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UNIVERSITÉ DE
NEUCHÂTEL

FACULTY OF LAW

Master of Law without specialization

Overview

Obligatory, specialised and free-choice courses

60 ECTS

Themed seminar

12 ECTS

Master's thesis

18 ECTS

Students who do not wish to specialize can study for a Master of Law without specialization, building their own curriculum from a broad range of courses, chosen according to their interests.

The education provided at Neuchâtel gives equal weight to practice and theory. Thematic seminars let students solve practical cases on current issues, incorporating interdisciplinary perspectives. Students are also encouraged to enter national and international Moot Court competitions, as well as take up internships during the programme.

Language proficiency is a great asset to work in the legal field. For that reason, the Faculty of Law offers the chance to study at another Swiss or foreign university during the programme.

Aims

The Master of Law enhances the legal skills acquired in the Bachelor of Law degree.

Career paths

With or without a specialization, a Master of Law degree is a vital requirement for most legal professions, such as lawyers, notaries and magistrates. The program paves the way to employment in the courts, legal services, public administration, private companies, and international and non-governmental organizations, as well as career opportunities in various fields, especially mediation and conciliation, arbitration, insurance, finance, diplomacy and journalism.

Title awarded

Master of Law

Credits

90 ECTS, 3 semesters

Teaching languages

French and English

Admission criteria

Holders of a Bachelor of Law from a Swiss Law Faculty or a qualification deemed equivalent will be admitted without additional conditions.

For graduates from other fields of study or non-Swiss universities, further studies may be required.

Registration deadline

April 30 to begin in autumn (mid-September)

November 30 to begin in spring (mid-February)

Enrolment

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List of obligatory and elective courses (60 ECTS credits)

- Administrative Procedure
- Advanced Corporate Insolvency Law, taught every other year (this course will take place in 2021-2022)
- Advanced Labour Law
- Advanced Public International Law (UN, Peacekeeping and Use of Force), taught every other year (this course will take place in 2021-2022)
- Advanced Public Law: Selected Issues (Data Protection, Transparency and Civil Service)
- Advanced Social Security Law
- Amicable Dispute Resolution
- Anti-Doping Law
- Business Criminal Law
- Business Project Structuring
- Civil Social Procedure
- Communication Law (FLSH)
- Comparative and European Constitutional Law
- Comparative and European Private Law
- Competition Law and Policy
- Consolidation (or another FSE course)
- Consumer Law
- Contract Drafting
- Contributions of Psychology to Criminal Justice
- Co-Ownership Law
- Corporate Tax Law
- Criminal Administrative Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Domain Names, Copyright and the Internet
- Economic Law and Sports
- European Intellectual Property Law
- External Relations of the EU
- History of Labour Relations
- Intellectual Property Law
- Interdisciplinary Seminar: Forced Migration (FLSH)
- Internal Market Law of the EU
- International and European Taxation
- International Arbitration
- International Business Litigation
- International Family Law
- International Financial Reporting Standards (or another FSE course)
- International Humanitarian Law (Law and Armed Conflicts)
- International Law of Spaces, taught every other year (this course will take place in 2022-2023)
- Introduction to Migration Studies I: Perspectives from Social Sciences and Law (FLSH)
- Introduction to Migration Studies II: Perspectives from Social Sciences and Law (FLSH)
- Introduction to the Law of Biodiversity Conservation (FS)
- Introduction to the Sociology of Sport (FLSH)
- Juvenile Criminal Law and Litigation
- Landlord and Tenant Law
- Land Use Regulation
- Law and Economics
- Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing
- Legal Aspects of Swiss Company Law in an Innovative Perspective
- Legal Professions
- Medical Law
- Medical Progress and the Law
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring, taught every other year (this course will take place in 2020-2021)
- Migration Law: General Part
- Migration Law: Human Rights
- Migration Law: Free Movement of Persons
- Knowledge in Motion: Gender Studies: Specific Themes (FLSH)
- Knowledge in Motion: Introduction to Gender Studies (FLSH)

- Sport as “The Factory of Man” (FLSH)
- Negotiation
- Organization and Funding of Healthcare
- Patent law, biotech and life sciences
- Pensions Law
- Personal Status of Athletes
- Private Insurance Law
- Public Health Law
- Rhetorics
- Restorative Justice
- Social Law and Social Rights: Theoretical and International Perspectives
- Social Marketing (FSE)
- A Socio-historical Approach to Sport (FLSH)
- Sports Associations and Organisations
- Sports-related Contracts
- Strasbourg Seminar
- Swiss and International Sports Structures and Governance I
- Swiss and International Sports Structures and Governance II
- Therapeutic and other Health Products Law
- Technology transfer and new (open) innovation business models
- Victims in the Justice System
- WTO Law
- Competitions with other universities:
 - Challenge MicroCité
 - René Cassin - European Human Rights Moot Court Competition
 - International Francophone Mediation Competition organized by CMAP
 - Jean-Pictet Competition
 - Digital Law Moot Court
 - European Law Moot Court (ELMC) Competition
 - ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition
 - Swiss Moot Court
 - Willelm C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Themed seminars (12 ECTS)

- Module 1 - Organization and Transactions involving an Innovative Company
- Module 2 - French-Swiss Contractual Dispute (Toulon Seminar)
- Module 3 - Violations of the World Anti-Doping Code
- Module 4 - Taxation of Crowdfunding
- Module 5 - Innovation, Health and Access to Pharmaceutical Products: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Module 6 - Monitoring of Health Professionals
- Module 7 - Family and Violences
- Module 8 - Common-based innovation: The Business Model of the Future
- Module 9 - Discrimination in Hiring and Discriminatory Dismissal in Swiss and French Law
- Module 10 - Can Leaks become Evidence? The Example of Prosecuting International Corruption Cases
- Module 11 - European Seminar - Award of Public Procurement Contracts in EU and Switzerland
- Module 12 - Continued Development of Disability Insurance
- Module 13 - Sports Integrity and Betting
- Module 14 - Distribution Contracts and Arbitral Proceedings
- Module 15 - Sustainable Development, Climate Activism and Fundamental Rights
- Module 16 - Codification and International Organisations

Master's Thesis (18 ECTS)