

*Student Guide*



**EUROPEAN  
LAW & GOVERNANCE  
SCHOOL**

An International  
University School by



**EPLO**  
European Public Law  
Organization

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# A Message to Prospect Students

*There is much more to Europe than open borders, free movement, common institutions and balanced (and often bureaucratic) decision-making processes. All of them are not ends in themselves, they are means towards a much wider and noble ambition: to secure peace, democracy, tolerance, fundamental rights, western civilization and the arts.*

*Europe is undoubtedly going through its most challenging period since its creation, in the aftermath of World War II, but we are convinced that this crisis will be overcome and that Europe has the potential of becoming stronger than ever. In order for this to happen and to ensure that this crisis is not repeated, one of the greatest needs that must be met is the provision of proper education about the values, ideals and functioning of Europe.*

*As a result, it is our aim at the ELGS to give our students the broader perspective and to inform them about European matters and European integration. They will be offered a comparative and interdisciplinary approach to European studies, which is flexible to fit their personal needs, and they will study in an international environment with students, professors and practitioners from throughout the world. Upon completing the program, students will not only understand how Europe works, but gain the knowledge, practical experience, skills and confidence that they will need to go out into society and make Europe better.*

# Welcome

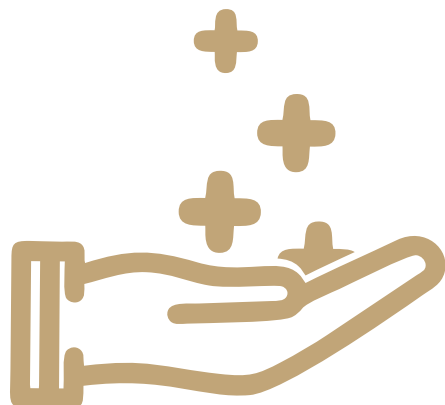
## to the ELGS

Aiming to be continuously at the forefront of research and education, the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), an International Organization based in Athens, Greece has created a higher education institution, the “European Law and Governance School” (ELGS), to address the need for homogenized curricula at a European level and for institutions that can offer students qualifications, knowledge and skills that are recognized across national borders.



### Why Study at the ELGS:

- + Study in the **cradle of democracy** and in a place of rich cultural heritage
- + Ran by an **International Organization**
- + Connect to **30 Universities** in across **20 countries** and **100+ of the world's best professors**
- + **Applied learning** through interdisciplinary programs
- + **Fresh curricula** that address Europe's needs of tomorrow
- + Close student-professor interaction through small classrooms
- + **Conduct research in up to 10 languages**
- + Freely select your research topic and publish your work in the EPLO publications



# The ELGS



Official Presentation of the ELGS at the Presidential Palace of the Italian Republic, Il Quirinale. Welcome address by H.E. the President of the Republic of Italy **Mr. S. Mattarella.**

**Professor Giuliano Amato,**  
Former Prime Minister of Italy,  
Honorary President of the Board  
of Trustees, ELGS



## The Conception of the School

The European Law and Governance School is founded upon the belief that the European Union plays a crucial role in ensuring global stability, promoting democracy, and the overall progress of mankind, and that the core values of the European Union must be upheld while it strives for better integration. The ELGS also believes that the key source of hope and the only path to successful integration is through the proper education and training of the youth of Europe.

Inspired by the values that lie at the heart of the European Union, such as fundamental rights, the free movement of professionals, goods and services, and the creation of a single market system, as well as by the challenges and opportunities created by these policies, the ELGS has identified the need to create a new form of education that is **Pan-European in character**. This education must start at the undergraduate level in order to create and prepare the next generation of legal and governance scholars to work within the fast-evolving European and International institutional structures.

The idea was initially conceived by **Professor Giuliano Amato**, Former Prime Minister of Italy, member of the Board of Directors of the EPLO and currently Honorary President of the Board of Trustees of the ELGS. To that effect, in 2008 the “Group of Rome” was constituted around him and comprised of the most esteemed professors and practitioners.

The inaugural launching of the School took place with the first symbolic meeting of the Board of Trustees at the premises of the European Parliament in the spring of 2013. The further development of the School followed while 2016 marked the initiation of the School’s programs. The programs were announced at the Quirinale Palace of Italy in the presence of H.E. the President of the Republic of Italy Mr. Sergio Mattarella on May 18, 2016.

## The School’s Logo

The School’s logo was inspired by the recently uncovered 6-winged seraphim mosaic of the church of Agia Sophia, in Istanbul. Furthermore, the phrase “ΑΜΕΣ ΔΕ Γ’ ΕΣΣΟΜΕΣΘΑ ΠΟΛΛΩ ΚΑΡΡΟΝΕΣ”, surrounding the logo, derived from ancient Greek, was used by the younger generations of Ancient Spartans in what was called the “Circle of Ancient Spartans” stating the promise to their elders that they will become much better than their generation.

The symbolic significance is substantial, as the archangel was unearthed at a prominent geographical location at the crossroads of civilization, and the phrase surrounding it encompasses the ELGS mission, which is *to constantly strive for excellence*.



# The Vision



Premises in the center of Athens (Plaka district).



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The Vision of the ELGS is to create a generation of youth that will identify themselves as Europeans, that will serve Europe, and that will disseminate the idea, culture and values of Europe throughout the world.

Moreover the vision of the ELGS is to educate a generation of youth all over the world who is interested in European law & governance and will thus prepare themselves to serve their nations in the better understanding of Europe, doing business with Europe and promoting their national interests within the European context. This way the ELGS serves a global objective in Education.



## Scope and Goals

The European Law and Governance School (ELGS) is a modern international school with the aim and **mission to offer Excellence** in tertiary levels of Education in the fields of European Law and Governance.

The School aims to shape socially responsible leaders of the future with inquisitive minds and free spirits.

The ELGS is committed to educating the next generation of Europe and the world's legal practitioners, public administrators and leaders by imparting them with the knowledge necessary to effectively work within the fast evolving European and global institutional structures that transcend national frameworks, and the skills to confront and address the new global opportunities and challenges.

The ELGS provides interdisciplinary undergraduate, postgraduate courses, and Executive Education courses, with fresh material and a unique design.

Three pillars encompass this establishment's **policy and values**:

- ✦ to offer Excellence in education through theory, practice, and transversal skills development,
- ✦ to promote Innovation and Intellectual Curiosity through a supportive and flexible environment,
- ✦ to encourage Change in society by cultivating the European citizens of tomorrow.

# The People

The ELGS is honored to have the support and partnership of the world's most prestigious universities and to be under the leadership of the leading minds in law and governance scholarship.



## Governance

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Honorary President Professor Giuliano Amato

*Former Prime Minister of Italy*

**Giuliano Amato** is currently a judge at the Italian Constitutional Court and former Prime Minister of Italy from 1992-1993 and from 2000 to 2001. Born in 1938, he studied law at the University of Pisa, where he graduated in 1960. He attained his Master's degree in Comparative Law at the School of Law of Columbia University (N.Y.) in 1962.

He worked as Full Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Rome, School of Political Science, from 1975 to 1997, and is Professor Emeritus of the European University Institute in Florence and of the University La Sapienza in Rome.



#### Professor Antonios Pantelis

*Dean, ELGS Legal Studies*

**Antonis M. Pantelis** is Professor of Constitutional Law at the National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law and has served as a visiting Professor at the Universities of Bordeaux, Paris XI, Münster, Toulouse, Paris V, Paris I and Orléans.

He studied Law at the National and Capodistrian University of Athens (1973) and was awarded a PhD by the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (1979). He has served as Director of the Department of Public Law (2006-2009) and is a member of the European Group of Public Law and the author of fourteen books.



#### Professor Kostas Lavdas

*Dean, ELGS Governance Studies*

**Kostas A. Lavdas** is Professor of European and Comparative Politics and Director of the International Relations division at the Dpt. of International, European & Area Studies, Panteion University, Athens. Previously he held the Constantine G. Karamanlis Chair in Hellenic and European Studies at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA.

Prof. Lavdas was born in Athens and was educated in Greece, in Britain (at LSE and the Uni. of Manchester) and the US at MIT. Served as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Personnel of the University of Crete. He has published seven books.

## Deans



*The  
Governing  
Bodies  
of the ELGS  
have their own  
distinguished  
role*



## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

### President Professor Bertrand Mathieu

*University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), France*

**Bertrand Mathieu** is Professor of public law at the University Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne), and is also the President of the French Association of Constitutional Law, Vice President of the International Association of Constitutional Law and Director of the Research Center of Constitutional Law at the University of Sorbonne Paris 1.

He is the author and co-author of many books on constitutional law relating to fundamental rights and freedoms, particularly in the field of bioethics. He received a PhD in Public Law and a Master of Science in Political Studies and History of Institutions from Dijon and his first degree is a law degree.



## FACULTY BOARD

### President Professor Giacinto della Cananea

*Bocconi University, Italy*

**Giacinto della Cananea** is a public lawyer, with research interests spanning both administrative law and European Union law, with specific focus on three areas: the comparative law of administrative procedures, comparative law methodology, as well as budgetary law & audit of public administrations.

He was educated at the University of Rome "La Sapienza" and the European University Institute (Florence). In 2016 he has been awarded an advanced grant by the European Research Council for the research project on "The Common Core of European Administrative Laws", for a period of five years. He is full professor of law in Italy since 2001 and an attorney at law; he has also been selected by the Italian Government and Parliament for several offices, including the governing board of the Court of Auditors (2013-2017).



## Provost

### Professor Andreas Pottakis

*Postgraduate Studies*

**Dr. Andreas Pottakis** is currently serving as the Ombudsman of Greece. He graduated from the National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Faculty of Law and he was awarded a doctorate (D.Phil, Oxon) in EU Law from the University of Oxford (Worcester College). He was formerly the Head of Legal Office at the General Secretariat of the Hellenic Government and Attorney at Law, and is Member of the Scientific Council at ECCLE and Alternate Director at the Academy of European Public Law (EPLO).

He has lectured at various European Universities, and most recently in Greece, where he has also pursued a career as a lawyer since 2001. He has published extensively on a wide range of areas, including, *inter alia*, European Public Law, Comparative Law, Constitutional and Administrative Law, and the legal protection of Human Rights.

**The Board of Trustees,** composed of internationally acknowledged personalities, is a policy-making body which reviews the function and advancement of the ELGS.

**The Faculty Board,** composed of distinguished academic personalities from Europe and the entire world, is responsible for the educational development of the ELGS, its program of studies and allocation of academic teaching.

**The Council of Representatives,** composed of representatives of Universities affiliated with the ELGS, discusses issues of cooperation with the participating Universities.

# Network of ELGS Partner Universities

## EUROPE

### Austria

- + University of Graz

### Bosnia and Herzegovina

- + University of East Sarajevo, Republic of Srpska

### Cyprus

- + European University Cyprus

### France

- + Université Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne)
- + Université Montesquieu -Bordeaux IV

### Georgia

- + Caucasus University

### Germany

- + University of Jena
- + University of Osnabrück

### Italy

- + Istituto Universitario Orientale di Napoli "La Sapienza"
- + University of Rome
- + University of Florence
- + University of Trento

### Lebanese Republic

- + École Nationale d'Administration (ENA)

### Moldova

- + University of European Political and Economic Studies "Constantin Stere"

### Northern Ireland

- + Queen's University Belfast

### Norway

- + University of Oslo

### Poland

- + Jagiellonian University

### Portugal

- + University of Lisbon

### Romania

- + National School of Political Studies and Public Administration

### Russia

- + RANEPA-Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration

### Serbia

- + Union University of Belgrade

### Slovakia

- + University of Central Europe in Skalica
- + Comenius University in Bratislava
- + Pan-European University, Faculty of Law

### Spain

- + University of Barcelona
- + University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM)

### Turkey

- + Bahçeşehir University

### Ukraine

- + National University "Odessa Law Academy"
- + Mariupol State University
- + Wave Odessa Business School (WOBS)

## WORLD

### Belarus

- + Belarusian State University, Belarus

### USA

- + Temple University, Beasley School of Law
- + World Bank

### China

- + China University of Political Science and Law
- + Shanghai University of Political Science and Law (SHUPL)

# Academic Faculty

The ELGS programs are created and supported by the expansive ELGS International faculty network of over 100 legal and governance scholars and practitioners worldwide, the ELGS' Partner Universities across Europe and the world, and the EPLO.

### + International Faculty

A network of renowned academics and practitioners from throughout the world that support the ELGS through various means, such as teaching, remote supervision, and other academic activities. The ELGS International faculty is comprised of members of the European Group of Public Law, professors from the vast network of Universities that partner with the ELGS and acknowledged practitioners from some of the world's leading institutions.

### + Resident Faculty

Apart from the regularly visiting faculty there is a locally-based faculty tasked with the delivery of specific modules and other academic responsibilities.





## Recognition of Degrees of the ELGS/EPLO

- Art. 76 of Law 4310/2014 par. 8 (amending Art. 4 of Law 3328/2005), states that higher education degrees issued by International Organizations to which the Greek Republic is a party are equivalent to the degrees delivered by the Greek public higher education institutions.
- The degree programs offered by the ELGS are acknowledged by the network of Universities that have signed agreements with the ELGS.

# Teaching & Learning

The ELGS provides all students with the opportunity to design their own world-class education. At the heart of this offering is the ability to create majors, minors, and specializations, as well as joint degree programs between the legal and governance tracks.

Students have the opportunity to combine studying at the ELGS with mobility to one of the partner Universities or to gain double degrees with some of these Universities. Further, the programs integrate skills courses as well as apprenticeship periods in public administrations, international organizations and law firms.

The range of optional modules and opportunities for student mobility and internships supports a high degree of personalization of studies, enabling students to tailor-make their educational experiences. In accordance with recent trends in higher education, special attention is given to the development of transversal skills and research methodology.

**The teaching system is multi-faceted.**

**The main components are:**

- ✦ reading by the student mostly guided by a 'reading list' provided by the lecturer responsible for the course,
- ✦ coursework, preparing for the lectures, drafting essays and working individually or in group on presentations and projects, and research work,
- ✦ attending lectures - attendance being compulsory.



*"I am extremely grateful to the ELGS for having given me the opportunity to further specialize and develop my knowledge in the field of international affairs and, particularly, on India, which is perfectly in line with my academic specialization in South Asian studies. The post-graduate 1-year program I have pursued was completely tailor-made for me and this has been an invaluable experience."*

**Michela Fellin, Italy**  
Master of Studies Graduate

*"When I first arrived at ELGS, I was not aware of my full potential nor of the opportunities that would unfold before me. Studying with world-leading experts and benefiting from an intense high quality program, made my overall experience so far unique. With activities and offered internships provided from ELGS international network, I had the chance to develop my academic and professional skills. This University provides students seeking for an international career with the best assets possible."*

**Athanasios Kaisaris, Greece**  
BA in European Law & Governance student, during his internship semester at the EPLO Office in Geneva, attending the Human Rights Council



*"The ELGS Master of Studies stands out with its distinguished uniqueness. During this one-year program, a new horizon opened up for me in the research world, in which I found my true passion. I personally felt the degree course was extremely rewarding, due to the fact that it gave me a number of skills that I will certainly use to get the work done in my future endeavors. Working closely with my supervisor on my research project went far beyond my expectations and I could not be more satisfied with the educational experience I had at the ELGS in Athens."*

**Lucrezia Luci, Italy**  
Master of Studies Graduate

# Degrees & Courses

## 1. TAUGHT DEGREES

### a) UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

The legal track of the ELGS Undergraduate studies aims to shape the European lawyer of the new era, focusing on the European perspective of the legal profession, while highlighting the common legal traditions of European states and the principles that underpin the discipline on a global scale. The ELGS Undergraduate curriculum in Governance focuses on European governance studies, without ignoring the global dimension of governance, contributing thus to the creation of a new generation of highly skilled administrators and leaders.

The undergraduate degrees of the ELGS are three-year taught degree programs, earning a total of 180 ECTS credits. Courses are led by key theorists and practitioners in their fields, and delivered through classic lectures and interactive tutorials. Some courses will also integrate other teaching methodologies where appropriate, such as moot courts, site visits to various public and private offices, as well as group presentations. Students must successfully complete 18 compulsory modules and select from a list of 8-10 optional modules which include skills courses and an internship.

#### SPECIALIZATION AT NATIONAL LAW & GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS

ADDITIONAL MASTER 1 or 2  
at the end of the Undergraduate studies.

The ELGS provides its undergraduate students with the possibility of having additional courses in national law and governance, according to their nationality, following the requirements in order to help them better adapt to their national systems under repatriation.



## LLB in European Law

This uniquely designed and cutting-edge **three-year taught undergraduate law degree program** lies at the heart of the mission of the ELGS as an academic hub of European legal integration.

The main objective of the program is to offer students an in-depth look at the functioning of the European legal order in its capacity as a derivative of international law and as an amalgamation of national legal traditions and European Union law. By unprecedentedly combining theories of EU law, public international law and the general legal traditions of national jurisdictions, students should acquire a comprehensive view and understanding of the EU's mission, progress and roadmap.

The LLB in European law is created and supported by the **expansive ELGS International Faculty network** of over 100 legal and governance scholars and practitioners worldwide, the ELGS' Partner **Universities across Europe and the world**, and the **EPLO**. Importantly, students of the program will be granted access to **attend EPLO events** on key themes in European law and governance and to **interact with renowned EU leaders and decision-makers**. Students graduate with a clear understanding of the most up-to-date scholarly research in the field of

European Union law, as well as the practical applications of the theoretical knowledge, and a solid professional network to support them in their career after the ELGS.

#### *To whom it is addressed*

This degree is ideal for students that:

- + seek positions in EU institutions and bodies,
- + desire to be lawyers in large legal firms operating at a EU level; are from outside the EU but must interact with the EU,
- + desire to be legal advisors working at cross-border levels within the EU,
- + aim to be national public administrators that work on an EU level,
- + students aspire to engage in legal research.

## Courses

### Year 1

#### Compulsory Modules

1. Skills Course: Research, Basic Drafting, Presentation & Student Reviews
2. Modern History of Europe and the Evolution of Legal and Political Systems
3. Introduction to Legal Systems and Legal Reasoning
4. Introduction to Public Law & Public Administration
5. EU Law I: Institutions, Governance and Basic Principles
6. Constitutionalism and Comparative Constitutional Law
7. Public International Law
8. Introduction to Comparative Law

### Year 2

#### Compulsory Modules

1. EU Law II: Internal Market and Competition Law
2. Rights Framework: EU; ECHR; National Constitutions
3. General Principles of Civil Law
4. EU Law III: The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
5. European Civil Law (Private International Law)
6. Skills Course: Rhetoric & Mock Trials

### Year 3

#### Compulsory Modules

1. International Economic Law
2. EU and Global Administrative Law
3. EU and Comparative Commercial Law
4. EU State Aid & State Regulation Law

#### Indicative Elective Modules

1. Foundations of Political Philosophy / Western Political Thought
2. Introduction to Economics (Micro and Macro)
3. Comparative Federalism
4. General Principles of Criminal Law
5. Introduction to National Law
6. Comparative Law of Contracts (England, France, Italy and Germany)
7. Comparative Law of Torts (England, France, Italy and Germany)
8. European Labor and Social Security Law
9. European and Global Intellectual and Industrial Property Law
10. Cultural Diversity and the Law
11. Legal Theory and Legal Philosophy
12. Behavioral Sciences in Law and Politics
13. International and EU Environmental Law
14. EU and International Taxation Law
15. IT and the Law
16. International Criminal Law
17. EU and Global Banking and Finance Law
18. International Investment and Investment Arbitration
19. Essentials of Corporate Finance
20. EMU Law
21. EU Procedural Law: Commission and Courts
22. Law and Economics



Athens Premises,  
Open Lecture by **Professor Jaap de Zwaan**

## Program Benefits

This program enables students to better understand the current context, framework and long-term objectives of the EU in its mission for the full integration of Member States, and also provides students with **a great degree of flexibility, mobility and personalization** of their studies. Through the many partnerships of the ELGS, **students can further on specialize in a national law** of their choice either by following the Master 1, 2 path of the ELGS or by studying abroad at the many partner universities and institutions throughout Europe and the world.

Additionally, students will need to serve as interns in return for course credits, thus **gaining invaluable on-the-job experience** and **building a professional network** to support them after graduation.

Using as a toolbox specifically designated and diversified compulsory and optional modules, students will be able to unravel the complex process of European legal integration. Dependent upon the selection of elective modules, specific pathways may be followed (EU Law, European and Global Business Law or a national law of their choice), which will further enhance students' knowledge on current issues impacting Europe today and into the future.



## BA in European Governance

This **three-year taught undergraduate degree** offers students an in-depth look at governance in Europe. The program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the world of contemporary governance, with a focus on the European Union, and a cross-disciplinary grasp of its historical, institutional, legal, economic and political dimensions. Moreover, this program will grant students the opportunity to develop critical skills and valuable professional experience that will prepare them for life after graduation.

### To whom it is addressed

This degree is ideal for students that:

- + seek positions in EU institutions and bodies,
- + aim to be national public administrators that work on an EU and international level,
- + aim to pursue a career in the areas of public policy, public affairs, civil society organizations, and related sectors,
- + are interested in further studies and specialization in governance, public policy, politics, and international relations.

### Program Benefits

This program provides students with the skills and knowledge to make sense of the world of public policy and management, as well as politics, so that they can critically analyze situations and problems, and use this to improve practice. This course is designed to blend practitioner and academic perspectives on governance and the wide range of modules draw on examples from around the world. It features international curricula focusing on key public sector developments in the UK, EU, USA and other countries and is informed by world-leading research, reflecting the expertise of staff in the fields of political science, international relations and policy analysis.

It enables students to better understand the current context, framework and long-term objectives of the EU in its mission for the full integration of Member States, and also provides students with a great degree of flexibility, mobility and personalization of their studies. Through the many partnerships of the ELGS, or the Master 1, 2 path of the ELGS, students can further specialize in any of the specific subject areas of the program.

With the addition of elective modules within our curricula students will explore the key themes that drive the creation of public policies – how they are made, framed, brought to life and managed. From patterns of global trade and finance to state restructuring and its consequences, it will give you a detailed insight into the decision-making processes that govern our lives.

## Courses

### Year 1

#### Compulsory Modules

1. Intro to Politics
2. Skills Course: Research, Writing and Presentations
3. History of Modern and Contemporary Europe
4. Intro to Legal Systems and Legal Reasoning
5. EU I: Institutions, Governance and Basic Principles
6. Introduction to International Relations
7. Comparative Federalism
8. Western Political Thought

### Year 2

#### Compulsory Modules

1. Research Methods in Political Science: Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis
2. Comparative Public Policy
3. International Political Economy
4. Introduction to Public Administration & Public Law
5. The EU as an International Actor
6. European Economic Governance

### Year 3

#### Compulsory Modules

1. Governance, Interests and Policy Networks
2. Europeanization: Potential Limits to Integration
3. European Security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
4. Policy Implementation and Policy Compliance

#### Indicative Elective Modules

1. Introduction to Economics
2. Intro to Decision-Making in Complex Organizations
3. Cyber-Security
4. Parties and Electoral Competition
5. Political Systems In Southern Europe
6. Rights Framework: EU; ECHR; National Constitutions
7. Politics and Security in the Mediterranean
8. EU Internal Market and Competition Law and Policy
9. Political Geography and Geopolitics
10. Constitutionalism & Comparative Constitutional Analysis
11. Terrorism and Political Violence
12. Behavioral Sciences in Law and Politics
13. The EU Migration Policy and the Refugee Crisis
14. Governing without Government: Interdisciplinary Perspectives
15. Governance and Sustainability: An Evolving Agenda
16. Using SPSS
17. Democracy and Legitimacy in the EU
18. Political Corruption
19. Eastern European Politics
20. The Role of the European Commission in European Integration
21. Intelligence and Decision-Making in Foreign Policy
22. The Eurozone: Crisis and Rescue Mechanisms
23. Comparative Politics and Government



## BA in European Law and Governance Studies

This **three-year taught** undergraduate degree program, also known as **the ELGS degree**, lies at the heart of the mission of the ELGS, which is to offer students an in-depth and interdisciplinary look at key issues of law and governance in the European Union. The program provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the world of law and of contemporary governance, with a focus on the European Union. Moreover, this program will grant students the opportunity to develop critical skills and valuable professional experience that will prepare them for life after graduation.

This pioneering program fills a gap in education about the EU, its laws, and how it is governed by providing students with a unique interdisciplinary background that will allow them to comprehend its complex reality and interrelated aspects. **Students should choose to follow the first two years of the LLB in European Law program and the last year of the BA in European Governance program, or vice versa.** This grants students the option of personalizing their studies as much as possible, depending upon what they hope to do in their future careers.

### To whom it is addressed

This degree is ideal for students that:

- ✦ seek positions in European and international institutions and bodies,
- ✦ aim to be national public administrators that work on an EU and international level,
- ✦ aim to pursue a career in the areas of public policy, public affairs, civil society organizations, and related sectors,
- ✦ are interested in further studies and specialization in governance, public policy, politics, and international relations,
- ✦ desire to be legal advisors working at cross-border levels within the EU.

### Program Benefits

This program enables students to better understand the current context, framework and long-term objectives of the EU in its mission for the full integration of Member States, and also provides students with a great degree of flexibility, mobility and personalization of their studies. Through the many partnerships of the ELGS, or by the Master 1, 2 path of the ELGS students can further specialize in any of the specific subject areas of the program.

### Courses

The list of available courses can be seen by viewing the LLB in European Law and the BA in European Governance curricula.



*"Studying European Law and Governance at the ELGS gave us the opportunity to take our studies a step forward, providing a high level of education. The academic staff is absolutely professional and helpful in all the educational process."*

**Valeriia Zatsepina, Georgia**  
BA in European Law & Governance

## Benefits

### Student Internships

Additionally, students will need to serve as interns in return for course credits, thus **gaining invaluable on-the-job experience and building a professional network to support them after graduation.** By the end of this program, students will be able to understand the origins of EU legal integration, its systems and framework, where the challenges lie, and where more work needs to be done.



*"The ELGS Master of Studies opens up to scholars a new methodology of study and academic research, with a comparative and multidisciplinary approach to the most important open issues and challenges of our times, particularly in the fields of legal studies and international governance. The ELGS provided an excellent opportunity to improve my skills and expertise, to meet many international academic scholars and to build an international academic profile."*

**Carlo Alberto Ciaralli, Italy**  
Master of Studies Graduate

## 1. TAUGHT DEGREES

### b) POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

The ELGS taught postgraduate degrees focus on legal and governance studies and enable students to specialize in EU law or governance issues. A further specialization under each degree program allows students to gain expertise on the banking system in the EU, EU governance, and much more.

The Postgraduate degrees of the ELGS are one-year taught degree programs followed by one semester of independent research with a thesis requirement, earning a total of 90 ECTS credits. Courses are led by key theorists and practitioners in their fields, and delivered through classic lectures and interactive tutorials. Some courses will also integrate other teaching methodologies where appropriate, such as moot courts, site visits to various public and private offices, as well as group presentations. Students must successfully complete 6 compulsory modules and 2 optional modules, followed by a 15,000 word thesis.



## LLM in EU Law

This **one-year taught degree** program followed by one semester of independent research, offers students an in-depth look at key issues of European Union law, and enables them to choose from a variety of elective courses addressing the most pressing themes being discussed throughout Europe.

The objective of the program is to offer: **a)** a solid institutional/constitutional understanding of the manner the EU works and the ways it may evolve in the future, **b)** a comprehensive and horizontal vision of the main EU policy areas combined with **c)** a spot-on analysis of some of the most dynamic policy areas. The approach followed will be essentially legal, but the political and other contextual dynamics will also be put into perspective. Students having followed the program shall be in a position to discuss any major EU legal issue, as they will be acquainted with the relevant legislation, case law and scholarly literature. They shall be in a position to offer oral advice on core questions of EU law and will be able to draft basic court submissions on EU law matters, as well as to write a publishable academic paper.

#### **To whom it is addressed**

It is ideal for:

- + students with first degrees in legal sciences or in the field of governance,
- + students who desire or require in-depth knowledge in key themes in EU law for their professional advancement,
- + legal professionals who wish to access European jurisdictions or who wish to specialize in Banking Law.

#### **Study Options**

- + One-year taught program in Athens at the ELGS on EU Law followed by one semester of independent research,
- + One semester in Athens at ELGS and one semester study abroad at one of the ELGS' partner universities: Qualified students will have the opportunity to study abroad during the second semester of their studies at one of the ELGS' partner universities.

This LLM program can be a student's first step towards a research degree (MPhil or PhD) in EU Law.

## Courses

#### *Compulsory Modules*

1. The Constitution of the EU and EU External Relations Law
2. Judicial Protection
3. Competition Law
4. European EMU Law
5. EU Environment and Energy Law
6. From Market Freedoms to Citizens

#### *Indicative Elective Modules\**

1. EU Capital Markets Law
2. EU Asylum and Migration Law
3. EU Consumer Protection Law
4. Fundamental Rights
5. EU Banking Law

\* Course availability is subject to adequate enrollment





H.E. Mr. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, *The President of the Portuguese Republic*, honored the ELGS students with a short lecture on "Challenges and Prospects for Politics and Rule of Law in Europe" on 6 September 2017 at the School's premises.

## MA in Governance

This **one-year taught** degree program followed by one semester of independent research offers students an in-depth look at key issues of Governance, and enables students to choose from a variety of elective courses leading to a specialization in EU or global governance and addressing the most pressing themes being discussed throughout Europe.

### **To whom it is addressed**

It is ideal for students:

- + with first degrees in the political and/or legal sciences,
- + who desire or require in-depth knowledge in key themes related to governance, with a special focus on the EU, for their professional advancement.

Students should note that this program can be a first step towards a research degree in the field of governance studies, specifically the MPhil or PhD.

## Courses

### Compulsory Modules

1. Governance and Public Policy-Making
2. International Institutions and Global Governance
3. European Integration and EU Governance
4. Research Methods for Governance Studies
5. Public Administration and New Public Management
6. Globalization, Regionalism and Global Governance

### Indicative Elective Modules\*

1. Comparative Politics and Governance
2. Good Governance and the Fight Against Corruption
3. Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development
4. Europeanization: Theory and Practice

\* Course availability is subject to adequate enrollment

## Joint Degrees...

Plus:

## or Double Degrees

ELGS offers joint or double degree programs with partnering universities. The specific requirements in order to receive this degree will vary in accordance with the agreement made with the partnering university, and the degree will be awarded by both the ELGS and the partnering university.

## 2. NON-TAUGHT DEGREES

### RESEARCH DEGREES

The ELGS Research Degrees allow students to conduct research from their home countries without the need for commuting. Students are required to attend a 10-day training for acquiring research skills. They will then be liaised with a professor of the ELGS network and will be asked to conduct research in a topic and language of their choice\*.

The ELGS Research degrees are supported by the expansive ELGS International Faculty network of over 100 legal and governance scholars and practitioners worldwide, the ELGS' Partner Universities across Europe and the world, and the EPLO.

Importantly, students of the program will be granted access to attend EPLO events on key themes in EU law and governance and to interact with renowned EU leaders and decision-makers. Students graduate with a clear understanding and awareness of the most up-to-date scholarly research, as well as a solid network to support them in their career after the ELGS.

*\* Pending upon availability of an appropriate supervisor.*

## Master of Studies

The ELGS Master of Studies is a one-year degree program which enables students to conduct independent research in the fields of Legal Research, Governance Studies, or on an interdisciplinary topic without having to leave their country.




Successful applicants will be assigned a supervisor, based upon their academic interests, from the renowned International Faculty Network of the ELGS. **Full time residency is not a requirement for this degree**, but students will be required to attend a 10-day training session throughout the program which will be held at the EPLO premises in Greece.

The first training session will introduce students to advanced research methods, while consecutive sessions focus on tutoring and teaching skills. Students are also

expected to attend classes, seminars, and lectures, as designated by their supervisors. Upon completion of the program students **will deliver a 30,000 word thesis** and must successfully defend their thesis in front of an international jury to attain their MSt.

Completion of the MSt grants the successful graduate the opportunity to apply for Probationary Research Student (PRS) status, **which enables students to transfer to PhD status**.


*The following specializations are offered:*

-  Master of Studies in Legal Research,
-  Master of Studies in Governance Research,
-  Master of Studies in Legal and Governance Research.

ELGS students participate at 3<sup>rd</sup> SIMUN







## Master of Philosophy

The ELGS Master of Philosophy is a **two-year degree program** which enables students to conduct independent research in the fields of Legal Research, Governance Studies, or on an interdisciplinary topic.

Successful applicants will be assigned a supervisor, based upon their academic interests, from the renowned International Faculty Network of the ELGS. **Full time residency is not a requirement for this degree**, but students may be required to attend several training sessions throughout the program which will be held at the EPLO premises in Greece. The first training session will introduce students to advanced research methods, while consecutive sessions focus on tutoring and teaching skills. Students are also expected to attend classes, seminars, and lectures, as designated by their supervisors, and to be actively involved in presenting their research findings at conferences throughout Europe and the greater world. Upon completion of the program students **will deliver an up to 50,000 word thesis** and must successfully defend it in front of an international jury to attain their MPhil.

While this program encourages mobility and flexibility, students are expected to be devoted full time to their MPhil studies. Candidate students that are employed should be able to balance work and study and deliver their thesis within reasonable time limits.

### Program Content

#### Year 1

- Attend an orientation program in mid-October in Sounion (25 hours of classes in research methods, statistical methods, presentation preparation, public speaking);
- Assign supervisor and devise work program;
- Attend classes and conferences as determined by supervisor;
- Meetings with supervisor;
- Qualifying Test (10,000 word paper on research proposal, Title, Draft Outline).

#### Year 2

- Assist in undergraduate tutorials of the ELGS (for resident students);
- Attend classes and conferences as determined by supervisor;
- Delivery of Thesis;
- Thesis Defense.



## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The ELGS PhD is a degree program lasting a **minimum of 3 years** which enables students to conduct independent research in the fields of Legal Research, Governance Studies, or on an interdisciplinary topic.

**Full-time residency is not a requirement for this degree**, but students may be required to attend several training sessions throughout the program which will be held at the EPLO premises in Greece. The first training session will introduce students to advanced research methods, while consecutive sessions focus on tutoring and teaching skills. Students are also expected to attend classes, seminars, and lectures, as designated by their supervisors, and to be actively involved in presenting their research findings at conferences throughout Europe and the greater world. Upon completion of the program students **will deliver an up to 100,000 word thesis**.

While this program encourages mobility and flexibility, students are expected to be devoted full time to their PhD studies. Students that are employed should be able to balance work and study and to deliver their thesis within the established period of time.

### Program Benefits

The ELGS PhD program is a modern program of the highest academic standard, which has been designed with flexibility and mobility in mind. Successful applicants will be assigned a supervisor, based upon their academic interests, from the renowned International Faculty Network of the ELGS.

### Program Content

#### Year 1

- Students admitted as Probationary Research Students (PRS);
- Attend an orientation program in mid-October at the Sounion premises (25 hours of classes in research methods, statistical methods, presentation preparation, public speaking);
- Assign supervisor and devise work program;
- Attend classes & conferences as determined by supervisor;
- Meetings with supervisor;
- Qualifying Test (10,000 word paper on research proposal, Title, Draft Outline).

#### Year 2

- Successful students from 1<sup>st</sup> year progress from PRS to PhD status;
- Training on 'How to be a tutor' in Sounion (optional);
- Assist in undergraduate and postgraduate tutorials of the ELGS (for resident students);
- Attend classes & conferences as determined by supervisor;
- Attend PhD Conference (Year 2 or 3);
- PhD Students submit confirmation Test.

#### Year 3

- Tutorship;
- Attend classes & conferences as determined by supervisor;
- Attend PhD Conference (Year 2 or 3);
- Students granted leave to supplicate;
- Delivery of Thesis;
- Thesis Defense.

# Campus

## /SOUNION

The ELGS offers students the opportunity to live and study in one of the most exciting cities in Europe. As the birthplace of democracy, it is the perfect place to study law and governance. An academic hub, that provides students with unparalleled resources to expand their minds and careers.



Sounion Premises,  
Sir David Williams Guesthouse

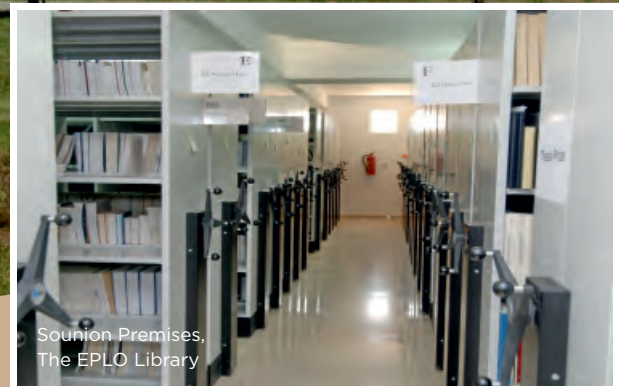
### Sounion premises

The EPLO/ELGS students enjoy the beauty and the tranquility of a traditional collegiate setting amidst a landscape of unparalleled environmental and cultural beauty. The EPLO/ELGS premises in Sounion that host the Undergraduate programs of the ELGS are one hour away from Athens by car, overlook the Aegean Sea and are located by the bay of Cape Sounion, where the ancient Temple of Poseidon rests. Sounion combines history with a landscape of unparalleled natural beauty. Its key tourist attraction is the ruins of the Temple of Poseidon, which was built in 444 BC, in honor of the ancient Greek god of the sea.

Sounion facilities occupy 32.5 acres of land and include a large-scale auditorium and four (4) seminar rooms.

### The EPLO Library

The European Public Law Library, hosted at the premises in Sounion and exceeding 30.000 volumes, is linked to the top digital libraries in the world. At the same time, the European Review of Public Law, published under the scientific and editorial direction of the EPLO, ERPL comprises more than 120 issues on public law.



Sounion Premises,  
The EPLO Library

### Leisure Activities

The Sounion premises are located at the seaside, only steps away from the Aegean Sea with an outdoor open theater and a garden of 30.000 square meters. It is only 4 km away from the ancient Temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounion. Sports facilities include a basketball court, a tennis court and a volleyball court.

Students can spend their free time during summer practicing their favorite sports at the campus' facilities, swimming and participating in water sports at the many nearby beaches and coves, engaging in outdoor activities such as bike-riding or running, and spending time with friends on nights and weekends at the nearby town of Lavrio.

### Accommodation

The EPLO Guesthouse Facilities

The ELGS offers accommodation, meal and transfer packages for international or non-commuting participants. Students who require assistance with accommodation and transportation should contact [info@elgs.eu](mailto:info@elgs.eu). The EPLO Guesthouse, located at the EPLO/ELGS in Sounion (Legraina area), is comprised of 11 double occupancy bedrooms with bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen and open-air sports courts and gardens, all facing the Aegean sea. Students may nevertheless choose to make their own accommodation and transportation arrangements.

# /ATHENS

## Premises at the Roman Agora in Athens, at the foot of the Acropolis

The neoclassical building covers 1000 m<sup>2</sup>, spread over 3 floors. Its construction began before 1830, and today it is considered as one of the most exquisite architectural landmarks of the area. The interior contains ceiling frescoes and the building has been officially classified as a "Historical monument of Greece" by the Ministry of Culture, since 1995.

Renovation works that have restored its original beauty have been concluded. The building that hosts the post-graduate programs of the ELGS was inaugurated by H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic in September 2015, while it accommodates a wide range of the EPLO activities today.

## Life in Athens

Athens is one of the most interesting European capitals, filled with juxtapositions of new and old, east and west. It is at once cosmopolitan and marked by its extensive history, and on the other hand extremely populous and full of contradictions. One thing is striking to all travelers: its warm and hospitable people. Once visited, it quickly becomes your home.

Throughout its long history, Athens has become the core of western civilization. It is the birthplace of democracy and home to a great academic tradition.

It offers a lively social scene, cultural and historical landmarks and strong academic tradition. Greece, and Athens in particular, is noted for its beautiful weather and scenery. Beautiful beaches are easily accessible and the weather is mostly favorable all year round.



# Summer Schools

## Migration Summer School (MIGSS)

A unique summer program conducted in July every year.

- + A week-long program in English that provides an overview of the developments and challenges faced by migrants and refugees, in relation to social exclusion and integration in Europe as well as in the host communities,
- + Open for Practitioners and Students of all disciplines (i.e. Sociology, Social Policy, International Relations, Human Rights, Economics etc.),
- + On-Site Visits to Reception Facilities & NGOs,
- + Meeting key academics and experts working in the field,
- + PhD students will get feedback on their research during the seminar.

This program offers participants insights into migration in Europe, highlighting its growing relevance for the world-wide discussion on migration and refugee integration policies and combating social exclusion in Europe. It will help them develop a broad theoretical and practical understanding of contemporary migration in Europe and the challenges faced by migrants, in relation to social exclusion and integration, with emphasis on the current situation in Europe.

On a scientific level the program aims to develop arguments in relevance to social exclusion and integration in the context of immigrant and refugee movements, to assess the causes and effects of the migration and refugee crisis on European societies of reception and on the migrant populations themselves and to provide motivation for further research in the field.

## Global Administrative Law in Practice

This week-long summer school focuses on the increasing use of administrative law-type mechanisms within the regulatory institutions of global governance (international financial institutions, technical standardization organizations international networks, public-private partnerships, private entities etc.). The school provides a unique forum for a critical engagement with emerging forms of global administration in today's transnational legal landscape.

The idea is to discuss the latest developments on *global administrative law* from a practical perspective and cover both constitutional and institutional issues, and issues of soft governance. Topics of global interest that have an impact in daily lives of citizens, such as Brexit or responses to the Coronavirus pandemic, will be analyzed under a transnational perspective.

The regulation of such issues of global concern transcends national borders and involves diverse legal orders. And as national administrations are increasingly becoming agents of global governance, the dichotomy between the national and the international becomes increasingly blurred. The program covers the different ways of interaction between such different regulatory systems (global, regional, national) but also the novel administrative procedures, review mechanisms, and decisional principles that promote greater accountability in decision-making by the proliferating variety of global regulatory administrative bodies.

The curriculum is updated annually to provide the most topical, practical, and core topics in the field.

**Designed for:** Master or PhD level students from law or other social sciences as well as practitioners and professionals: legal advisors, lawyers and officials of international organizations and domestic administrations who seek ways to enhance their professional skills by keeping up-to-date with emergent global regulation issues. The participants will attend courses in the various fields conducted by eminent professors from prestigious Universities from all over the world. All the courses will be seminar-like classes and colloquia, and active class-participation will be encouraged.



Migration Summer School Class of 2019  
Site Visit at Melissa Center



Migration Summer School Class of 2019  
Accommodation Center for Migrants  
and Refugees in Thiva, Central Greece

# Financing your Studies

## Financial Aid

Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees are available for a select number of students and are merit-based. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, the appropriate box should be selected on the application form and a paragraph should be added within the personal statement which is requested, outlining the ways in which you satisfy the criteria.

Students of Research Degrees must be able to provide evidence of sufficient funding to cover the cost of their tuition fees throughout the duration of the program. If you have obtained funding from an outside source, please indicate this in your application.

## EPLO Scholarships

Please note that there is a significant number of EPLO scholarships available each year, which are merit-based. In the event that you are interested in being considered for a scholarship, please submit a scholarship request within your personal statement.

## Other Institutions that offer financial aid are:

✦ **Scholarships for Italians:** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic offers 6 Full Scholarships for Italian Nationals for the European Law and Governance School Postgraduate and Research (MSt only) programs covering one-year tuition fees. The Call covers tuition for the LLM in EU Law, the MA in Governance and the MSt degrees,

✦ **Scholarships for Greek Political Scientists:** Scholarships are offered for political scientists who are members of the Hellenic Association of Political Scientists (HAPSc) for the postgraduate degrees of the ELGS as per the MoU that has been signed between the EPLO and HAPSc.

## Tuition & Fees

Besides the following description on fee structure for the different degree levels, please be advised that there are other direct and indirect costs related to attendance, in addition to tuition fees, such as books, supplies, accommodation and living expenses, which must be taken into consideration by students when applying.



Athens Plaka,  
1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Ceremony 2019

## The Tuition and Fee Structure for all ELGS Degrees is as follows:

- An application fee is due for all degrees,
- Tuition fee per year for full-time students: the amount is described on the website page of the relevant degree,
- Accommodation is offered as per request and availability at the EPLO Guesthouse situated within the EPLO Sounion premises.



For any further information on accommodation packages and living expenses please contact [info@elgs.eu](mailto:info@elgs.eu)



# Applying to the ELGS

To apply for a program, students must first review the application form and its requirements to ensure the collection of appropriate material. By the time they have gathered all documentation they should proceed with payment of the one-time application fee either at the relevant online portal or via a bank transfer. Students should always add their surname, initial letter of their first name and Degree title in the deposit description. They can then proceed with their application, which can only be conducted online, and submit it along with the supporting documentation, listed below.

All support documents must be in electronic format and uploaded at [www.elgs.eu](http://www.elgs.eu) to be sent with the application, except for the 2 reference letters, which should be emailed directly from Referees to the relevant program email address.

## Application Process for the LLB and BA degrees

*At a glance, the application must include:*

- Completed online Application Form in English (please refer to each degree page on our website)
- Photograph and ID (scanned and uploaded)
- High School Transcript (scanned and uploaded)
- Certificate of English Language Proficiency (if non-native speaker, scanned and uploaded)
- High school Degree in English (scanned and uploaded)
- Personal Statement with Scholarship request if applicable (400-600 words)
- Optional: Reference Letters (to be sent directly from Referee to relevant program email)
- Application fee of 50€ (non-refundable)

## Application Process for the LLM and the MA degrees

*At a glance, the application must include:*

- Completed online Application Form in English (please refer to each degree page on our website)
- Photograph and ID (scanned and uploaded)
- Most Recent Academic Record, Undergraduate degree (scanned and uploaded)
- Certificate of English Language Proficiency (if non-native speaker, scanned and uploaded)
- Personal Statement with Scholarship request if applicable (400-600 words)
- Two Reference Letters, one compulsory and one optional (to be sent directly from Referee to the relevant program email)
- Application fee of 50€ (non-refundable)

## Application Process for the MSt, MPhil and PhD

*At a glance, the application must include:*

- Completed online Application Form in English (please refer to each degree page on our website)
- Photograph and ID (scanned and uploaded)
- Most Recent Academic Record (scanned and uploaded)
- Proof of English language skills if non-native English speaker (TOEFL 90, Cambridge Proficiency grade B or equivalent)
- Proof of proficiency in the language that the thesis will be written in, if non-native speaker
- Personal Statement with Scholarship request if applicable (400-600 words)
- Two Reference Letters (if employed, one must be from current employer)
- Research Proposal 1,000 words for MSt, MPhil and 1500 words for PhD
- Two Academic Writing Samples on relevant topic (Master's thesis accepted)
- Application fee of 50€ (non refundable)



# SOUNION

- 1 EPLO premises at Sounion, "Sir David Williams" Guesthouse
- 2,3 EPLO Sounion outdoor premises



# SOUNION

- 4 Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion



# ATHENS

- 1 Professor Sabino Cassese, Member of the Board of Trustees of the ELGS, delivers a lecture on "Global Democracy" to the ELGS Students
- 2 EPLO Roman Agora premises, Athens center



ATHENS SOUNION



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*The Capture of Europe, 575 BC*  
Metope from Greek temple in Sicily's Selinunte, Italy