Bachelor of Law

● Law at Neuchâtel
The teaching of law at Neuchâtel follows a long tradition, allowing graduates access to all legal professions. The Bachelor of Law covers six semesters, and provides excellent basic legal training. Alongside theoretical courses, students become familiar with practical aspects of law by way of practical exercises and an interdisciplinary intensive seminar.

Students are encouraged to take part in various national and international moot court competitions. Thanks to a broad network of interuniversity agreements, they can undertake study trips at universities in Switzerland and abroad as prestigious as King’s College London and Columbia University New York.

● Aims
The Bachelor of Law degree gives students all the skills required for legal training with a solid and comprehensive grounding.

Many graduates who receive and develop their education at Neuchâtel go on to work as lawyers at the bar, for notaries, courts, administrations, companies, banks, trusts, insurance firms, industry, sports organizations, international or non-governmental organizations, and any other professions in which this unique specialty is required and valued.

● Career paths
A Bachelor of Law degree can lead to further university studies at Master of Law level. Holders of a Bachelor of Law can also go straight into employment. For example, they may:
• offer their services as legal practitioners within businesses, trusts, banks and insurance companies
• work as legal practitioners in public administration, and international or non-governmental organizations
• begin a career in politics, journalism or diplomacy.
● **Unique advantages**

- **The offer of unique and diversified training.** The Bachelor of Law programme provides a solid foundation in legal knowledge, across various fields. It offers students a varied and stimulating curriculum, letting them develop their skills and select their future area of specialization, with a view to their integration in the employment market.

- **One of the best educational settings in Europe.** Renowned for its size, the Law Faculty at Neuchâtel offers students an enviable degree of access to professors and assistants. Each benefits from personal attention and individual support, as needed and desired, thanks to one of the best student/teacher ratios in Europe.

- **Quality of the teaching staff.** The professors’ skills and commitment add to the richness of the education provided at Neuchâtel. Courses are constantly according to the best interests of students and the evolving needs of the professional world.

- **Practice-oriented training.** The courses taught at Neuchâtel integrate the concrete examples given in the professors’ practical activities with contributions from practitioners. As such, students acquire not only theoretical knowledge, but also the practical reflexes that will help them take on professional challenges in the future.

- **A unique location:** The Faculty of Law is in the heart of the city, just a stone’s throw from the lake. The fully renovated historic building is well-equipped, with all the latest technologies, offering modern infrastructure in an outstanding setting.

● **Study**

Legal studies address legislation in force, its historical, social and political origins, its interpretation in doctrine, and its application by the courts. Not only are students trained in the use of legal texts and the analysis of jurisprudence, they also learn more about the values on which our society is based. Alongside theoretical knowledge, students develop a **capacity for analysis and synthesis**, a sense of precision, as well as the ability to formulate and defend ideas, in speech and in writing.

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### FUNDAMENTALS

**1st year**
- Introduction to Law
- Legal Methodology
- Roman Law
- History of Law
- Criminology
- German Legal Terminology
- Computer-assisted Legal Research

**2nd year**
- Administrative Law
- Criminal Law, Specific provisions

**3rd year**
- Philosophy of Law

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### PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND POLICY PUBLIQUES

**1st year**
- Constitutional Law I: Institutions
- Criminal Law, General part

**2nd year**
- Property Law
- Inheritance Law
- Torts
- Law of Obligations

**3rd year**
- Labour Law
- Corporate Law
- General Principles of Intellectual Property

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### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERACTIONS

**1st year**
- Social Security Law
- Swiss Tax Law
- Interdisciplinary Exercises on Labour Law and Social Security

**2nd year**
- Contract Law

**3rd year**
- Private International Law
- EU Institutional Law

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### INTERNATIONAL AND SUPRANATIONAL CONTEXT

**1st year**
- Law of Persons and Protection of Vulnerable Adults
- Family Law

**2nd year**
- Public International Law
- Constitutional Law II: Human Rights

**3rd year**
- Civil Procedure
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy

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### IMPLEMENTATION

**1st year**
- Constitutional Law II: Procedure

**2nd year**
- Constitutional Law I: Procedure

**3rd year**
- Civil Procedure
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy

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### OPTIONAL COURSES

2 optional courses, to be taken in 1st year, 2nd year or 3rd year

- Thematic Anthropology
- Introduction to Economics
- Introduction to Political Science
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Management
- Economic Geography
- Introduction to Economic Sociology
- Special Planning
- Climate change and societies
- Data Analysis, management and visualisation
- Accounting Law and Accounting for Lawyers