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**EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
"LAW"**

FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE: D BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION, AND LAW
SPECIALTY: D8 LAW
EDUCATION LEVEL: SECOND (MASTER'S)

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PREFACE

The Educational-Professional Program "Law" is a local regulatory document of the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine (hereinafter – PAU), which regulates the normative, competency-based, qualification, organizational, educational, and methodological requirements for the training of Masters in Specialty D8 Law within the Field D: Business, Administration, and Law.

The Educational-Professional Program "Law" corresponds to the Seventh Level of the National Qualifications Framework and is based on a competency-based approach, with an emphasis on student-centered learning, problem-based learning, self-directed learning, and interactive learning.

The Educational-Professional Program "Law" has been developed in accordance with:

The Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education" dated July 1, 2014, No. 1556-VII;

The Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine: No. 1341 dated November 23, 2011, "On Approval of the National Qualifications Framework" and No. 1187 dated December 30, 2015, "On Approval of Licensing Conditions for Educational Activities of Educational Institutions";

The Order of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine dated July 20, 2022, No. 643, "On Approval of the Standard of Higher Education for Specialty 081 Law for the Second (Master's) Level of Higher Education";

The Charter of the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine, a state-owned institution under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine (Identification Code 08571788: Order of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine dated October 6, 2023, No. 3548/5).

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**1. General Profile of the Educational-Professional Program
"Law" at the Second (Master's) Level of Higher Education in Field D:
Business, Administration, and Law, Specialty D8 Law (hereinafter – the EP)**

Full Name of the Higher Education Institution and Structural Unit	Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine Structural unit: Department of Master's Studies (Graduate Studies Department)
Level of Higher Education	Second (Master's) level
Higher Education Degree	Master
Field of Study	D Business, Administration, and Law.
Specialty	D8 Law
Forms of Study	Full-time (internal), part-time (external)
Educational Qualification	Master of Laws
Professional Qualification	Not applicable (Not awarded)
Qualification in the Diploma	Degree: Master's Degree Specialty: D8 Law
Additional Admission Requirements	Admission to the second (Master's) level of higher education in Specialty D8 Law is based on the results of the Unified Entrance Examination (UEE) and the Unified Professional Entrance Examination (UPEE).
Cycle/Level	NQF of Ukraine: Level 7 QF-EHEA: Second Cycle EQF-LLL: Level 7
Language of Instruction	Ukrainian
Accreditation Status	Accreditation Certificate: No. 12593, issued on May 20, 2025. Certificate Validity: Until July 1, 2032.
EP Validity Period	Until the next accreditation
Aim of the EP	
Program Aim (Reflecting the Qualification Level)	The program aims to train highly qualified specialists possessing a broad range of competencies in legal practice and advanced practical skills for employment in public and private institutions, including the system of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.
Characteristics of the EP	
Subject Area Description	<i>Object of Study:</i> Law as a social phenomenon and the specifics of its application based on legal values and principles rooted in human dignity and the Rule of Law. <i>Learning Objectives:</i> Acquisition of the ability to solve complex tasks and problems in the fields of law-making and law enforcement, and/or during the learning process,

	<p>involving research and/or innovation characterized by uncertain conditions and requirements.</p> <p><i>Theoretical Content of the Subject Area:</i> Legal doctrines, values, and principles that form the basis of law-making, its interpretation, and the specificities of its application.</p> <p><i>Methods, Methodologies, and Technologies:</i> General scientific and specialized methods of cognizing legal phenomena; methodologies for the legal assessment of the behavior or activities of individuals and social groups; identification of legal problems and their resolution based on the principles of law; digital technologies, information evaluation and analysis methods, and argumentation (proving) methods.</p> <p><i>Tools and Equipment:</i> Modern information and communication equipment, information resources, and specialized software applied in legal practice.</p>
<p>Academic Rights of Graduates</p>	<p>The right to pursue further studies at the third (educational-scientific) level of higher education (Doctor of Philosophy, PhD).</p> <p>The opportunity to acquire additional qualifications within the adult education system (lifelong learning).</p>
<p>Main Focus of the Educational Program</p>	<p>The program is aimed at the formation and development of professional competencies within the Field D: Business, Administration, and Law, specifically in Specialty D8 Law. It focuses on the study of theoretical, doctrinal, and methodological foundations, as well as the application of organizational, scientific, and practical tools in the legal sphere.</p> <p>The program ensures a harmonious balance of legal theory and practice, providing a theoretical-practical exposition and the application of acquired knowledge and skills. It emphasizes the ability to implement cutting-edge innovative technologies in both scientific and practical legal activities, aimed at embedding the idea, doctrine, and principle of the Rule of Law into public consciousness and the practice of human rights protection.</p> <p>Keywords: Law, Jurisprudence, Science, Doctrine, Principle, Innovation, Rule of Law, Human Rights Protection.</p>
<p>Program Features</p>	<p>The program is designed as an optimal balance of academic and professional requirements, focusing on the development of professional competencies for practical activities in the legal field, as well as the provision of legal consultancy services in public and private institutions, including the system of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.</p>

Employment Opportunities	Graduates are eligible for employment in positions defined by the National Classification of Occupations of Ukraine (DK 003:2010) that require a higher education degree in Specialty D8 Law.
Teaching, Learning and Assessment	
Teaching and Learning	<p>Teaching, Learning and Assessment</p> <p>The educational process under the EP (Educational Program) is implemented through the following formats: learning activities (contact hours), independent study, practical training, and assessment activities.</p> <p>The primary types of learning activities include: Lectures (including interactive and problem-based lectures); Practical sessions; Seminars; Individual tutorials; Consultations.</p>
Assessment	Learning outcomes are assessed through continuous (formative) and summative (final) assessment (including pass/fail exams, graded exams, defense of practical training reports, and attestation in the form of the Unified State Qualification Examination (USQE)). A 100-point grading scale is applied, alongside the national grading system ("excellent", "good", "satisfactory", "unsatisfactory") and the ECTS grading system (A, B, C, D, E, F, FX).

2. Admission Requirements and Prior Learning Outcomes

To pursue a Master's degree based on the results of the Unified Entrance Examination (UEE) and the Unified Professional Entrance Examination (UPEE), applicants must hold a degree in Specialty 081 Law or Specialty 293 International Law. Additional requirements may also apply as defined by the Admission Rules of the Penitentiary Academy of Ukraine for the current academic year.

3. ECTS Credit Allocation for the Master of Laws Degree

The total workload of the educational and professional program is 90 ECTS credits, distributed as follows:

70 ECTS credits are allocated to ensure general and special (professional) competencies and learning outcomes in Specialty 081 Law (including 46 ECTS credits for mandatory/core courses and 24 ECTS credits for elective courses);

20 ECTS credits are dedicated to the development of practical skills and expertise in Specialty 081 Law through hands-on practical training.

4. List of Graduate Competencies

Integral Competency	Ability to solve problems of a research and/or innovative nature in the field of law.
General	3K1. Ability to abstract thinking, analysis, and synthesis.

Competencies	<p>3K2. Ability to conduct research at the appropriate level.</p> <p>3K3. Ability to search for, process, and analyze information from various sources.</p> <p>3K4. Ability to adapt and act in a new situation.</p> <p>3K5. Ability to communicate in a foreign language in the professional sphere, both orally and in writing.</p> <p>3K6. Ability to generate new ideas (creativity).</p> <p>3K7. Ability to make well-grounded (informed) decisions.</p> <p>3K8. Ability to communicate with representatives of other professional groups of various levels (with experts from other fields of knowledge/types of economic and other spheres of activity).</p> <p>3K9. Ability to work in an international context.</p> <p>3K10. Ability to work in an international context.</p>
Special/Professional Competencies	<p>CK1. Ability to apply the principles of the rule of law to solve complex tasks and problems, including situations of legal uncertainty.</p> <p>CK2. Ability to analyze and evaluate the impact of the European Union's legal system on the legal system of Ukraine.</p> <p>CK3. Ability to analyze and evaluate the impact of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as well as the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, on the development of the legal system and law enforcement in Ukraine.</p> <p>CK4. Ability to evaluate the interaction of international law and international legal systems with the legal system of Ukraine.</p> <p>CK5. Ability to use modern legal doctrines and principles in law-making and in the process of applying institutions of public and private law, as well as criminal justice.</p> <p>CK6. Ability to justify and motivate legal decisions, providing detailed legal argumentation.</p> <p>CK7. Ability to apply knowledge and understanding of the fundamental principles and procedures of judicial proceedings in Ukraine.</p> <p>CK8. Ability to apply mediation and other legal instruments of alternative out-of-court dispute resolution.</p> <p>CK9. Ability to apply an interdisciplinary approach in assessing legal phenomena and law enforcement activities.</p> <p>CK10. Ability to make decisions in situations requiring systemic, logical, and functional interpretation of legal norms, as well as understanding the specifics of their application practice.</p> <p>CK11. Ability to critically evaluate the effectiveness of representation and protection of the rights, freedoms, and interests of clients.</p> <p>CK12. Ability to uphold ethical standards of legal activity, standards of professional independence, and the responsibility of a lawyer.</p> <p>CK13. Ability to communicate information, ideas, the nature of</p>

<p>problems, and the essence of optimal solutions to both specialists and non-specialists in the legal field with proper argumentation.</p> <p>CK14. Ability to independently draft normative legal acts, justify the social necessity of their adoption, and forecast the results of their impact on relevant social relations.</p> <p>CK15. Ability to independently prepare draft acts of law enforcement, taking into account the requirements for their legality, validity, and motivation.</p>
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5. Regulatory Content of Higher Education Training Formulated in Terms of Learning Outcomes

PH 1. Evaluate the nature and character of social processes and phenomena, demonstrating an understanding of the limits and mechanisms of their legal regulation.

PH 2. Correlate the modern system of civilizational values with legal values, principles, and professional ethical standards.

PH 3. Collect, perform integrated analysis, and synthesize materials from various sources, including scientific and professional literature, digital, statistical, test, and other databases, and verify them for reliability using modern research methods.

PH 4. Present research on a legal topic using primary sources and legal interpretation techniques for complex problems arising from such research; substantiate conclusions.

PH 5. Communicate fluently in a foreign language for professional purposes (one of the official languages of the Council of Europe) both orally and in writing.

PH 6. Formulate a legal position with justification, demonstrate the ability to oppose, evaluate evidence, and provide persuasive arguments.

PH 7. Discuss complex legal problems, propose and justify options for their resolution.

PH 8. Assess the credibility of information and the reliability of sources, effectively process and use information for scientific research and practical activities.

PH 9. Generate new ideas and use modern technologies in the provision of legal services.

PH 10. Analyze the interaction of international law and international legal systems with the legal system of Ukraine based on an awareness of fundamental modern legal doctrines, values, and principles of legal functioning.

PH 11. Use advanced knowledge and methodologies in the process of law-making and law enforcement within the institutions of public and private law and criminal justice.

PH 12. Conduct comparative legal analysis of specific legal institutions of different legal systems, taking into account the interconnection of the legal system of Ukraine with the legal systems of the Council of Europe and the European Union.

PH 13. Analyze and evaluate the practice of applying specific legal institutions.

PH 14. Substantiate a legal position at various stages of law enforcement.

PH 15. Possess practical skills in solving problems related to the implementation of procedural functions of law enforcement subjects.

PH 16. Participate productively in drafting normative legal acts, justify the social necessity of their adoption, and forecast the results of their impact on relevant social relations.

PH 17. Integrate necessary knowledge and solve complex law enforcement tasks in various spheres of professional activity.

6. Forms of Graduate Attestation

Forms of Graduate Attestation	The attestation of candidates at the second (Master's) level of higher education in Specialty D8 Law is carried out in the form of the Unified State Qualification Examination (USQE) in accordance with the procedure established by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.
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7. Requirements for the Creation of Training Programs within a Field of Knowledge, Two Fields of Knowledge, or Interdisciplinary Educational-Scientific Programs

Interdisciplinary and inter-branch educational-scientific programs at the second (Master's) level of higher education in Specialty D8 Law are not established.

8. Requirements of Professional Standards (if available)

Professional standards are not available.

9. Additional Requirements for the Organization of the Educational Process for Programs Training Specialists for Regulated Professions (if necessary)

For the part-time (external) form of study at the second (Master's) level of higher education in Specialty D8 Law, the volume of in-class (contact) hours for academic disciplines is ensured at a level of at least 1/6 of the total planned ECTS credits.

10. Additional Requirements for the Structure of Educational Programs Awarding Professional Qualifications for Regulated Professions (if necessary)

Additional requirements for the structure of educational programs are not established.

11. Logical Sequence of EP Components

Code	List of Subjects	ECTS Credits	Form of Final Control	Teaching Logic by Semester
1. Compulsory Educational Disciplines				
OK 1	Legal Regulation of Public Service	4	exam	1
OK 2	Modern Problems of Administrative Law and Procedure	4	exam	1
OK 3	Issues of International Public Law	3	Graded	1

			Credit	
OK 4	Current Issues of Criminal Law and Procedure	4	exam	1
OK 5	Current Issues of Constitutional Law of Ukraine and Decisions of the Constitutional Court of Ukraine	4	exam	1
OK 6	Current Issues of Civil Law and Procedure of Ukraine	4	exam	1
OK 8	Foreign Language for Professional Purposes	3	Graded Credit	1
OK 11	Procedural Document Workflow	4	Graded Credit	1
		30		
OK 8	Foreign Language for Professional Purposes	3	exam	2
OK 9	Modern Trends in Labor Relations Regulation	3	exam	2
OK 7	Issues of International Private Law and International Protection of Human Rights	4	exam	3
OK 10	Theory and Practice of Mediation in the Legal Sphere	3	Graded Credit	3
OK 12	International Legal and Criminal Procedural Regulation of Cooperation with Foreign States	3	exam	3
OK 13	Practical Training	20	Graded Credit	3
		36		
Total Number of Mandatory Components		66		
2. Elective Educational Disciplines				
BK 1	Anti-Corruption Studies	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 2	Penitentiary Law of Ukraine: Advanced Practical Course	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 3	Military Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 4	Current Issues of Crime Prevention	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 5	Administrative Coercion and	3	Graded	2

	Administrative Restraint Measures		Credit	
BK 6	Issues of Information Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 7	Legal Regulation of Public Administration	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 8	Management and Personnel Management Technologies	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 9	Issues of Interaction between International, European, and National Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 10	Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 11	Current Issues of Administrative Justice	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 12	Issues of Intellectual Property Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 13	Comparative Penitentiary Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 14	Theory of Qualification of Criminal Offenses	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 15	Current Issues of Execution of Non-Custodial Sentences	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 16	Comparative Criminal Law	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 17	Economic Analysis of Law (Economic Theory of Law)	3	Graded Credit	2
BK 18	Case Law of the European Court of Human Rights	3	Graded Credit	2
Total Number of Elective Components		24		
TOTAL		90		

Matrix of Providing Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) by relevant components of the EP

	OK 1	OK 2	OK 3	OK 4	OK 5	OK 6	OK 7	OK 8	OK 9	OK 10	OK 11	OK 12	OK 13
PH 1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	
PH 2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
PH 4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	
PH 5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
PH 6	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
PH 9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
PH 11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 12	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
PH 13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	
PH 14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 16	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+
PH 17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+	+	+