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## STUDY NOTIFICATION

**for final year students of the Comparative IP Law LLM training**

**Academic year 2024/2025 Fall semester**

### I. THE SCOPE OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION RULES

This information notice applies to all students taking the final examinations in Comparative IP Law LLM program.

### II. THE SCHEDULE OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD

<b>Submission of draft thesis to the supervisor for final review (to check the compliance of the thesis with the rules of the Law School)</b>	<b>9 December 2024</b>
<b>The deadline for uploading the thesis on the thesis selection form (hard copy version of the theses is not necessary)</b>	<b>16 December 2024</b>
<b>Application for the final exam via Modulo:</b>	<b>18-20 December 2024</b>
<b>Detailed information on how to fill in the final exam application form can be found on the faculty website:</b>	<b><a href="https://www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/study-administration-for/application-for-the">https://www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/study-administration-for/application-for-the</a></b>
<b>Date of the thesis defence and final exam oral parts:</b>	<b>10 January 2025 10:00</b>
<b>Apply for the repetition of the final exam via Modulo (if needed):</b>	<b>13 January 2025 10:00</b>
<b>Date of the final exam repetition (if needed)</b>	<b>17 January 2025 10:00</b>
<b>Graduation ceremony:</b>	<b>24 January 2025 10:00</b>

### III. APPLICATION FOR THE FINAL EXAMINATION

Registration for the final exam is done through MODULO. Students who have registered for the final exam can find the information notifications sent from the Admission Office on Coospace.

Here we draw your attention to the Nftv. (Hungarian Higher Education Act) § 50 (5), which states that **“students who have not fulfilled their payment obligations to the higher education institution may not be admitted to the final examination”**. In view of this, any student who fails to pay the debts due under NEPTUN (fees, co-payments, etc.) by the working day before the start of the final examination period (**16 December 2024**), will be removed from the list of students taking the final examination.

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#### IV. STUDY MATERIALS FOR THE EXAMS

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The syllabus for the final exams is published in the Final Exams section of the faculty website <https://www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/study-administration-for/study-notification-for>

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#### V. THE METHOD OF EXAMINATION

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Final examinations will be held as face-to-face examinations. **On the final examinations the board asks short questions directly from several parts of the modules covered by the finals. The candidate must answer the questions without preparation time.**

*Information on how the exam will be administered will be provided after the registration for the final exam closes.*

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#### VI. PARTS OF THE FINAL EXAM

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The final examination consists of two parts: the defence of the thesis and the actual final examination.

##### **1. Defending the thesis (diploma thesis):**

The thesis must comply with the formal and substantive requirements set out in the Thesis Regulations. The Regulations can be viewed and downloaded from the faculty website: <https://www.juris.u-szeged.hu/english/study-administration-for/thesis-regulations>

In the case of an unsuccessful thesis, a replacement thesis may be submitted by the deadline set before the next final examination period.

##### **2. Topics for the oral part of the final exam:**

International and European Copyright Law  
International and European Patent and Trademark Law  
International Trade Law and IP  
Economics of IP

The block questions for each topics are listed in Appendix I at the end of this document.

##### **3. Calculation of the Final Exam result: The final exam result is the average of the grades obtained for the following two blocks:**

Oral defence of the thesis  
Oral final examination

The final examinations will be held in an order based on the names of the examinees.

*In connection with the final examinations, I would like to draw your attention to the following points of the Act on Higher Education and the Regulations on Studies and Examinations of the University of Szeged:*

Nftv. 50. § (3) Students may be admitted to the final examination after obtaining their final certificate (absolutorium). The final examination may be taken in the examination period following the obtainment of the final certificate within the framework of the student's status as a student, and within two years after

the termination of the student's status as a student, in any examination period, according to the applicable training requirements. The study and examination regulations may make the final examination conditional upon the expiry of the second year after the issue of the final certificate. No final examination may be taken after the fifth year following the termination of the student's studies.

### *Study and examination regulations*

- 19.1. After obtaining the final certificate, students may register for a final examination at any time, subject to the qualification requirements in force at the time of registration.
- 19.2. The faculty may make the passing of the final examination conditional after the second year from the date of issue of the final certificate. These conditions are regulated by the faculty in its study regulations. No final examinations may be taken after the fifth year following the end of the student's studies. It is valid for students starting their studies in 2012/2013 in ascending order.
- 19.4. The faculties must provide the student with at least one opportunity per year to take the final examination or to retake a failed final examination. Students who have obtained a final certificate must be notified of the procedures for that year. The faculty regulations may stipulate that a failed final examination may be corrected at the earliest during the next final examination period.
- 19.5. Registration for the final exam is done through the study system. The faculties are in charge of the final examination classification of students who have registered for the final examination and of checking the requirements for the final certificate. If the conditions are not fulfilled or if the student so requests, the final examination will be cancelled. Removal may only take place before the start of the final examination.
- 19.6. Absence from the final examination may result in the payment of fees for persons who are no longer students and may be repeated in accordance with the rule on the retake of a failed final examination (section 19.4).

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## VII. FINAL EXAM POSTPONEMENT

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**It is not possible to postpone the final examination in the same examination period.** A written request to be removed from the final examination schedule may be submitted in MODULO/Dean's Application **by the end of the 2nd working day prior to the day of the examination.** No new final examination may be offered in place of the cancelled examination in the same final examination period.

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## VIII. NON-ATTENDANCE AT THE FINAL EXAMINATION

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In the case of non-attendance at the final examination, Section 13.4. of the SZTE Study and Examination Regulations shall apply:

An unauthorised absence from an examination is considered as a used examination time and the number of possible retakes will be reduced. In such a case, the entry 'no-show-up (with credit for the examination)' will be entered in the study system record. The student has the right to justify his/her absence within 10 calendar days of the date of the examination, which will be recorded as "no-show-up (no credit for the examination)".

If the candidate is unable to attend the examination for an unexpected and excusable reason, he/she may excuse his/her absence by requesting a certificate, i.e. he/she must notify the Examinations Department in writing immediately after the impediment has occurred or has come to his/her knowledge. Justification for non-attendance may be provided on the basis of a written request submitted in the MODULO/Dean's application, in particular in reasonable cases, for health, family or other exceptional reasons. The request must be accompanied by documents justifying or giving probable cause for the postponement. Only documents which show that the student was unable to attend the final examination or was significantly impeded in his/her preparation for the final examination may be accepted as proof of absence.

Requests for certification may be submitted no later than **5 days** after the missed final examination, after which no certification may be requested.

In the absence of a request for certification or in the event of a refusal, a new examination may not be offered in the same examination period. If the request for certification is accepted, the candidate may take a new examination in the post-final examination period. If the candidate fails to sit the follow-up examination, no request for revalidation may be made.

If an online final exam is taken and is interrupted for technical reasons and the connection cannot be re-established, it is not considered as a used exam and can be repeated at the latest during the revision period.

## **IX. RETAKE THE FINAL EXAM**

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It is not possible to improve the mark of a successful final examination.

A failed final examination may be retaken (upon written notification by the student):

- in the same examination period as the failed final examination, on the day of the announced make-up final examination. (The exact timetable will be notified by e-mail only!)
- in another final examination period.

1. In the same final examination period

A failed final examination may be repeated within the same examination period under the following cumulative conditions:

- the student has failed an examination in the given examination period in the given final examination subject (for this purpose, an examination missed without justification is also considered a failed examination),
- you have already passed all other final examinations, and
- retakes within the same examination period are only possible during the dedicated remedial examination period.

2. In another final examination period

If the above conditions are not met, the final examination may be repeated only in another regular final examination period, provided that the conditions for a repeat examination are otherwise met.

## **X. LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF REPETITIONS OF THE FINAL EXAMINATION**

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A student may retake the final oral examination in a subject once in each examination period within the five-year period.

The possibility of retakes is only given if the student's final examination schedule allows it within the five-year period and the other conditions for retakes are met.

*In connection with the repeated final examination, the Nftv. Section 50 (3) of the Nftv shall apply.:*

(...) "The final examination may be taken in the examination period following the award of the final certificate, within the framework of the student status, and within two years after the termination of the student status, in any examination period, according to the applicable training requirements. The study and examination regulations may make the final examination conditional upon the expiry of the second year after the issue of the final certificate. No final examination may be taken after the fifth year following the end of the student's studies."

## **XI. GRADING OF THE DEGREE**

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The diploma is graded on the basis of the average of grades in the compulsory and elective courses, the result of the defence of the thesis and the result of the oral final examination.

Example of the calculation:

Grades earned for the compulsory and elective courses: 4 (in average)

Grade earned for the final thesis: 5

Grade earned for the oral final exam: 4

$4+5+4/3=4,33$

Please note, that the final grade is calculated by an algorithm.

## **XII. GRADUATION CEREMONY**

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Students who have successfully passed the final examination will receive their diploma at the graduation ceremony on 24 January 2025 at 10:00. The graduation ceremony may be changed or cancelled.

Szeged, 24 September 2024

Dr. Norbert Merkovity s.k.  
Vice-Dean for Education

**APPENDIX I.**  
**TOPICS AND BLOCK QUESTIONS FOR THE ORAL PART OF THE FINAL EXAM**

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*I. International and European Copyright Law*

1. Introduce the major international copyright treaties.
2. Introduce the sources of law of European Union copyright law.
3. What are the sources of international private law for copyright matters in the EU and in the USA?
4. Introduce the basic rationale of copyright protection.
5. What are the economic rights of copyright holders?
6. What are the moral rights of copyright holders?
7. What is direct liability and indirect liability?
8. What are the major remedies in European copyright law?

*II. International and European Patent and Trademark Law*

1. Introduce the major international industrial property law treaties.
2. Introduce the sources of law of European Union industrial property law.
3. What are the sources of international private law for industrial property law matters in the EU?
4. Introduce the basic rationale of patent and trademark protection.
5. What are the economic rights of patent and trademark holders?
6. What is the Madrid Protocol? How can rightsholders apply for global protection?
7. How are geographical indications protected?
8. What are trade secrets? How are they regulated internationally and in the EU?

*III. International Trade Law and IP*

1. What is TRIPS Agreement and what is its role in the international IP system?
2. How does WTO's dispute settlement mechanism operate?
3. What are the differences of national treatment and most favoured nation treatment?
4. How are foreign direct investments (FDIs) protected? Introduce leading case law on this field.
5. Introduce further trade and investment treaties/agreements having IP chapters. Focus especially on the European Union.

*IV. Economics of IP*

1. The economics of licensing; with a special focus on the streaming industry.
2. The economics of compulsory licensing; with a special focus on life saving medical treatments.
3. The economics of law enforcement; with a special focus on registration of works and inventions/trademarks and the US' Small Claims Court.
4. The economics of exhaustion; with a special focus on parallel trade.
5. The economics of certification marks; why are such marks beneficial?