PhD Program
Santé, Médecine et Société (Health, Medicine and Society)
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The PhD program "Santé, medicine et société" (SMS) ["Health, Medicine and Society"] aims at introducing participants to the theories and tools of social sciences and humanities to approach and understand contemporary health problems and contingencies. This specialization in social sciences and humanities is the signature strength of the program, and constitutes an original and unique offer in the academic landscape of the French-speaking part of Western Switzerland. The SMS program is also one of the few PhD programs in Health Studies and Public Health worldwide with this specific specialization.

Coordinated by the Institute of Health Law (IDS) at the University of Neuchâtel (Switzerland) and supported by swissuniversities, the program is structured as a three-year curriculum and is based on a week-long residential introductory seminar and thematic workshops taught by leading experts from three Swiss universities (Geneva, Lausanne, and Neuchâtel).

The program is designed to train participants to (1) broaden their research focuses and competences, (2) integrate perspectives and approaches in an interdisciplinary and interprofessional perspective, and (3) design and implement original contributions in their disciplinary fields as well as in the broad field of public health and medicine. We invite PhD students from different disciplinary backgrounds–doctoral students in social sciences and humanities tackling questions related to health and medicine in their research, as well as doctoral students in medicine, nursing sciences or public health–to apply.

**Director of the program:** Prof. Dominique Sprumont  
**Coordinator:** Aline Sigrist  
**Information and enrollment:** Coordination.SMS@unine.ch, + 41 32 718 12 86  
**Deadline (fourth cohort):** August 31, 2021  
**Only 15 places left!**

**More information:**  

**INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR**  
"The building blocks of interdisciplinarity" September 29-30 and October 1st and 15, 2021  
**General Introduction**  
- Introduction to interdisciplinarity  
- Presentation of participants’ research topics  
**Introductory modules (subject to modifications)**  
- Law: Prof. Dominique Sprumont, Institute of Health Law, University of Neuchâtel (CH)  
- Economic sciences: Prof. Joachim Marti, Department of Epidemiology and Health Systems, Unisanté, University of Lausanne (CH)  
- Social marketing: Prof. Valéry Bezençon, Institute of Management, University of Neuchâtel (CH)  
- Sociology: Prof. Francesco Panese, Institute of the Humanities in Medicine (IHM), CHUV/ University of Lausanne  
- Anthropology: Prof. Ilario Rossi, Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), University of Lausanne  
- History: Dr. Aude Fauvel, Institute of the Humanities in Medicine (IHM), CHUV/University of Lausanne  
- Geography: Dr. Stéphane Joost, Laboratory of Geographic Information Systems (LASIG), ENAC, EPFL & Unit of Population Epidemiology (UEP), SMPR, HUG  
- Bioethics: Dr. Gaia Barazzetti, PhD, Senior Research, The CoLaboratory, University of Lausanne & Research fellow, Institute of Humanities in Medicine (IHM), CHUV/ University of Lausanne  

**Group work and interdisciplinary integration**  
**THEMATIC WORKSHOP "Gender Studies" November 11-12, 2021**  
- Prof. Alain Müller, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and European Ethnology, University of Basel  
- Prof. Marion Schulze, Centre for Gender Studies, University of Basel