

what specialisation for 21st century legal professionals?

Master of Law

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

The Master of Law seeks to broaden, develop and supplement knowledge acquired by students in the Bachelor's degree. The Master of Law programme is designed to allow students to orient their studies according to their interests and professional ambitions. Students can therefore opt for a "general" Master's, i.e. without subject area, freely compiling their programme from available Master's courses, or combine their Master's degree with one or two subject areas focusing on one or other 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.

As part of the Master's degree, students also have the possibility of preparing for the doctorate by following certain specific courses.

Skills development and career prospects

University studies develop, in addition to specific academic skills, a great many transverse skills such as: oral and written communication, critical, analytical and summarising faculties, abilities in research, the learning and transmission of knowledge, independence and the ability to make judgments in the field of specialisation and overlapping areas.

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, posts in public administrations, careers as a court employee and also within international organisations and companies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice:
www.unil.ch/droit

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

French

Enrolment

Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Department before the deadline:
www.unil.ch/immat

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EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The Master of Law degree is worth 90 ECTS credits, which are earned as follows:

- 69 credits for the courses.
- 15 credits for the dissertation.
- 6 credits for the seminars.

Students who wish to combine their Master's degree with one or two subject areas follow courses and a seminar worth 30 credits in each chosen subject. Similarly, the dissertation relates to one of the branches of these subject areas.

Examinations

Examinations for the Master's degree are oral. To be admitted to the final Master's examinations, students must previously have obtained the 6 seminar work credits. Submission of the dissertation and its oral defence may take place during the semester following the final exam session.

SYLLABUS

The list below may be subject to changes

* The student must attend this course as part of the subject area.

** The student must attend at least one of these two courses as part of the subject area.

Business Law

- Commercial Law II *
- Advanced contract law *
- Banking Law
- Law of International Trade
- Arbitration law
- Swiss and European Competition Law
- Consumer Law
- Real Estate Law
- Private Insurance Law
- International Tax Law
- International Economic Law
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Introduction to the Theory of Competition
- Intellectual property
- Data protection

Labour Law and Social Security

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

Public Law

- Territorial Development and Building Policy
- Comparative Administrative Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Environmental Law

- Aliens Law
- Telecommunications Law
- Administrative Procedure & Jurisdiction
- International Protection of Human Rights
- Protection of Human Rights: Selected Chapters
- Law of Public Markets
- Law of Social Insurance

International and Comparative Law

- Law of International Trade*
- International Economic Law **
- International Protection of Human Rights **
- International Criminal Law
- Comparative Constitutional Law
- Arbitration law
- European Law and Switzerland
- International Tax Law
- American Law
- German Law
- French Law
- Aeronautical Law
- Swiss and European Competition Law
- International Inheritance Planning
- Protection of Human Rights: Selected Chapters

Litigation Law

- Criminal Procedure *
- Civil Procedure *
- Administrative Procedure and Jurisdiction *
- Mutual Judicial Assistance
- Arbitration Law
- Economic Criminal Law
- Advanced Contract Law
- Commercial Law II
- Notarial Law
- Legal Organisations and Institutions of Ticino
- General Principles of Private Law
- Data Protection

Private and Tax Law of Estates

- Tax Law of Estates *
- Matrimonial and Inheritance Planning**
- Real Estate Law**
- Commercial Law II
- Advanced Contract Law
- Banking Law
- Law of Private Insurance
- Aliens Law
- Notarial Law
- Rural Land Law
- International Inheritance Planning
- Administrative Procedure & Jurisdiction
- Vocational Pension Schemes
- Territorial Planning and Building Policy
- Special Private International Law

Legal Theory

- Philosophy of Law II
- Common Foundations of European Law
- General Principles of Private Law
- Advanced History of Law
- Economic Analysis of Law
- Introduction to the Theory of Competition
- Law of International Trade
- Comparative Constitutional Law

USEFUL 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

Web site of the Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice:
www.unil.ch/droit

Final enrolment dates

It is possible to start the Master of Law degree in either the autumn or the spring semesters.

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

Part-time Master's degree

See Directive 3.12:

www.unil.ch/interne/page44629.html#3

Academic calendar

www.unil.ch/central/page4804.html

Timetables

Web site of the Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice:

www.unil.ch/droit/page34964.html

Mobility

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

New bilingual Master's degree

In principle, from the start of the 2011 academic year, students may follow a bilingual Master of Law awarded jointly by the Universities of Lausanne and Zurich. To do so, they will have to complete one semester (30 credits) in each of the two universities.

General information on studies, career prospects and guidance

Guidance and advisory service:

www.unil.ch/soc

Acomodation and financial assistance

Office for socio-cultural affairs:

www.unil.ch/sasc

International students

www.unil.ch/international

Study abroad possibilities

www.unil.ch/echanges

