

The Master program has a normal duration of 4 semesters and comprises 120 ECTS :

Module 1 : 30 ECTS : Compulsory courses

Module 2 : 30 ECTS : Compulsory courses

Module 3 : 30 ECTS : Compulsory courses

Module 4 : 30 ECTS : Personal Research Project (Master Thesis)

Training objectives are available in its programme regulations.

Abbreviations

C = Course

E = Exercise

S = Seminar

PW = Practical Work

	Courses / Enseignements	Hours per semester				Teaching Coordinator Teaching Staff	ECTS
		C	E	S	PW		
Semester 1 (Autumn) / Semestre 1 (automne)							
MODULE 1	Topic 1 - Human Anatomy / Sujet 1 - Anatomie humaine						
	Human Anatomy <i>Anatomie humaine</i>	48	-	6	10	V. Varlet, D. Grabs, N. Tschumy, N. Moghaddam, H. Cadas, M. Kielar	4
	Topic 2 - 21st Century Human Bodies / Sujet 2 - Les corps du XXIème siècle						
	Medical Technical Devices <i>Equipements biomédicaux</i>	17	-	-	-	V. Varlet, C. Teres, J. Bally, J. Vionnet, A. Antoniadis, L. Charbonneau, A. Sarivalasis, R.-A. Foley, O. Gaide	2
	Epidemiology & Biological Agents <i>Epidémiologie et agents biologiques</i>	17	-	8	-	A. Fauvel, C. Bertelli Lombardo, M. Bochud, V. Varlet	4
	Topic 3 - Thanatopraxy, Thanatology & Taphonomy / Sujet 3 - Thanatopraxie, thanatologie & taphonomie						
	Thanatopraxy Through the Ages, the Civilizations and the Religions <i>La thanatopraxie à travers les âges, les civilisations et les religions</i>	33	-	3	7	V. Varlet, S. Wilkins, M. Marti, A. Chamot	3
	Exploring Death with Social Sciences <i>Explorer la mort avec les sciences sociales</i>	14	-	8	-	V. Varlet, E. Yampolsky, F. Richard, M. Farahmand, A. Lerena Garcia	4
	Human Thanatology <i>Thanatologie humaine</i>	10	-	-	-	S. Forbes	1
	Paleotaphonomy and Animal Taphonomy <i>Paléotaphonomie et taphonomie animale</i>	14	-	4	12	A. Daley, F. Saleh, P. Gueriau, L. Kocsis, C. Abegg, J. Antcliffe, I. Szelecz, T. Hofsetter	2
Topic 4 - Humanitarian Funerary Management / Sujet 4 - Gestion funéraire humanitaire							
Humanitarian Forensic DVI Actions <i>Actions DVI humanitaires et forensiques</i>	31	-	15	3	P. Guyomarc'h, J. Taylor, V. Varlet, vacat	7	
Topic 5 - Writing Skills / Sujet 5 - Compétences rédactionnelles							
Introduction to Scientific Writing and Expertise Analysis <i>Introduction à la rédaction scientifique et l'analyse d'expertise</i>	20	-	7	-	A. Chalifour, C. Champod	3	
Total		204	0	51	32		30

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		C	E	S	PW		
Semester 2 (Spring) / Semestre 2 (printemps)							
MODULE 2	Topic 6 - Environmental Sciences of Decomposition / Sujet 6 - Sciences environnementales de la décomposition						
	Decomposition: Biological Processes, Ecology and Recycling <i>Décomposition: Processus biologiques, écologie et recyclage</i>	37	-	-	12	V. Varlet, J. van der Meer, L. Fumagalli, I. Szelecz, G. Baudet	4
	Ecotoxicology <i>Ecotoxicologie</i>	30	-	3	16	N. Chèvre, M. Renaud, F. Tisserand, J. Hodecek, D. Staedler, V. Varlet	5
	Botany <i>Botanique</i>	6	2	-	11	P. Vittoz, V. Varlet	2
	Topic 7 - Social Sciences / Sujet 7 - Sciences sociales						
	Our Future in the Past: Preparing for Social Challenges to Come <i>Notre futur conjugué au passé : se préparer aux challenges sociétaux à venir</i>	12	-	-	3	V. Varlet, O. Glassey, A. Fauvel, L. Pemet, B. Elger, N. Tschumy	4
	Topic 8 - Localization Sciences / Sujet 8 - Sciences de la localisation						
	Remote Sensing and Geophysics: Search and Locate <i>Téledétection et géophysique: rechercher et localiser</i>	26	-	7	8	P.M. Barone, L. Campana, C. Watson, G. Gobat, E. Cuernier-Richer	5
	Forensic Soils <i>Sols forensiques</i>	13	-	-	14	C. Le Bayon, S. Miéville, F. Saleh, L. Donnely, A. Ruffell, L. Dawson, P. Reimer, V. Varlet, L. Champoud	2
	Search Techniques and Exhumation <i>Techniques de recherches et d'exhumation</i>	13	-	-	29	H. Leblond, J. Petoud, C. Abegg, J.-L. Gassend, E. Cuernier-Richer	4
Topic 9 - Forensic Biology / Sujet 9 - Biologie forensique							
Forensic Biology <i>Biologie forensique</i>	20	-	-	12	V. Varlet, J. Hodecek, A. Perotti, C. O'Brien, I. Szelecz, G. Javan, E. Cuernier-Richer	4	
Total		157	2	10	105		30

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		C	E	S	PW		
MODULE 3	Topic 10 - Communication & Psychology in Taphonomy / Sujet 10 - Communication et psychologie en taphonomie						
	Semesters 2 and 3 (Spring/Autumn) / Semestres 2 et 3 (printemps/automne)						
	Communication : Scientific Mediation and Website Conception <i>Communication : médiation scientifique et conception de site internet</i>	28	-	40	-	P. Goumaz-Donzallaz, V. Varlet, O. Glaizot, P. Gagnebin, C. Vicario, E. Duval, M. Grand d'Hauteville, F. Schütz, S. Berney	13
	Semesters 1, 2 and 3 (Autumn/Spring) / Semestres 1, 2 et 3 (automne/printemps)						
	Exploring the Human Psyche in the Context of Taphonomy : from Normality to Pathology <i>Explorer la psychée humaine dans le contexte de la taphonomie : de la normalité à la pathologie</i>	9	-	-	-	S. Berney, P. Delacrausaz	2
	Semester 3 (Autumn) / Semestre 3 (automne)						
	Topic 11 - Cadaver Sciences / Sujet 11 - Sciences du cadavre						
	Forensic Medicine <i>Médecine forensique</i>	30	-	-	4	V. Varlet, S. Grabherr, T. Fracasso, C. Castiglioni, K. Michaud, C. Lardi, J.-L. Gassend, F. Riva, F. Smith, S. Sabatasso	4
	Forensic Toxicology <i>Toxicologie forensique</i>	14	-	-	2	A. Thomas	2
	Forensic Imaging <i>Imagerie forensique</i>	9	-	4	1	P. Genet, C. Egger, L. Campana, A. Dominguez, V. Magnin	2
Forensic Anthropology and Odontology <i>Anthropologie et odontologie forensiques</i>	23	-	-	48	N. Moghaddam, C. Abegg, L. Malfroy Camine	5	
Forensic Genetics <i>Génétique forensique</i>	12	-	-	-	V. Castella, D. Hall, C. Gehrig	2	
Total		125	0	44	55		30

	Personal Research Project / Projet de recherche personnel	Teaching Coordinator Teaching Staff	ECTS
MODULE 4	Semester 4 (Spring) / Semestre 4 (printemps)		
	Master Research Project <i>Travail de Master</i>	Director of the Master Research Project	30
Total			30

The pandemic has shown us that circumstances beyond our control may require us to make the following adjustments / adaptations to study plans during the semester:

- possibility to switch from one mode of teaching to another (face-to-face <-> distance, synchronous <-> asynchronous, switch to co-modal teaching where it was not initially planned).
- change / modification of evaluation modalities, without inducing derogations from the Study Regulations (oral <-> written, exam <-> validation, individual work <-> group work, practical work <-> theoretical work, face-to-face evaluation <-> online evaluation, etc.)
- alternative or time-shifted modalities for teachings, internships, practical work, fieldworks and camps that could not take place or teachings that could no longer take place in the form initially planned.

Students are invited to consult this document regularly (Study Plan & Evaluation Procedure)