Faculty of Law
Viadrina European University
Frankfurt (Oder)

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I. Profile

Viadrina Faculty of Law

- orientation of research and teaching towards European and international law
- coordination of expertise in all European fields of law through an interdisciplinary institute (*fireu*)
- intensive cooperation with the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań (Poland), especially in joint German-Polish legal studies
- concentration on the fields of mediation and conflict management - degree course and mediation institute (*ikm*)

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II. Structure

Viadrina Faculty of Law

- Dean`s Office
  - dean | sub-dean
- Civil Law | European Law
  - 7 professorial chairs
- Public Law | European Law
  - 6 professorial chairs
- Criminal Law | European Law
  - 4 professorial chairs
- Polish | European Law
  - 3 professorial chairs
- 3 Institutes

EUROPA-UNIVERSITÄT VIADRINA FRANKFURT (ODER)
Dean`s Office
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Dean
Prof. Dr. Matthias Pechstein
Jean-Monnet-Professor of Public Law, especially European Law

Sub-dean
Prof. Dr. Ulrich Häde
Professor of Public Law, especially Administrative Law, Financial and Currency Law

Professorial chairs (a)
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Chairs in Civil Law | European Law
- Civil Law, Civil Procedure and International Commercial Law
- Civil Law and European Private Law
- Civil Law, Business and Commercial Law
- Civil Law, European and German Labour Law, and Civil Procedure
- Civil Law, Labour and Commercial Law, Civil Procedure and Judiciary Law, International Procedural Law
- Civil Law, Private International Law and Comparative Law
- Mediation and Conflict Management
Professorial chairs (b)
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Chairs in Public Law | European Law
- Public Law, especially Administrative, Finance and Currency Law
- Public Law, especially Public International Law, European Law and Foreign Constitutional Law
- Public Law, especially European Law
- Jean Monnet Chair of Public Law, especially European Law
- Public Law, Administrative, Environmental and Local Government Law, Comparative Law and Economic Analysis of Law
- Public Law, especially Constitutional Law and Constitutional History

Professorial chairs (c)
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Criminal Law | European Law
- Criminal Law, especially European and International Criminal Law
- Criminal Law, especially Foreign and Comparative Criminal Law, and Legal Philosophy
- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Criminology
- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Information Technology Law

Polish Law | European Law
- Polish Public Law, including European and Commercial Law
- Polish Criminal Law
- Polish and European Private Law and Comparative Law
Institutes
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Frankfurt Institute for the Law of the European Union
Viadrina Faculty of Law

- coordination of the research of the chairs of European law
- Inter-agency research in all fields of European law
- basis of a network of national and international cooperation
- focus on legal, legal-philosophical and interdisciplinary issues
- since 2011: Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
Frankfurt Institute for the Law of the European Union
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Research foci

- constitutional law, administrative law; fundamental and individual rights; non-discrimination; the right of property in the EU
- cartel law, competition law and procedure; trademarks; commercial law
- contract law; consumer law; labour law and procedure
- transnational social standards and corporate social responsibility
- European economic and currency union; the financial constitution of the European Union;
- legal questions emerging from financial and economic crisis
- the intergovernmental character of the CSFP on the basis of the Lisbon Treaty

Institute of Conflict Management
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Core areas

- justice and society
- encouragement of international peace
- economy
- research and scholarship into mediation

- establishment and furtherance of social conflict management
- exploration of new fields of application of mediation
- interdisciplinary research and scholarly investigation of practical applications of mediation
- development of a network of scholars and practitioners
- coordination of activities in the fields of communication and conflict management at the Viadrina, in Frankfurt (Oder) and in Poland
Interdisciplinary Centre of Ethics
Viadrina Faculty of Law

- trans-faculty institution aimed at improvement in understanding of ethics in research and education
- focus on research in legal theory and philosophy, biomedical-ethics, and economic ethics
- organisation of symposia, workshops; support for doctoral research
- cooperation with other national and foreign centres for ethics studies (e.g. in Poland, Israel, USA, Australia, Japan)
- affiliation with Collegium Polonicum, Slubice (Poland)

III. Courses of study
Viadrina Faculty of Law

- Studies in German Law
  with possible extra specializations in:
  - Legal Professional Practice
  - Media Law
  - Certificate in European Law
- Studies in German and Polish Law
  - Magister of Law | Magister prawa
  - Bachelor of German and Polish Law
  - Master of German and Polish Law
- Master’s programmes
  - human rights and genocide; European studies; European commercial law; mediation
- Summer Course The European System of Human Rights Protection
Studies in German Law
Viadrina Faculty of Law

- **Foundation Studies** in civil, public and criminal law and certain basics (8 exams)
- **Advanced Studies** in civil, public, criminal, European and international law, plus supplementary and key skills (3 written exams, 3 major papers)
- **Elective Studies** (written exam, major paper, oral exam) in: one of
  - civil law
  - criminal law
  - commercial law
  - state and administration
  - public international law
  - Polish law
  - media law
  - private international & European private law and procedure
- **Preparation for state bar exam** - revision courses, trial exams (within the university)
- **First State Law (Bar) Examination** 7 exams in civil (2), public (2), criminal (2) and European law (1), plus 1 comprehensive oral exam
- **Bachelor of German Law** - as an integrated Exam (from 2013/2014)

Extra Specializations with University certification
Viadrina Faculty of Law

The following extra specialization available, additional to the regular law studies:

- **Legal Professional Practice**
  - managing conflicts
  - decision-making processes
  - consultation and client dealings
  - legal practice before the courts
  - law and ethics of professional practice

- **Media Law**
  - theoretical and practical issues in media law
  - preparing for employment in this field
  - lectures and seminars from media law practitioners
  - internship in a legal practice or corporation in the media field

- **Certificate in European Law**
  - award in recognition of special supplementary assessed study in the field of European Law
Studies in German and Polish Law
Viadrina Faculty of Law

Joint programmes with the Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań:

- **Bi-national 5-year study towards degree Magister of Law | Magister prawa**
  - Mandatory and elective modules in German, Polish and European law
  - Assessment through written and oral exam
  - Magister gives access to polish legal internship

- **3-year studies for degree Bachelor of German and Polish Law (LL.B.)**
  - 5 modules about basic fields of German and Polish law and general university courses;
  - Assessment includes bachelor thesis

- **2-year studies for degree Master of German and Polish Law (LL.M.)**
  - follows the completion of the LL.B.
  - 4 modules of advanced German and Polish law, of Polish and German Comparative Law, Law of Nations and International Private Law
  - Assessment through written and oral exam

Specialized Master´s Programmes
Viadrina Faculty of Law

- **Master of Arts in Mediation (M.A.)**
- **Master of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (LL.M.)**
- **Master of Arts in Human Rights & Genocide Studies (M.A.)** - interdisciplinary; joint with Kingston (UK), Siena (I), Collegium Civitas Warsaw (PL)
- **Master of European Studies (M.A.)** - interdisciplinary, multi-faculty
- **Magister Legum (LL.M.)** - for law graduates from foreign countries
- **Master of European Commercial Law (LL.M.)**
Viadrina Summer Course:  
*The European System of Human Rights Protection*

- two weeks in September, annually
- 50 - 70 participants from 30-35 countries.
- 20 international teachers from universities across Europe and elsewhere
- lectures, tutorials, moot court, excursion

**Topics**
- European Convention on Human Rights
- human rights protection in the European Union
- regimes and institutions; implementation
- civil and political rights; refugees; migration
- economic, social and cultural rights
- non-discrimination, protection of minorities
- control mechanisms; role of NGOs

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**IV. Viadrina European University - some basic facts**

- 1506–1811 - first university of the Province of Brandenburg
- 1991 - re-established as the Viadrina European University

- around 6200 students, 23% foreign
- 3 faculties
  - Law
  - Cultural Studies
  - Economics
- 200 university partnerships worldwide

- located in Frankfurt (Oder), east of Berlin, directly at the German-Polish border
- the Viadrina is a *family-friendly college* and carries the *ERASMUS Quality Seal*
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