be increased.

The candidate with a Master Degree admitted to the Ph.D. program is required to take at least 7 additional courses (32 to 60 credits) including a dissertation, although more credits and courses may be required to satisfy the particular aims of the student and the student's advisor. A student must complete the Major Requirements with a G.P.A. of 80 or above. Some Ph.D. majors allow a student to earn no more than 6 credits by teaching appropriate courses.

Students defend their dissertation at a final oral examination that is open to the public.

School of Law offers internship for Ph.D. candidates in various organizations, such as, state institutions responsible for legal regulation, law-enforcement organizations, legal consulting companies, etc.

Internship provides students with experience in professional environment, acquiring practical skills and experience, giving them the opportunity to adapt their academic knowledge to professional life, and to increase their chances of getting a better job upon graduation. In addition, the internee must fulfill specific academic requirements, written and oral, directly related to the work experience. Internship is worth 6 credits. Students are assessed and credits awarded on the basis of:

- Researching and writing a paper on their internship in the form of a substantial paper;
- At the end of the internship, the internee will present an oral report and discussion of the paper to the Dissertation Committee.

Every doctoral student must show competence in a foreign language and have necessary computer skills.

The application file should include:

- Admission application form
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Statement of intent
- Letters of recommendation

Faculty Members

Alekber Mammadov (DS in Business Law)

MS 1984 (Azerbaijan State Institute of Foreign Languages, Baku)

DS 1996 (International Institute of Management and Law, Germany)

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LLM 1980 (Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia)

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LLB 2000 (Baku State University, Azerbaijan)

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MA 1994 (Baku State University, Azerbaijan)

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LLM 1995 (Baku State University, Azerbaijan)

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MA 1999 (Baku State University, Azerbaijan)

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BS 1996 (Khazar University, Baku)

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MA 1997 (The State University of Foreign Languages, Baku)

MA 2002 (Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan)

LLM 2003 (University of Brussels, Belgium)

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