

DEPARTMENT OF FOUNDATIONS OF LAW  
FACULTY OF LAW

# Professor of Law and Digitalisation

**Application deadline:** 22.04.2026

**Job Profile:** § 99 (1) UG (practice  
Professorship)

**Hours per week:** 10 h/w

**Temporary Employment:** 4 Years

**Salary Category:** A1

**Employment Start:** October 2026

**Duration of Contract:** Temporary  
employment



## Job Description

Building on the normative foundations, the professorship deals with the legal issues associated with digital transformation and emerging technologies. These issues should be conveyed to the students and also constitute the focus of the successful candidate's research activities. In line with a continuous exchange between theory and practice, particular emphasis is to be placed on the implementation of the resulting legal requirements.

The professorship is designed as a practice-led professorship and focuses on professional practice at the interface between law and information technology. The focus is on practice-led decision-making, reasoning, and strategic processes in substantive and procedural law. These are taught in concrete application contexts, primarily through case-based and simulation-based teaching formats. Another key focus is the professional use of digital legal tools. The aim is to teach their appropriate and responsible use in everyday legal practice and to illustrate this in both teaching and research, taking into account the relevant legal and organisational frameworks. Through this direct connection to the challenges of legal practice in dealing with new technologies and in implementing legal requirements in technical systems — particularly in the field of legal technology — the research activities of the Section of Law and IT within the Department of the Foundations of Law are to be stimulated, promoted, and advanced. In addition to relevant teaching activities and the assessment of examinations, this includes in particular the supervision of theses as well as participation in departmental projects, faculty-wide research networks, and the university's "Smart Regulation" field of excellence.

## Employment Requirements

- Austrian or equivalent foreign higher education degree corresponding with the position (doctorate/PhD)
- Outstanding academic qualifications in research and teaching in the relevant discipline as well as several years of subject-relevant non-university practical experience (commensurate with stage of academic career and interruptions in employment due to caring responsibilities)
- Gender mainstreaming and diversity management skills
- Skills in higher education didactics and online teaching
- Management and leadership experience
- Good knowledge of German and English

The successful candidate will be highly motivated, aiming for academic excellence and integrity in research and teaching. He/she will have demonstrated ability to collaborate constructively in a responsible manner and inspire colleagues and students in an interdisciplinary, internationally oriented context.

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We offer a diverse, challenging, team-oriented working environment and a high degree of personal responsibility. Working hours are flexible and there are many options for further education and personal development.

The minimum remuneration as stated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement is € 23,496.55 gross per year. Salary subject to negotiation.

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## Application Documents

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae with a description of your academic career
- List of publications, numbered, with a complete bibliographic information, sorted by
  - monographs
  - (co-)edited volumes
  - journal articles
  - other information
- Presentation of teaching to date
- List of previous research projects and collaborations
- Description of future research intentions
- List of your five most important publications

Please submit your application documents in German or English.

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## About us

At the University of Graz, researchers and students work across a broad disciplinary spectrum to enlarge our knowledge, and find strategies to deal with challenges our society is confronted with and to shape tomorrow's world. The University of Graz is a place which combines high quality academic research and teaching, where achievement is rewarded, careers are promoted, and social diversity is encouraged – all within a modern, award-winning working environment. Our motto: We work for tomorrow. Join us!

The Department of the Foundations of Law consists of six sections: Roman Law – History of Law and European Legal Development – Philosophy of Law – Sociology of Law, Legal Policy, Negotiation and Mediation Research – Law and IT – Global Governance. With this diversity, we want to live up to our claim of learning from the past in order to better understand the challenges of the present and the future. We follow not only Austrian, but also European and global legal developments, link legal traditions with legal innovations and conduct research into the gender dimensions of law, conflict dynamics and peace conditions in the interpersonal and international spheres. In this sense, we provide students with comprehensive knowledge of the fundamentals of law not only for their further studies, but also for their future careers.

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## Contact

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The University of Graz is committed to increasing the proportion of female employees, especially in leadership roles. We therefore encourage qualified female colleagues in particular to apply for this position. In case of equal qualifications, women will receive priority consideration.

**Please note that in order to comply with the applicable data protection regulations, we can only accept applications via our web-based applicant tool for this vacant position.**

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