



**CIVIL LAW,  
FAMILY LAW, BUSINESS LAW,  
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME**



## PROGRAMME ADVANTAGES

- ✓ Knowledge acquired in the most important areas of private law relations in different legal systems allows graduates to work in any region of the world.
- ✓ The language of training is Russian. It allows international students to expand their knowledge of professional vocabulary.
- ✓ Thanks to multicultural study groups, students can build their network of international professional contacts as early as at university.
- ✓ A large number of elective disciplines gives a student an opportunity to design his/her individual learning programme.
- ✓ Practicing lawyers are often invited to give lectures and master classes. Joint creative projects and conferences, where students have an opportunity to report on the findings and results of their research are regularly held.
- ✓ Students have an opportunity to participate in international competitions, including THE ANNUAL WILLEM C. VIS INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION MOOT (Vienna, Austria), a student exchange programme with partner universities.



# STUDYING PROCCCESS

**120 credits.**

Lectures, practicals and self-study, several types of internship.



## ADVANCED TOPICS OF CIVIL LAW AND CIVIL PROCEDURE

- Socio-economic factors of paradigmatic changes in Western legal systems in the 20th century.
- New socio-economic conditions that determined fundamental changes in the civil law of the Russian Federation concerning the system of the objects of civil law regulation, the doctrine of obligations, concepts of property law.
- Judicial and extrajudicial forms of protection of civil rights.
- Unification of the law of civil procedure in the European Union.



## LEGAL REGULATION OF THE TRADE TURNOVER IN THE EU

- The treaties establishing the Common Market in Europe.
- The institutions and bodies of the European Union and their competence in the field of trade regulation.
- Sources of law of the European Union.
- Legal regulation of the circulation of goods, services and capital in the European Union.
- Legal status and principles of the European Court of Justice (ECJ).
- Legal support for freedom of competition and prevention of unfair commercial practices in the European Union.
- Contract law of the European Union and legal protection of consumer rights.
- European Union company law.
- Intellectual property law and its protection under the conditions of free movement of goods in the EU.
- Environmental and legal imperatives in the production and circulation of goods in the European Union.





## **LAW APPLICABLE TO CROSS-BORDER CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS**

- General provisions of the law of contracts.
- Obligations arising from the different types of contracts (sale, exchange, donation, leasing, loan, as well as of tenancy agreements, works contract, provision of services, transportation, storage, agency, insurance, credit and financing, factoring, transactions carried on by banks providing financial services to consumers, businesses, or government enterprises.



## **MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS (M&A)**

- The concept of the M&A transaction and its features in modern Russia.
- Types of M&A transactions and their features.
- Verification of “legal cleanliness” of participants in the M&A transaction (due diligence).
- M&A transaction structuring.
- Features of company management transfer as a result of an M&A transaction.



## **INSOLVENCY IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND ABROAD**

- The history of the development of the legal institute of insolvency (bankruptcy) in Russia and other countries.
- General characteristics of the current Russian bankruptcy law.
- Problems and development trends.
- Sources of bankruptcy law in Russia and other countries.
- Criteria, signs and types of insolvency (bankruptcy).
- The legal status of the main subjects of bankruptcy law, participants in insolvency (bankruptcy) proceedings.
- Bankruptcy procedures, their content and classification.
- Simplified bankruptcy procedure.
- Features of insolvency (bankruptcy) of certain categories of legal entities.



## **INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION**

- Place and role of international commercial arbitration in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system.
- Arbitration agreement.
- General dispute resolution procedure.
- Forms of judicial control and facilitation of arbitration.
- National institutes of international commercial arbitration.
- International law arbitration institutes.



# STUDENTS FEEDBACK



**ANASTASIA N. CHUMANOVA**



Master's studies contributed to revealing my abilities, becoming a competent specialist in the field of civil law. I took the 1-st place in the "Best Speaker" nomination in the ICC Lex Mercatoria International Student Competition and won the main student prize – a summer internship at the international law firm Baker & McKenzie. I am grateful to the teaching staff of the department for obtaining the knowledge and skills that helped me win. ”



**STANISLAV S. SHEK**



I am honoured to study at the RUDN University Master's programme. I feel I am the best of the best. Now there is much talking about the "lawyer's dream." What is it like? Is it to find an interesting and well-paid job, with the opportunity for creativity? Yes, i think that this is where my dream may come true. ”



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**ALEVTINA A. BONDAREVA**



The Master's programme is aimed at independent study of legal disciplines. In almost every discipline, Master's students have to make reports and presentations and discuss them during the practicals. It is very interesting to study in a group with the students from various countries of the world: the USA, Iran, Korea. You can compare, for example, how they train lawyers in Russia and in the United States. You may draw a conclusion that studying in Russia is none the worse. ”



**DZOTSENIDZE GEORGY, GEORGIA**



Initially, taking a Master's programme might seem very difficult, because a student has to study many new hard and tough disciplines, e.g. Legal Regulation of Trade Turnover in the EU, Insurance Law, Contract Law, and Corporate Law. But gradually, at seminars and during discussion I have become more confident in my professional abilities. It is very important that the timetable gives students the opportunity to get a part-time job that is, combine theory with practice. ”





# HEAD OF THE PROGRAMME

## VITALIY V. BEZBAKH



Doctor of Laws, Professor, Honoured Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Full Professor at the Department of Civil Law and Procedure and Private International Law of the RUDN University Law Institute. He has been working at the RUDN University over 40 years.

Professor Bezbakh is a creator and head of the school of comparative studies of the basic institutions of private law, i.e. property, contractual and tort obligations, and inheritance. He is Arbitrator of the ICAC at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of the Russian Federation.

### **FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

civil and commercial law of foreign countries, cross-border aspects of private law relations.

Author of numerous articles in peer-reviewed Russian and international journals (Higher Attestation Commission, SCOPUS, Web of Science). He often presents at international conferences on jurisprudence.

He co-authored and co-edited textbooks and monographs Civil and Commercial Law of Foreign Countries, Civil and Commercial Law of the European Union (main institutions), Private Law of Latin American countries: Codification of the Civil Law and Civil Procedural Law, etc.

Convener of the conference “Comparative Law and Problems of Private Law Regulation in Russia and Foreign Countries”

Head and participant of research teams on a number of grants from Russian and international foundations.