



REGULATIONS FOR THE
2ND CYCLE OF STUDIES
LEADING TO A
**MASTER'S DEGREE IN LAW AND
SECURITY.**

NOVA School of Law
NOVA University, Lisbon

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REGULATIONS FOR THE SECOND CYCLE OF STUDIES LEADING TO A MASTER'S DEGREE IN LAW AND SECURITY.

Faculty of Law, NOVA University Lisbon (NOVA School of Law)

In view of the need to update the Master's degree in Law and Security, in accordance with the proposal approved by the Scientific Council and the Pedagogical Council, the curriculum structure has been amended and the regulations governing the second cycle of studies leading to the Master's degree in Law and Security have been updated.

These amendments have been notified to the Directorate-General for Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March, as currently in force, and registered by the Directorate-General for Higher Education under No. 3197/2011/AL02, dated 7 February 2022.

The Master's Degree in Law and Security is duly accredited by the Agency for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education and registered by the Directorate-General for Higher Education under registration number RA-Ef 3197/2011, dated 18 March 2011.

27 July 2022. — The Dean (PhD), Mariana França Gouveia.

Preamble

Following the process of establishing the study programmes at the NOVA School of Law, NOVA University of Lisbon, the regulations governing the Second Cycle of Studies Leading to a Master's Degree in Law and Security were approved.

The Master's degree in Law and Security (hereinafter the 'Master's in Law and Security') was accredited by the Agency for the Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education (A3ES) on 2 March 2021, and registered by the Directorate-General for Higher Education (DGES) under registration number RA-Ef 3197/2011 on 18 March 2011. The degree programme was re-accredited, within the framework of the Self-Assessment of Active Degree Programmes (ACEF/1819/0221202), by decision of the A3ES Board of Directors, communicated on 20 October 2021, and was registered by the DGES under No. R/A-Ef 3197/2011/AL02 on 7 February 2022.

In compliance with the technical standards published as an annex to Order No. 10543/2005 (2nd series), of 11 May, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 12 and 43 of Decree-Law No. 42/2005 of 22 February, as amended by Decree-Law No. 107/2008 of 25 June, the update to the Master's degree programme, specifically in light of the changes that have taken place, is carried out in accordance with the regulations hereby published.

Pursuant to Article 76 of Decree-Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March, as currently in force, and with the authorisation of the Rector via the order of 25 July 2022, the curriculum structure and study plan for the Master's in Law and Security are also published, which shall come into force for all years of the programme in the 2022/2023 academic year.

The Master's in Law and Security aims to provide an in-depth understanding of issues relating to security across its many different domains: political, geostrategic, military, policing, economic, legal, environmental health, technological and others – domains which are increasingly intertwined with one another. It embodies an often interdisciplinary approach, given the need to address emerging contemporary security issues that are increasingly complex and require transnational, regional, international and even global responses. The focus of this Master's programme lies on the growing threats to global and regional

security, as well as to states and citizens. These security issues are becoming increasingly acute due to the unprecedented rise of new terrorist threats, new forms of organised crime, increasingly violent and all-encompassing conflicts, pandemics, amongst many others. We are living a situation that poses a series of challenges to the traditional approaches taken by national public authorities, requiring ever closer coordination between them and civil society.

The Master's in Law and Security aims to shed light, from a geostrategic perspective, on the challenges that the new international landscape poses to the individual and collective security of states. This includes a careful analysis of the design of national, regional and international orders, including legal systems designed to address the new security challenges arising from organised crime, particularly with regard to the use of force and other emerging forms of power. It also seeks to promote in-depth discussions on security as a fundamental right and as a limitation on other fundamental rights in the light of national constitutions and other normative frameworks of the regional and international orders in which we live, within a constantly changing international system. This translates into systematic studies of domestic legal systems and the institutional responses devised, amongst others, for the domains of national, regional and international security, and the roles that all these play within the branches of increasingly complex, diverse and interconnected Armed Forces, alongside the corresponding changes in the roles of existing police forces and the various intelligence services.

Within an increasingly broad framework, the Master's in Law and Security aims to provide a better understanding of the role of new technologies in contemporary socio-political and socio-economic dynamics, as well as in the challenges posed by new environmental dynamics — which includes a careful assessment of the importance of these and other inclusive community security systems in fostering a growing sense of security, such as civil protection, cyber security, private security, and health security, to name but a few.

CHAPTER I

Objectives, scientific scope and duration

ARTICLE 1.º

Establishment

The Faculty of Law of the NOVA University of Lisbon (NOVA School of Law) offers a second-cycle programme leading to a master's degree entitled 'Master's in Law and Security' (abbreviated to 'MDS') or, in English, 'Master in Law and Security' (abbreviated to 'MLS').

ARTICLE 2.º

Course Objectives

The purpose of the MDS is to provide specialised training in security matters, from a multidisciplinary yet integrated perspective, conferring the title of internal security officer upon those who successfully complete the taught component (60 ECTS), in accordance with the provisions of Ministerial Order No. 326/2008 of 28 April, and the Master's degree in Law and Security to those who successfully complete the entire programme (120 ECTS).

ARTICLE 3.º

Academic field

1 — The academic fields of the degree programme are Law and Security Studies.

2 — Law and Security constitutes one of the research areas of CEDIS — Centre for Research and Development on Law and Society.

ARTICLE 4.º

Duration

The MDS lasts for 4 semesters: the 1st and 2nd semesters comprise the taught component, whilst the 3rd and 4th semesters are devoted to the preparation of the dissertation, project or work placement report.

CHAPTER II

Entry requirements, curriculum structure, study programme and credits

ARTICLE 5.º

Entry requirements and numerus clausus

1 — The following may apply for admission to the study programme:

- a) Holders of a bachelor's degree or its legal equivalent;
- b) Holders of a foreign higher academic qualification awarded following a first cycle of studies organised in accordance with the principles of the Bologna Process by a State party to that Process;
- c) Holders of a foreign higher education qualification recognised as meeting the objectives of a bachelor's degree by the statutorily competent academic body of the higher education institution to which they wish to be admitted;
- d) Holders of an academic, scientific or professional background recognised by the competent bodies of NOVA School of Law as demonstrating the ability to undertake this cycle of studies.

2 — The School's competent bodies set the number of students to be admitted and the admission criteria annually, and may establish other specific conditions and preference requirements for entry onto the course.

3 — The ranking criteria to be set shall be objective, based exclusively on the merit and quality of the candidates, and must be included in the call for applications.

4 — NOVA School of Law reserves the right not to run the course if there are insufficient applications.

5 — The application rules and deadlines are set out in a specific notice, to be published on the School's website (<https://novalaw.unl.pt/>), as is the number of places to be allocated for each academic year.

ARTICLE 6º

Curriculum structure and credits

1 — The curriculum structure and credits are set out in Annex I to these Regulations.

2 — In each academic year, without prejudice to the provisions of the following paragraph, the Scientific Council of NOVA School of Law shall approve the list of optional modules offered to MDS students, which must total at least 10 ECTS.

3 — Under the free-choice option, courses taught at these or other educational institutions for which the student has obtained or will obtain credit may be taken into account, in whole or in part, towards the 10 ECTS, provided that they fall within or complement one of the academic areas of the MDS.

4 — The accreditation process follows the provisions of the Regulations on the Accreditation of Academic Qualifications and Professional Experience at NOVA School of Law.

CHAPTER III

Academic calendars and timetables

ARTICLE 7.º

Duration of the semester

The effective duration of each academic semester shall, as a general rule, be nineteen weeks, including an examination period lasting a maximum of five weeks.

ARTICLE 8.º

Academic calendar

The academic calendar is generally based on the following model:

- a) Academic year: 15 September to 31 July;
- b) 1st term: September to December;
- c) First-term examinations: January/February;
- d) Second term: February to May;
- e) Second-term examinations: June/July.

ARTICLE 9.º

Timetable

1 — Before the start of each academic semester, the Dean, in consultation with the Pedagogical Council, shall publish the timetable for each module.

2 — Classes will take place in the evenings; however, the Management may decide that the Master's programme should be taught during the day if demand figures indicate that such a change would be appropriate, following consultation with the Scientific and Pedagogical Councils.

3 — Classes for optional modules may take place during the day.

ARTICLE 10.^o

Examination timetable

The timetable for examinations in each examination period shall be set by the Dean, after consultation with the Pedagogical Council, no later than 60 days before the start of the examinations.

ARTICLE 11.^o

Organisation of the academic year

1 — The classroom-based part of the MDS lasts for two semesters, in accordance with the curriculum set out in Annex I to these Regulations.

2 — The academic component of the MDS takes place on the premises of NOVA School of Law and may include a distance-learning component not exceeding 25 per cent of the total teaching hours, unless a higher proportion is determined for public health reasons.

3 — In accordance with the organisational requirements of the programme, seminars or conferences may be organised at times to be specified by the programme co-ordination team, and these may also be open to participants not enrolled on the MDS.

ARTICLE 12.^o

Limitation period for enrolment

1 — The maximum number of enrolments in the taught part of the Master's programme is four semesters.

2 — In exceptional, duly justified cases, and at the student's request, the Dean may suspend the limitation period for one semester.

3 — The expiry of the time limit prevents enrolment in subsequent semesters, and any re-enrolment of the student is subject to the general rules on the allocation of places.

CHAPTER IV

Teaching methods

ARTICLE 13.^o

Teaching staff and nature of course modules

1 — The teaching staff for each course unit shall include at least one PhD holder.

2 — Course modules shall be of a theoretical and practical nature appropriate to the subject matter, and may include practical exercises, lectures and seminars.

3 — Modules are taught in Portuguese or English, as decided by the School's Scientific Council.

ARTICLE 14.^o

Syllabuses

1 — The teaching of each module follows the syllabus drawn up by the lecturer before the start of the academic year and submitted to the programme coordinator and the Pedagogical Council.

2 — Course syllabuses are published on the NOVA School of Law's Netpa website and in the UNL course catalogue.

ARTICLE 15.^o

Absences and substitutions

The total number of classes per semester must be strictly adhered to; in the event of a justified absence, the course coordinator must arrange for a replacement or deliver additional classes to make up for those that could not be held.

*ARTICLE 16.º***Summaries**

After each class, the course coordinator shall enter the relevant summary into the School's academic management system (Netpa), indicating the material covered, in accordance with the syllabus, or a summary of the work carried out.

*ARTICLE 17.º***Self-assessment**

1 — The Faculty shall define the methods for the regular self-assessment of the teaching provided and shall periodically publish the results thereof.

2 — It is the responsibility of the Faculty Management to monitor compliance with the provisions of the preceding articles and of the Academic Council to issue the guidelines it deems necessary within the scope of its powers.

CHAPTER V

Assessment of Knowledge

*ARTICLE 18.º***Assessment system for the first stage**

1 — Students enrolled in each of the course's modules are assessed through the submission of original research papers and/or by sitting written examinations covering the subject matter of the remaining modules, with the programme co-ordination being responsible for ensuring a balance between these two assessment methods in each academic year.

2 — Research papers must be submitted during the academic year to which they relate, in accordance with the timetable set by the Faculty Management.

3 — Written examinations take place after the teaching of the subject matter corresponding to each course unit has been completed, on the dates set by the School Management, following consultation with the Pedagogical Council.

4 — In all other respects, the rules set out in the NOVA School of Law Regulations on the Assessment of Knowledge and Skills shall apply.

*ARTICLE 19.^o***Guidance**

1 — Upon enrolment for the third semester, the student shall indicate:

- a) Whether they wish to undertake a dissertation, a project or an internship report, specifying, as appropriate, the topic of the dissertation, the nature and objectives of the project or the type and location of the internship;
- b) The name of a PhD holder who will supervise the dissertation, project or work placement report, together with the relevant letter of acceptance.

2 — The supervisor(s) must provide effective guidance on the research, maintaining the necessary regular contact with the student in order to ensure the progress of the work and the quality of the outcome.

3 — Co-supervision is permitted in cases where one of the supervisors, whilst not holding a doctoral degree, is a specialist of recognised merit as determined by the competent bodies of the NOVA School of Law.

*ARTICLE 20.^o***Drafting and submission of the dissertation, project work or placement report**

1 — The dissertation, project or placement report must address a topic related to one or more modules taught as part of the MDS/MLS programme.

2 — Students who choose to undertake a project or an internship report must take into account the provisions of Annex II to these regulations, which forms an integral part thereof.

3 — The work must be written in Portuguese or English; writing in other languages requires prior authorisation from the Scientific Council of the NOVA School of Law.

4 — The project must be presented in a font and with line spacing that facilitate reading and must not exceed 200,000 characters of text, including notes and spaces; it may also contain a maximum of 25 pages of supporting materials as an appendix, and the number of characters must be expressly stated.

5 — The thesis must comply with the Style Guidelines issued by NOVA School of Law.

6 — The thesis must be submitted in digital format (PDF) via the Pedagogical Portal by 15 March each year, and the student must be provided with a document confirming receipt.

7 — The supervisor shall send, by letter or email, a statement certifying that the work is ready to be submitted for public defence or, if not, a reasoned statement to the effect that the work is not of sufficient quality to justify the award of the Master's degree, including, where applicable, a favourable recommendation for an extension of the submission deadline with a view to improving or replacing the dissertation, project work or placement report.

ARTICLE 21.º

Anti-plagiarism declaration

In all written work submitted for assessment, including the dissertation, students must declare that the text submitted is entirely their own work and that any use of other people's contributions or texts is duly referenced.

ARTICLE 22.º

Extension of the submission deadline

1 — The deadline for the submission of a dissertation, project work or work placement report may be extended, upon a reasoned request from the student concerned, by decision of the Pedagogical Council.

2 — The request must be accompanied by a favourable opinion from the supervisor.

3 — Only one extension may be granted, for a period not exceeding 90 days.

4 — The extension entails the payment of a fee, the amount of which is set annually in the tuition fee notice.

5 — Students who fail to submit their dissertation, project work or work placement report by the deadline set or resulting from the extension must re-enrol for the non-teaching semester, paying the corresponding tuition fees in full.

ARTICLE 23.^o

Acceptance for public defence

All dissertations, project work or work placement reports submitted shall be put forward for public defence, provided they are accompanied by a statement from the supervisor certifying that the work is ready to be put forward for public defence.

ARTICLE 24.^o

Public defence

1 — Public defences of dissertations, project work or work placement reports shall take place within three months of receipt by the Academic Department.

2 — The holding of any public defence outside these timeframes is subject to a decision by the Management, after consultation with the Scientific Council.

3 — Public defences of dissertations, project work or placement reports shall be published at least 15 days in advance.

ARTICLE 25.^o

Examination Board

1 — Examination boards for public examinations shall consist of three members.

2 — It is the responsibility of the Scientific Council to propose the members of the examination board, and of the Dean to appoint these members, one of whom shall be the supervisor, another the examiner and the third the chair.

3 — The Scientific Council may delegate the powers set out in the preceding paragraph to the Master's Programme Scientific Committee.

4 — The chair has the casting vote.

ARTICLE 26.^o

Defence

1 — Public examinations shall commence by allowing the candidate to present the main points of their dissertation, project or placement report for a period

of approximately 10 minutes, followed by a questioning session conducted by one of the members of the examination board, excluding the supervisor(s), for a maximum period of 30 minutes.

2 — The student is then given a period of equal duration to respond to the examiner's criticisms.

3 — Once the discussion has concluded, the examination board shall meet to reach a final decision.

ARTICLE 27.^o

Decision

1 — The jury's decisions are taken by a majority of its members, by means of a roll-call vote with reasons given; abstentions are not permitted.

2 — Minutes shall be drawn up of the jury's meetings, setting out the votes of each of its members and the respective grounds for those votes, which may be shared by all or some of them.

3 — Marks are awarded on a scale of 0 to 20, in accordance with the marking scheme laid down for the subjects.

ARTICLE 28.^o

Award of the Master's degree

1 — The Master's degree is awarded to students who have successfully completed the full programme of study, totalling 60 credits, and their dissertation, project or placement report (120 ECTS).

2 — The final mark for the Master's degree is calculated as the simple arithmetic mean of two components:

- a) The first component is the arithmetic mean, rounded to two decimal places, of the 10 highest marks awarded in the modules in which the student has passed;
- b) The second component is the mark awarded by the examination board for the dissertation, project or work placement report.

3 — The final mark for the Master's degree is expressed on a scale of 10 to 20, as well as on the European scale for the comparability of marks.

*ARTICLE 29.^o***Issue of the degree certificate, the diploma supplement and certificates**

1 — The degree certificate and the diploma supplement shall be issued by 31 December of the calendar year in which the student completes the second cycle, provided that the student applies for them by 31 July of that same year.

2 — Once the degree has been registered, certificates relating to the completion of the programme shall be issued within a maximum of five days following receipt of the application and the corresponding payment.

3 — The degree certificate and diplomas must include: the student's full name; identification document number; name of the degree programme; degree awarded; final quantitative grade; and the date of completion of the degree programme.

*ARTICLE 30.^o***Entry into Force**

The new curriculum shall apply from the 2022/2023 academic year.

ANNEX I

Curriculum structure

1 — Educational institution: NOVA University of Lisbon — NOVA School of Law(0911).

2 — Type of programme: Master's degree — 2nd cycle.

3 — Title: Law and Security.

4 — Degree or qualification: Master's.

5 — Number of credits, under the European Credit Transfer System, required to obtain the degree or diploma: 120 ECTS credits.

6 — Options, branches, areas of specialisation, specialisms or other forms of curriculum organisation: Not applicable.

TABLE No. 1

Scientific fields	Acronym	Credits	
		Compulsory	Optional
Law	DRT	18.0	0.0
Political Science	CP	18.0	0.0
Law or Political Science or Security	DRT/CP/SEG	60.0	18.0
Elective modules	OL	0.0	6.0
<i>Subtotal</i>		96.0	24.0
<i>Total</i>		120.0	

7 — Comments:
8 — Curriculum:

TABLE No. 2

Course module (1)	Subject area (2)	Academic year (3)	Organisation of the academic year (4)	Hours of study										Credits (7)	Comments (8)
				Total (5)	Contact (6)										
					T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O	Total contact hours		
Security, Governance and the Rule of Law. International and European Security Law. Research Methodology. Globalisation and Security.	CP	1st	1st Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
International Humanitarian Law. Security and Geopolitics.	DRT	1st	1.nd Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
Option 1	DRT	1st	1.th Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
	CP	1st	2.th Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
Option 2	DRT	1st	2nd Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
Dissertation, Project Work or Internship.	CP	1st	2nd Semester ...	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Compulsory.
	DRT/CP/SEG	1st	Semesterly	504.0		108.0							108.0	18.0	Optional.
	OL	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Optional.
	DRT/CP/SEG	2nd	Other	1,680.0		0.0					60.0		60.0	60.0	Compulsory.

Optional modules

TABLE No. 3

Optional module no. (0)	Course module (1)	Academic area (2)	Year of study (3)	Organisation of the academic year (4)	Hours of study										Credits (7)	Comments (8)
					Total (5)	Contact (6)										
						T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O	Total contact hours		
Option 1 . . .	Cybersecurity and Governance.	MON	1st	Semester	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Restricted Option.

Optional module no. (0)	Course module (1)	Academic area (2)	Academic year (3)	Organisation of the academic year (4)	Hours of study											Credits (7)	Comments (8)
					Total (5)	Contact (6)											
						T	TP	PL	TC	S	E	OT	O	Total contact hours			
Option 2 . . .	Risk Management and Security.	MON	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Restricted	
	National Security and International Cooperation.	MON	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Option.	
	Privacy and Security.															Restricted	
	Research and Crime.															Restricted	
	Cybercrime International	CP	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Option.	
	Human Rights Protection Systems —	DRT	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Option.	
	Human Rights International Protection Systems.	DRT	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Restricted	
	Intelligence and Strategic Analysis —	DRT	1st	Half-yearly	168.0		36.0							36.0	6.0	Restricted	
	Intelligence and Strategic Analysis.															option.	
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ANNEX II

Project work and work placement reports

A professional work placement subject to a final report

1 — The work placement must take place at an organisation other than the Faculty, which has been previously approved by the School and is capable of providing the student with work experience and supervision that will enable them to achieve the objectives set out in Article 15 of Decree- Law No. 74/2006 of 24 March, as currently worded (regime governing academic degrees and higher education diplomas).

2 — The work placement may be paid, but must not constitute an activity undertaken for the purpose of obtaining a licence to practise a profession.

3 — The organisation providing the placement must be aware that it will be used for this purpose and must undertake to provide any information necessary for the School to assess the student's work.

4 — The academic and practical conditions of the placement must allow the supervisor to have direct access to the work carried out by the student during the placement.

5 — The placement must last for a minimum of four months and a maximum of six months.

6 — The placement report must not be merely descriptive; the student must regard the placement as a means of carrying out well-founded scientific research.

Project work

1 — The Faculty's research and development centres, or those of other higher education institutions, may host students for project work that forms part of broader scientific research projects, provided that the work to be carried out within this framework relates to one or more modules of the MDS programme.

2 — Project work may consist, in particular, of the collection and processing, for any purpose, including statistical or other purposes, of information relevant to research in areas related to Security and Law.

