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APPLICATION DEADLINE:

By **30 April 2027** – 1st level – Bachelor's Degree Study (Full-Time and Part-Time)
By **30 June 2027** – 2nd level – Master's Degree Study (Full-Time and Part-Time)
By **15 June 2027** – 3rd level – Doctoral Degree Study (Full-Time and Part-Time)

Based on the decision of the Faculty Management, the 2nd round can be announced for the submission of applications for study programmes of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd level of study in full-time and part-time form.

ADMISSION EXAMINATION DATES:

1st level of study – full-time form

- admission examination date: **16 - 17 June 2026**
- From 22 June 2027 – sending decisions on admission to the 1st level of higher education studies (applies to applicants who take the entrance examination in the form of a written test)
- from 17 June 2027 - sending decisions on admission to the 1st level of higher education to applicants who have demonstrated that they meet the additional requirement by submitting a high school diploma in accordance with Section A.1

1st level of study – part-time form – no admission examination
From 10 May 2027 – sending decisions on admission to the 1st level of higher education studies

2nd level of study – (full-time and part-time forms) – no admission examination
From 12 July 2027– sending decisions on admission to the 2nd level of higher education studies

3rd level of study – (full-time and part-time forms)
– admission examination date: **28 June – 02 July 2027**

OPEN DAY

November 2026 / February 2027
(Exact dates to be found at www.umb.sk and www.prf.umb.sk)

ADMISSION PROCEDURE FEE

- 50 EUR - the fee in the case of filing **an electronic application** for both the full-time and part-time forms of study

The fees for the material costs of the admissions process for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd levels of higher education studies are governed by Section 97(1) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education, as amended.

BILLING INFORMATION (also published on the website *www.platby.umb.sk*):

1. Payment of the fee from the EU countries:

Account name: **Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici**
Bank name and address: **Štátna pokladnica, Radlinského 32, 810 05 Bratislava 15**
Account no. / IBAN: **SK75 8180 0000 0070 0009 5590**
SWIFT / BIC: **SPSRSKBA**
VS (variable symbol): **8031** (for Bachelor's Degree applicants)
8032 (for Master's Degree applicants)
8033 (for Doctoral Degree applicants)
KS (constant symbol): **0308 – cashless payments**
Specific symbol: **Birth ID no.** (for Slovak applicants)
Date of Birth in the form DDMMYY (for foreign applicants)
Message to recipient: **Name and surname of the applicant**

Payment of the fee through intermediary bank from third countries:

Account name: **Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici**
Bank name and address: **Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s., Mlynské Nivy 1, 829 90 Bratislava**
Account no. / IBAN: **SK75 8180 0000 0070 0009 5590**
SWIFT / BIC: **SUBASKBXXXX**
VS (variable symbol): **8031** (for Bachelor's Degree Study applicants)
8034 (for Master's Degree Study applicants)
8035 (for Doctoral Degree Study applicants)
KS (constant symbol): **0308 – cashless payments**
Specific symbol: **Birth ID no.** (for Slovak applicants)
Date of Birth in the form DDMMYY (for foreign applicants)
Message to recipient: **Name and surname of an applicant**

The payment of the fee for the admission procedure must be made by the applicant or a person authorized by them by **bank transfer** no later than the last day when it is possible to send the application for study. Application for study **without paying the fee** in the specified amount for the admission procedure **will not be accepted**. The payment order is not a proof of payment; therefore it will not be accepted.

The fee paid for the admission procedure is not refundable.

For reasons of automated processing of fees in the information system, we **only** accept **non-cash payments**. **Payment by postal order is not accepted due to the impossibility of identifying the payer in the University's information system**.

ACCREDITED STUDY PROGRAMMES offered by the Faculty of Law in the 2027/2028 academic year:

1st and 2nd study levels:

Faculty	Study Programmes	Study Form	Study Level	Study Length	Study Place	Admission Plan
F of Law	Law	FT	Bachelor´s	3	Banská Bystrica	250
Total Bachelor's Degree Full-Time Study						**250**
F of Law	Law	PT	Bachelor´s	3	Banská Bystrica	120
Total Bachelor's Degree Part-Time Study						**120**
F of Law	Law	FT	Master´s	2	Banská Bystrica	120
Total Master's Degree Full-Time Study						**120**
F of Law	Law	PT	Master´s	2	Banská Bystrica	100
Total Master's Degree Part-Time Study						**100**
TOTAL						**590**

3rd study level:

Faculty	Study programmes	Study Form	Study Level	Study Lenght	Study Place	Admission Plan
Faculty of Science	Commercial and financial law	FT	Doctoral	3	Banská Bystrica	1
Faculty of Science	Criminal law	FT	Doctoral	3	Banská Bystrica	1
Faculty of Science	Civil law	FT	Doctoral	3	Banská Bystrica	1
Total 3rd degree daily						**3**
Faculty of Science	Commercial and financial law	PT	Doctoral	4	Banská Bystrica	10
Faculty of Science	Criminal law	PT	Doctoral	4	Banská Bystrica	10
Faculty of Science	Civil law	PT	Doctoral	4	Banská Bystrica	10
Total 3rd degree external						**30**
TOTAL						**33**

The Dean of the Faculty of Law at UMB has the right to decide not to hold entrance examinations based on the current number of applicants for the relevant study program.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law at UMB has the right to decide not to run a study program in a given academic year based on the current situation.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

General information

The admission procedure for each level of study **begins with the receipt of an application to the Faculty**. The Faculty **does not confirm receipt of the application**.

Applications are submitted electronically through the central electronic application

system. The faculty accepts applications in electronic form even without a qualified electronic signature.

In the application, it is necessary to clearly indicate **which form of study the applicant is interested in**, whether in the admission to full-time or part-time study. The application for study is submitted separately for the full-time form of study and separately for the part-time form of study. In case of interest in both forms of study, it is necessary to submit two applications, i.e., separately for full-time and separately for part-time form of study and pay twice the admission fee.

The MBU Faculty of Law does not require a medical certificate of medical fitness for higher education studies; we accept an application without a medical certificate.

A **structured curriculum vitae** and an **officially certified copy of the secondary-school graduation certificate** (we do not accept scans) are part of the application for **bachelor's degree studies** (1st level). All **applicants for a full-time bachelor's degree** (whether they submit an electronic application or an application in paper form) submit an officially certified copy of their secondary-school graduation certificate to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law **in person, during the presentation on the day of the admission procedure**, or **sends it by registered mail to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law no later than 5 days before the admission exam**. Applicants who have completed secondary education abroad shall submit certified documents of education in accordance with Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on the Recognition of Documents of Education and Professional Qualifications and on amendments to certain acts under the same conditions, i.e. **in person, during the presentation on the day of the admission procedure, or by registered mail to the Study Department of the Faculty of Law, Matej Bel University, no later than 5 days before the admission exams.** Applicants who do not demonstrate fulfilment of the basic conditions for admission to study at the time of verification of fulfilment of the conditions for admission may be admitted to study conditionally, with the obligation to demonstrate fulfilment of the basic conditions for admission to study at the latest on the day designated for enrolment. Otherwise, they will not be enrolled for studies. Applicants for a part-time form of bachelor's degree must submit the documents that form the appendix of the application to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law no later than on the day of enrolment, otherwise they will not be enrolled for studies. **It is not necessary to list the subjects and results of assessments from secondary school, nor the subjects and results of the secondary-school graduation exam in the application** (it applies to both forms of study). Secondary school results and secondary-school graduation exam results will not be included in the result of the admission procedure.

The application **for master's degree studies** (2nd level) also includes a **structured curriculum vitae**, an officially **certified copy of the diploma on the completion of bachelor's degree studies** in the field of ***law***, **in the *law* study programme,** or officially certified copy of the diploma on the completion of second level studies /pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education / in the study field of ***law***. **Graduates of 1st level studies** (or 2nd level studies pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education) **from another law faculty** are obliged to submit as an attachment to the application a **certified copy of the diploma** of completed previous studies in the field of ***law*** and a **statement of study results** for this previous study. The above **does not apply to graduates of the 1st level of study** (or even the 2nd level of study pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education) in the study field of law from the **Faculty of Law of the MBU in Banská Bystrica**. Applicants must submit the documents that make up the application annex to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law no later than on the day of enrolment, otherwise they

will not be enrolled for studies. In the event that applicants have completed the 1st level of studies (or also the 2nd level of studies pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education) in the relevant academic year, they shall submit a certified copy of the diploma on completion of this study in the study field of law together with a statement of the results of the relevant study to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law no later than on the day of enrolment, otherwise they will not be enrolled for the study.

Part of the application **for doctoral studies** (3rd level) is:

a) structured **curriculum vitae**
b) officially certified photocopies of **documents on the completion of a master's degree in the law study programme** (university diploma, state examination certificate, supplement to the diploma, or language diplomas);
c) the **means of study results for the master's study with an indication of the weighted study mean** (a graduate of the master's degree from another law faculty is obliged to submit a statement of the study results for the master's degree with an indication of the weighted study mean as an attachment to the application);
d) a **list** of published and unpublished **professional and scientific works** (e.g. books, articles, manuals, etc.), possibly expert reviews of these works **and other documents worthy of consideration**, e.g. diplomas from ŠVOČ (students´) conferences, documents on professional courses completed, etc.;
e) **the framework project related to the topic of the dissertation** in the scope of about 5 standard pages, which must contain: **objectives** of the dissertation, **methods** of processing the dissertation, the **state of development of the issue** and the expected **benefit** of the dissertation. The candidate chooses the topic of the dissertation from the topics approved for the relevant academic year, which are published on the Faculty's website in the section "Uchádzač – Ponuka štúdia – Doktorandské štúdium (Prílohy)";
f) **the proof of payment of the administrative fee** for the admission procedure.

Applicants must submit the documents forming part of the application, but above all the **framework project related to the topic of the dissertation and the list of published and unpublished professional and scientific works** (including other documents worthy of consideration) **in paper form** to the Study Office of the MBU Faculty of Law so that these documents are physically present at the Faculty **no later than 18 June 2027**. Graduates of a master's degree from another law faculty are also required to submit a statement of study results for the master's degree with an indication of the weighted academic mean by the specified date.

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Applicants for the study at any level who fail to demonstrate the fulfilment of the basic requirements for admission to study at the time of verification of the fulfilment of the requirements for admission may be conditionally accepted to study provided that they must prove the fulfilment of the requirements for admission no later than on the date of study enrolment.

In all study programmes of the MBU Faculty of Law, applicants **who have not passed the secondary school graduation exam in the Slovak language** and are applying for a study programme conducted in the Slovak language (except for applicants from the Czech Republic) **must be fluent in the Slovak language at least at the B1 level** according to the Common

European Framework of Reference for Languages. The Faculty of Law exclusively accepts a **certificate of command of the Slovak language** as a foreign/second language at the required level (minimum B1), which is **issued by language schools registered by the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Slovak Republic in the Network of Schools and School Facilities of the Slovak Republic** (registered state language schools and private language schools). Applicants must submit an officially certified copy of a document confirming knowledge of the Slovak language at the required level no later than on the day of enrolment for studies.

Applicants who have completed (or will complete in the given academic year) a bachelor's or master's degree program in the Slovak language are exempt from the requirement to submit a certificate of proficiency in the Slovak language at the B1 level.

Applicants who have completed their previous level of education abroad are required, in accordance with the relevant provisions of Act No. 422/2015 Coll. on the recognition of educational documents and professional qualifications and on amendments to certain acts, as amended, **to submit recognition of educational documents obtained outside the territory of the Slovak Republic** as follows:

Applicants for bachelor's degree programs who have completed secondary education in one of the countries of the **European Union** (with the exception of the Czech Republic, where recognition of educational documents is not required), **Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Russia, China, or Iceland** are required to deliver by mail or in person **a certificate of recognition of their level of education in paper form**, together with a certified copy of their educational certificate (high school diploma) in paper form and its **official translation into Slovak**. Information on obtaining and using the certificate of recognition of foreign education can be found on the website of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic:
https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/category/recognition-statement.

Applicants for bachelor's degree programs who have completed secondary education in a country that does not have a recognition clause in place are required to submit, by mail or in person, **an officially certified copy of the decision on the recognition of their educational document** (secondary school leaving certificate) obtained outside the territory of the Slovak Republic. The decision on the recognition of foreign secondary education documents is issued by the regional school administration office in the seat of the region where the applicant has permanent residence, or by the Regional School Administration Office in Banská Bystrica:
https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/category/recognition-of-secondary-education.

Applicants for master's degree programs who have completed their previous level of education abroad (except in the Czech Republic) are required to deliver by mail or in person **an officially certified copy of the decision on the recognition of a document certifying higher education in the relevant field of study** obtained outside the territory of the Slovak Republic. Information on the recognition of higher education documents is published on the website of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic:
https://uznavanie.minedu.sk/en/navigator/10
or on the website of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica:
https://www.umb.sk/uchadzac/uznavanie-dokladov-o-vzdelani.html

If an applicant for study does not submit a certificate of recognition of their level of

education together with the required attachments by the time of verification of fulfilment of the conditions for admission to the given faculty (in the case of applicants for bachelor's studies who have completed secondary education in one of the EU countries with the exception of the Czech Republic, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, the United Kingdom, Ukraine, Russia, China, or Iceland) or an officially certified copy of the decision on the recognition of the educational document (in the case of other applicants), they **will be admitted conditionally**. The applicant is required to submit the above documents **no later than on the specified date of enrollment in higher education.**

Application deadline and the requirements **for foreign students´ admission are identical with the ones applicable to the students from the Slovak Republic**. Tuition fees are regulated by the Regulation on Tuition for the 2027/2028 academic year.

A) Admission requirements for the 1st level of study

The basic requirement for admission to a bachelor's degree is to obtain a complete secondary education or a complete secondary professional education.

Another requirement for admission to a full-time bachelor's program is the **successful completion of an entrance exam, which assesses the applicant's aptitude for the program.** The faculty will send each registered applicant an invitation to the entrance exam and more detailed information no later than one month before the exam is held.

A.1 An applicant who has passed **the high school graduation exam in history and, at the same time, in social studies/civics,** or who will be taking the high school graduation exam in history and, at the same time, in social studies/ civics, and who, no later than on the day of the entrance exam, provides proof of having passed the high school graduation exam in both of the aforementioned subjects (a certified copy of the high school diploma is required) upon registration, is not required to take the written test as part of the admission process. Based on an assessment of the completeness and accuracy of the submitted documents proving successful completion of the high school graduation exam in history and social studies/civics, **the applicant will be admitted to the program without taking the entrance exam in the form of a test.** When determining whether an applicant has met the other admission requirements, as defined by the admission criteria for study at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Faculty of Law, the assessment is not based on the title of the high school graduation exam, but on its content (in line with the target requirements for the knowledge and skills of high school graduates). The grade on the high school diploma does not play a role in the admission process.

A.2 Applicant **who has not passed the high school graduation exam in history and social studies/civics**, or who will not be taking the high school graduation exam in history and social studies/civics in the given year, **must take an entrance exam in the form of a written test.**

The admission exam is organized in order to ensure that applicants with the necessary skills and abilities are admitted to the study. The admission exam for full-time bachelor's study is conducted in the form of a **written test**, which tests secondary school knowledge of the subjects such as **history (Slovak and world history), philosophy, social science, including the basics of law, the basics of sociology, psychology and economics[1]; at the same time, a general socio-political and cultural overview, knowledge of the Constitution of the Slovak Republic, as well as the applicant's logical thinking are tested**. The Faculty will publish the recommended literature for the admission exam for the bachelor´s law study programme on its website. The **test consists of a total of 50 questions, the time limit for completing it is 45 minutes**. The results of the admission exam will be published on the website of the Faculty no later than 5 business days after the last day on which the entrance exams were held. According to the points obtained from the written test, the order will be determined from the highest number to the lowest number of points obtained. Applicants who pass the entrance exam will be admitted to the program in order of the total number of points

[1] The social studies knowledge test, focusing primarily on the fundamentals of law, philosophy, and economics, is designed in accordance with the national curriculum and the learning objectives for knowledge and skills in social studies applicable to high schools. The history knowledge test is designed in accordance with the national curriculum and the target requirements for knowledge and skills in history applicable to high schools (The catalog of target requirements is available at: Platné od šk. r. 2018-2019 - ŠPÚ).

achieved in the admission procedure until the planned capacity of the relevant full-time study program is filled (the number of applicants accepted will be in accordance with the approved planned numbers of applicants accepted for the 2027/2028 academic year). **In case of non-participation of the applicant in the admission exam, the fee for the admission procedure shall not be refunded**.

A.3 The admission procedure for the **part-time form** of bachelor's degree is **without an admission exam**.

B) Admission requirements for the 2nd level of study

The basic requirement for admission to a master's degree program **is a bachelor's degree** or a master's degree, provided that the total number of credits earned in the previous higher education program leading to the degree, and the number of credits required for the successful completion of the master's degree program to which the applicant is applying must be at least 300 credits (Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education as amended).

For the purposes of the admission procedure for master's degree at the MBU Faculty of Law, a completed higher education degree according to the previous sentence means **successful completion of studies in the *law* study programme, in the field of law.** Officially certified copy of diploma on completion of bachelor's degree /or second-level studies pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education as amended/ in the law study programme must be sent by 30 June 2027, but no later than the date of enrolment for studies.

Additional admission requirements for full-time and part-time master's degree:

- according to the order of the value of the **weighted study mean** from the bachelor's degree /or of previous studies of the second level pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education as amended/,
- bachelor's degree graduate /or graduate from previous studies of the second level pursuant to Section 68(b) of Act No. 300/2025 Coll. on Higher Education as amended/ **from another law faculty** is required to submit a **statement of study results** as an attachment to the application.

The number of admitted applicants will be in accordance with the approved planned number of admitted applicants for 2027/2028 academic year.

C) Admission requirements for the 3rd level of study

The basic requirement for admission to full-time and part-time doctoral studies is the **successful completion of a master's degree in in the field of law.**

Another admission requirement is the successful completion of the **admission exam**, in which the examination committee appointed by the Dean determines the applicant's readiness for the given doctoral study programme in the following categories (ranked by importance from the most important one):

- **project related to the topic of the dissertation** - applicants submit and present their own (author's) project on the topic of the dissertation (within the scope of 5 standard pages of the text) - the originality and content of the project, the presentation of the project and the

applicant's answers and reactions to the committee's questions in relation to the project are assessed - in this category; applicants can receive a maximum of 50 points (of which a maximum of 20 points for the elaboration of the project – the originality and content of the project; a maximum of 20 points for the presentation of the project and a maximum of 10 points for the applicant's answers and reactions to the committee's questions in relation to the project);

- **knowledge in the scope of a second-level higher education in a given field and the professional and scientific overview of the applicant in the chosen field** - are assessed by an oral interview (especially answers to the committee's questions) - in this category, the applicant can get a maximum of 20 points;
- **prerequisites for scientific activity** - are assessed by the applicant's own publication and other scientific activity - in this category, the applicant can receive a maximum of 20 points;
- **command of one of the languages: English, German, Russian, French or Spanish at least at level B1** according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - the applicant will submit a certificate of command of a foreign language at the required level or the examination committee will check the language knowledge through an oral interview - in this category the applicant can get a maximum of 10 points.

The admission exam will take place **orally**. Applicants for doctoral studies must demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities from the field of law, as well as the content, methods and expected results of the dissertation. The examination committee determines the applicant's interest in the study programme, interest in science, and takes into account the study results of the master's degree when making the final decision. The **result of the admission interview in front of the examination committee is taken into account in the admission** to doctoral studies in both full-time and part-time study, **based on the number of points obtained by the candidate**. If **applicants for full-time** doctoral studies do not achieve **at least 75 points** out of 100 in the admission exam, they have not successfully passed the admission exam.

The admissions interview committee evaluates the result of the admission exam in a closed session. Based on the assessment of individual applicants and after taking into account their values of the weighted academic mean from the master's degree, they will determine the order of success. The Dean of the Faculty will decide whether or not to accept applicants, based on the opinion of the admissions interview committee, within 30 days from the date of the admission exam.

The number of admitted applicants is based on the approved planned number of admitted applicants for 2027/2028 academic year. The **Dean of the Faculty of Law of MBU** has the right, based on the current state of the number of admitted applicants, to **decide not to open the study programme in a given academic year**.

ORGANIZATION AND COURSE OF STUDIES

The Faculty of Law of the MBU provides higher education in accredited study programmes, in the Full-Time and the Part-Time form:

- **Bachelor´s Degree -** standardly takes three years in the full-time and three years in the part-time study. The study is completed with a state examination. Successful graduates are awarded the academic title **"Bachelor"** (abbreviated as "Bc.");

- **Master's Degree -** takes two years in the full-time and two years in the part-time study. The study is completed with a state examination, which also includes a defence of the final thesis/final internship. Successful graduates are awarded the academic title **"Master"** (abbreviated as "Mgr.").
- **Doctoral Degree -** takes three years in the full-time and four years in the part-time study. The study is completed with a defence of the dissertation, which is, after completion of appropriate requirements, preceded by the dissertation examination. Successful graduates are awarded the academic title **"Philosophiae Doctor"** (abbreviated as "PhD.").

Tuition fees for 2027/2028 academic year will be paid according to the Regulation, which will be approved for that academic year.

ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students of the UMB Faculty of Law have the option of accommodation in student hostels.

Student canteens provide the possibility of meals.

RIGOROUS EXAMINATION

Graduates of the study programme Law, who earned the title "Master" or of similar study programmes abroad can take **rigorous exam**, which includes a defence of thesis in the field of study in which they graduated. After successful completion of rigorous examination the applicant is awarded the academic degree **"Doctor of Laws"** (abbreviated as "JUDr.").

GRADUATES PROFILE AND EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

Graduates of Bachelor´s Degree (Bc.)

Graduates of the **study programme in law at the bachelor's level of study** have adequate knowledge of individual legal branches, within which primary individual profile subjects are taught (Roman law, history of law, theory of the state and law, constitutional law, administrative law, substantive and procedural civil law, labour law, public international law) and identify mutual connections between them. They understand the interdisciplinary nature of law, its close connection with application practice, the importance of court decisions and doctrinal opinions. Graduates of the bachelor's study programme in the field of law have all the necessary knowledge and understanding of the theory of the state and law, the separation of powers, the principles of the functioning of the rule of law and know the historical determinants of the development of law and its key institutions. They have the necessary knowledge of substantive and procedural law and administrative justice. They control the material of civil substantive and procedural law, as well as the basics of labour law. Graduates of the law study programme at the bachelor's level of study master the methodology of interpretation and application of legal norms and ascertainment of the facts within individual legal branches. They orient themselves in the systems and methods of obtaining legally relevant information (mainly

legal regulations and related documents, decisions of courts and administrative bodies, professional and scientific legal literature) and are able to search for case law and the current state of legal opinions (doctrine) in relation to specific issues. The graduates are characterized by independent abstract, analytical and critical thinking. They know how to communicate at the necessary level in the Slovak language in written and oral form, to convey information in the work team and in the external environment, to defend their positions and proposals. They can argue and justify their opinions, positions and proposals to the necessary extent. The graduates are qualified to carry out preparatory work within the judiciary, to work as specialists in state administration and self-government, in the field of legal management or in the non-governmental sector.

Graduates of Master's Degree (Mgr.)

The **master's study programme in law** is identical in content to the areas and scope of knowledge, skills and competences required for a graduate of the study programme according to the National Qualification Framework SKK-7. The requirement for completing this study programme is the previous successful completion of a bachelor's degree in the law study programme, which in combination is an elementary prerequisite for the future performance of the indicated professions in the judicial sphere, as well as practically all so-called independent legal professions (lawyer, notary, bailiff, etc.), but also professions in other fields (e.g. corporate lawyer). Graduates have extensive theoretical-legal, legal-philosophical and historical-legal knowledge, acquired in the first level of studies in the law study programme, fundamentally expanded by knowledge of positive legal subjects (civil law, criminal law, commercial law, labour law) and the ability to apply the law in practice, also through clinically conceived subjects, such as clinic of civil law i and ii, clinic of commercial law, tax law in theory and practice, clinic of media law, clinic of personal data protection, legal clinic for communities, law of commercial companies, bankruptcy law, etc. They can connect interdisciplinary contexts and take an active role in the creation of legal regulations. The graduates are able to perceive and use interdisciplinary contexts and overlaps of legal institutes and can use them in applied legal practice. The graduates have developed orientation skills in the national legal order, in the legal system of the European Union and in international law. Thea are therefore capable of comprehensively solving legal problems in both their national and transnational contexts with the necessary consideration of European Union law and international law. In individual legal areas, they solve problems of a substantive and procedural nature and proposes their effective solution, including using the ability to work with the results of the decision-making activities of national, community and foreign courts. The graduates independently solve the ethical dilemmas that they will encounter in the performance of their profession. They can independently expand and deepen the acquired knowledge, methodically analyse programme and procedural problems of legal practice and master procedures and skills in providing legal advice. When performing their profession, they are able to reflect the position and roles of a lawyer in society. The graduates are able to think abstractly, think analytically, synthetically and contextually, formulate, propose and apply legal opinions and considerations in solving complex legal problems. The graduates are competent to independently carry out more demanding work in the field of public administration and in the private, primarily commercial sphere (such as a corporate lawyer) or work as candidates for legal professions (judiciary, prosecutor's office, advocacy, notary, enforcement of decisions, bankruptcy administration, etc.), employees in the judicial sphere (senior court official, bailiff, judge and others).

Graduates of Doctoral Degree (PhD.)

The **doctoral study programme in *commercial and financial law*** is identical in content to the areas and scope of knowledge, skills and competences required for graduates of the study programme according to the National Qualification Framework SKK-8. The requirement for completing this study programme is the previous successful completion of a master's degree in the law study programme. The graduates master the scientific methods of basic and applied research in legal sciences, which serve as a basis for carrying out research and development and creating new scientific knowledge in the field of law. The graduates are focused on commercial and financial law. The graduates have a systematic, comprehensive and overall set of knowledge in the field of commercial and financial law in the following subfields - the status of commercial companies, commercial obligations, securities, public law regulation of business, bankruptcy law, financial law, tax law, economic law and related disciplines, including knowledge and understanding of the relationships between them, as well as to other parts of the field, primarily civil law. The graduates also have a deep knowledge of theories, sophisticated methods and procedures of science and research at a level corresponding to international criteria. The graduates can analyse, synthesize and compare legal institutes in the field of commercial and financial law with the aim of their more effective application in the legal order. They apply their own findings from their theoretical analysis and their comprehensive scientific research to solve law-related problems. Based on their outputs and findings, they can propose, verify and implement new scientific knowledge. They are able to identify shortcomings, propose their solution by means of interpretation or law-making methods and compare the current state of knowledge in the field of commercial and financial law with the legal systems of other countries or with the jurisprudential doctrine of other countries. The graduates can actively acquire new knowledge and information, critically analyse and re-evaluate them and use them in theory and practical applications for the development of the field of business and financial law, can apply and creatively improve and develop theories and research, development and innovation procedures in the field and create new. They can identify global scientific and innovative developments in the field and in related fields and use it in the direction and development of the field, with the integration of knowledge from different areas. The graduates have independent critical and analytical thinking, which they apply in changing social conditions. They present independently the results of research and development in the field of commercial and financial law before the professional community in the Slovak Republic and abroad. They can determine the focus of research and coordinate the team in the relevant scientific field and acquire the ability to work scientifically and pedagogically at the required methodological level in the field of law. The graduates can plan and initiate the solution of complex problems/projects, including the formulation of goals, means and methods in the field of development in the field, can assess and modify their own professional activity in a wider context, in relation to the long-term impact in the given field and from the point of view of social, ethical, environmental and other criteria, they are ready to formulate information about the outputs and conclusions of scientific, research and development work at the international level and to manage large-scale research tasks and teams.

The **doctoral study programme in *criminal law*** is identical in content to the areas and scope of knowledge, skills and competences required for graduates of the study programme according to the National Qualification Framework SKK-8. The requirement for completing this study programme is the previous successful completion of a master's degree in the law study programme. The graduates master the scientific methods of basic and applied research in legal sciences, which serve as a basis for carrying out research and development and creating new scientific knowledge in the field of law. The graduates are focused on criminal law. The graduates of the doctoral study programme in criminal law are, based on the theoretical

knowledge acquired through study and knowledge from applied practice, qualified to work independently scientifically, to identify criminal law problems and problems of an interdisciplinary nature from the point of view of theory and practice comprehensively, to analyse them and form scientifically justified proposals and alternative solutions for practice such as also the development of the science of criminal law on a national, European and international scale, while respecting the constitutional, ethical and human principles of the life of society. In addition, they are able to manage at a scientific level a team of experts from the field of criminal law, as well as related fields, including experts from abroad, in solving criminal law, criminological and forensic problems in connection with the diversity, state and level of crime at the national and transnational level through the projects of the relevant departments as well as grant tasks. Based on knowledge obtained through doctoral studies and the latest knowledge gained from the professional literature on criminal law and related fields, international legal documents, EU legal acts, decisions of the ECtHR, decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic and knowledge from applied practice, knowledge of the methodology of scientific research methods, the graduates are qualified to work conceptually in the creation of relevant legislation, action programmes to combat crime and the strategy of their solution and subsequent evaluations. The graduates can analyse, synthesize and compare legal institutes in the field of criminal law with the aim of their more effective application in the legal order. They apply their own findings from their theoretical analyses and their comprehensive scientific research to solve law-related problems. Based on their outputs and findings, they can propose, verify and implement new scientific knowledge. They are able to identify shortcomings, propose their solution by means of interpretation or law-making methods and compare the current state of knowledge in the field of criminal law with the legal systems of other states or with the jurisprudential doctrine of other states. On the basis of the acquired knowledge, graduates of the criminal law doctoral programme find application in the field of science and scientific research in scientific institutions focused on criminal law at the national and international level, in the judiciary, in the prosecutor's office, in advocacy, in the state administration and its central bodies, competent to the fight against crime and in the legislative field, in professional estate chambers and organizations in the field of criminal law, as well as in non-governmental organizations. They also find employment as scientific researchers and university teachers. The graduates can actively acquire new knowledge and information, critically analyse and re-evaluate them and use them in theory and practical applications for the development of the field of criminal law, can apply and creatively improve and develop theories and research, development and innovation procedures in the field and create new ones. They can identify global scientific and innovative developments in the field and in related fields and use it in the direction and development of the field, with the integration of knowledge from different areas. The graduates have independent critical and analytical thinking, which they apply in changing social conditions. They present independently the results of research and development in the field of criminal law before the professional community in the Slovak Republic and abroad. They can determine the focus of research and coordinate the team in the relevant scientific field and acquire the ability to work scientifically and pedagogically at the required methodological level in the field of law. The graduates can plan and initiate the solution of complex problems/projects, including the formulation of goals, means and methods in the field of development in the field, can assess and modify their own professional activity in a wider context, in relation to the long-term impact in the given field and from the point of view of social, ethical, environmental and other criteria, they are ready to formulate information about the outputs and conclusions of scientific, research and development work at the international level and to manage large-scale research tasks and teams.

The **doctoral study programme in *civil law*** is identical in content to the areas and

scope of knowledge, skills and competences required for a graduate of the study programme according to the National Qualification Framework SKK-8. The requirement for completing this study programme is the previous successful completion of a master's degree in the law study programme. The graduates master the scientific methods of basic and applied research in legal sciences, which serve as a basis for carrying out research and development and creating new scientific knowledge in the field of law. The graduates are focused on civil law. The graduates have a systematic, comprehensive and overall set of knowledge in the field of civil law and its subject matter - the status of natural and legal persons, personality protection, liability for damage and unjust enrichment, inheritance, property rights, obligations, family law, and related disciplines, including knowledge and understanding of the relationships between them, as well as to other parts of the field, primarily civil law. The graduates also have a deep knowledge of theories, sophisticated methods and procedures of science and research at a level corresponding to international criteria. The graduates can analyse, synthesize and compare legal institutes in the field of civil law with the aim of their more effective application in the legal order. They apply their own findings from their theoretical analysis and their comprehensive scientific research to solve law-related problems. Based on their outputs and findings, they can propose, verify and implement new scientific knowledge. They are able to identify shortcomings, propose their solution by means of interpretation or law-making methods and compare the current state of knowledge in the field of civil law with the legal systems of other states or with the jurisprudential doctrine of other states. The graduates can actively acquire new knowledge and information, critically analyse and re-evaluate them and use them in theory and practical applications for the development of the field of civil law can apply and creatively improve and develop theories and research, development and innovation procedures in the field and create new ones. They can identify global scientific and innovative developments in the field and in related fields and use it in the direction and development of the field, with the integration of knowledge from different areas. The graduates have independent critical and analytical thinking, which they apply in changing social conditions. They present independently the results of research and development in the field of civil law before the professional community in the Slovak Republic and abroad. They can determine the focus of research and coordinate the team in the relevant scientific field and acquire the ability to work scientifically and pedagogically at the required methodological level in the field of law. The graduates can plan and initiate the solution of complex problems/projects, including the formulation of goals, means and methods in the field of development in the field, can assess and modify their own professional activity in a wider context, in relation to the long-term impact in the given field and from the point of view of social, ethical, environmental and other criteria, they are ready to formulate information about the outputs and conclusions of scientific, research and development work at the international level and to manage large-scale research tasks and teams.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Faculty of Law at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, in accordance with Section 119 of Act No. 300/ 2025 Coll. on Higher Education as amended, creates a universally accessible academic environment by establishing appropriate study conditions for students with specific needs **without lowering the requirements for their academic performance**. Persons with specific needs are individuals whose physical or mental abilities limit their functioning in everyday environments and situations.

The status of a student with specific needs is given to the student:

a) with sensory, physical and multiple disabilities (visual disability, hearing disability, limb sufferers, dysfunction of fine motor skills);
b) with chronic diseases (cystic fibrosis, epilepsy, asthma, multiple sclerosis, diabetes mellitus, organ or tissue transplantation, cardiovascular disease, neurological disease);
c) with health weakening (after long-term illness, convalescence, reduction in disease resistance or tendency to recurrence);
d) having a mental illness;
e) with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders (e.g., Asperger syndrome);
f) with learning disorders (dyslexia, dysorthography, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, etc.).

Before applying for higher-education studies it is necessary to:

1. consider own abilities to study at a higher-education institution in terms of:
    a) knowledge level;
    b) level of knowledge of the Slovak language;
    c) technical and personal readiness and motivation;
    d) claims on content, scope and form of study;
    e) conditions of the Faculty;
    f) disability limits.
2. Contact a Faculty coordinator for students with specific needs.
3. Submit a report from a specialist, a psychologist, a speech therapist, a school psychologist, a school therapist, or a special pedagogue (for more information see the Study Guide for Students with Specific Needs at Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica).
4. Submit a request from an applicant with specific needs to modify the form and method of conducting the admission exam, with relevant professional documentation documenting the specific needs of the applicant (if the admission exam is part of the verification of the ability to study).

The final decision to study the selected study programme is made by the applicant. By making the decision they take responsibility for any risks that they will not be able to continue with the studies.

Important information for students with specific needs along with the necessary forms is also available on the faculty web site: Sprievodca štúdiom pre študentov so špecifickými potrebami | Sprievodca štúdiom | Právnická fakulta Univerzita Mateja Bela v Banskej Bystrici

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