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## what specialisation for 21<sup>st</sup> century legal professionals?

# master of Law (MLaw)

### GENERAL OUTLINE

#### Objectives

The Master of Law seeks to broaden, develop and supplement knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's degree. The Master of Law programme is designed to allow you to orient your studies according to your interests and professional ambitions. You can therefore opt for a "general" Master's, i.e. without subject area, freely compiling your programme from available Master's courses, or combine your Master's degree with one or two subject areas focusing on any of the following fields: Business Law, Employment Law and Social Security, Public Law, International and Comparative Law, Private and Tax Law of Estates, Litigation Law, Legal Theory.

#### Career prospects

University studies develop a great many transverse skills. By the end of a Master's course, you should therefore have developed skills such as: oral and written communication, critical, analytical and summarising faculties, abilities in research, and so on. This panoply of skills, combined with specialist knowledge acquired in the course of studies, is excellent preparation for a wide range of employment opportunities.

The Master of Law opens the door to all legal professions such as: lawyer, notary, company lawyer, jobs in public administrations, careers as a court employee and also within international organisations and companies.

Alumni testimonials and other information :  
[www.unil.ch/perspectives/droit](http://www.unil.ch/perspectives/droit)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Organiser

School of Law, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration :  
[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)

#### Degree awarded

Master of Law (MLaw)  
One or two subject areas may be chosen: Business Law, Labour Law and Social Security, Public Law, International and Comparative Law, Private and Tax Law of Estates, Litigation Law, Legal Theory

#### ECTS credits

90

#### Duration

3 semesters

#### Teaching language

Courses are mainly taught in French. Recommended level: C1. A few specific courses are given in English or German. See the course content on the Faculty website :  
[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)

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## EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

### Description

The Master of Law programme corresponds to 90 ECTS credits, distributed as follows:

- Module 1: 69 credits for the courses.
- Module 2: 6 credits for personal work
- Module 3: 15 credits for the Master's thesis.

To obtain a Master of Law with one or more subject areas, you must complete the courses, worth 30 ECTS credits, specific to these subject areas, and validate personal work and the Master's thesis in the subject area.

## SYLLABUS

\* Compulsory course to obtain the subject area

Courses whose title is shown in English are taught in English.

### Business Law

- Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeover Bid Regulations\*
- Advanced Contract Law\*
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Banking Law
- Energy Law in Swiss and European Law
- Arbitration Law/International Arbitration
- Competition Law Switzerland - EU
- Consumer Law
- Real Estate Law
- Private Insurance Law
- Public Contract Law
- Law of International Trade
- International Economic Law
- Economic Criminal Law
- International Taxation
- Civil and Commercial Mediation
- Alternative Methods of Conflict Resolution
- Intellectual property
- Data protection

### Legal Theory

- Advanced Administrative Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- International Business Law
- Common Foundations of European Law
- Advanced History of Law
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Philosophy of Law II
- General Principles of Private Law
- Microeconomics & Game Theory

### Public Law

- Territorial Development and Building Policy
- Advanced Administrative Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Energy Law in Swiss and European Law
- Environmental Law
- Law of Social Insurance
- Aliens Law
- Law of Public Markets
- Telecommunications Law
- Administrative Procedure & Jurisdiction
- International Human Rights Law
- History of Legal Institutions and Ideas

### International and Comparative Law

- Arbitration Law/International Arbitration\*
- Law of International Trade\*
- Law of Switzerland-EU Relations\*
- International Economic Law\*
- International Human Rights Law\*
- Arbitration in Sports Law
- International Litigation
- Contract Drafting
- Aeronautical Law
- American Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Competition Law Switzerland-EU
- Energy Law in Swiss and European Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian Criminal Law
- International Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters
- International Taxation
- International Family
- International Wealth Planning
- European Integration
- Civil and Commercial Mediation

### Litigation Law

- Economic Analysis of Law
- Civil Procedure\*
- Administrative Procedure and Jurisdiction\*
- Criminal Procedure\*
- Advanced Administrative Law
- Arbitration Law/International Arbitration
- Public Contract Law
- Advanced Contract Law
- Notarial Law
- Economic Criminal Law
- International Mutual Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeover Bid Regulations
- Amicable Methods of Conflict Resolution in Criminal Matters
- General Principles of Private Law
- Data Protection

### Private and Tax Law of Estates

- Real Estate Law\*
- Tax Law of Estates\*
- Matrimonial and Inheritance Planning\*
- Territorial Development and Building Policy
- Banking Law
- Law of Private Insurance
- Aliens Law
- Advanced Contract Law
- Rural Land Law
- Notarial Law
- International Taxation
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeover Bid Regulations
- International Wealth Planning
- Administrative Procedure & Jurisdiction
- Vocational Pension Schemes

### Labour Law and Social Security

- Social Insurance Law\*
- Labour Law\*
- Vocational Pension Schemes\*
- Private Insurance Law
- Aliens Law
- Administrative Procedure and Jurisdiction
- Data Protection
- Federal Law on Equality

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Admission requirements

Candidates must be holders of a Bachelor of Law. The Equivalences Commission decides upon whether to accept holders of a diploma in foreign law, subject to the candidate's formal admissibility to the Master's degree.

### Regulations and additional information concerning the course

[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)  
Updated study plans:  
[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)

### Enrolment and final dates

It is possible to start the Master of Law degree in either the autumn or the spring semesters. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Department ([www.unil.ch/immat](http://www.unil.ch/immat)) before the deadline:  
Autumn semester: 30 April  
Spring semester: 30 November  
Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland must apply for enrolment at least two months prior to the deadlines indicated above.

### Start of courses

Autumn semester: mid-September  
Spring semester: mid-February  
Academic calendar: [www.unil.ch/central/calendar](http://www.unil.ch/central/calendar)

### Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time. See [www.unil.ch/formations/tempspartiel](http://www.unil.ch/formations/tempspartiel).

### Timetables

[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)

### Mobility

You may complete one semester (max. 30 credits) in German-speaking Switzerland or abroad.

### General information on studies and guidance

[www.unil.ch/soc](http://www.unil.ch/soc)

### Career prospects

[www.unil.ch/perspectives](http://www.unil.ch/perspectives)

### Accommodation and financial assistance

[www.unil.ch/sasme](http://www.unil.ch/sasme)

### International students

[www.unil.ch/international](http://www.unil.ch/international)

### Study abroad possibilities

[www.unil.ch/echanges](http://www.unil.ch/echanges)



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