



Bilingual Master of Business and Tax Law

Description

The Master of Law, with a bilingual specialization in Business and Tax Law, offers a cutting-edge education in the main fields relating to the practice of Business Law, notably Commercial Law, Tax Law and Intellectual Property.

Aims

This specialization aims to provide an education tailored to students' needs, in particular through experience in law firms and notaries specializing in Business Law, in trusts, or in the legal or tax departments of companies and banks.

On completing their studies, students will be able to identify the main problems encountered in the national and international practice of Business Law, and put forward solutions to address them.

Strengths

- Bilingual (French and English) education in Business Law.
- A specialization grounded in the practical reality of the business world.
- National and international perspectives of Business Law.
- The chance to take up an internship during the programme.
- Excellent levels of student supervision.

Title awarded

Master of Law, with a bilingual specialization in Business and Tax Law

Credits

90 ECTS, 3 semesters

Teaching languages

French and English

Course coordinators

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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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Career paths

The Master of Law degree opens the door to all the legal professions. For instance, the bilingual Business and Tax Law specialization prepares for practice in careers such as:

- Lawyer
- Notary
- Trusts (tax and/or legal counsel)
- Banks
- Companies
- Courts
- Public administration
- Economic promotion

Curriculum

The study programme has three components:

- **Courses** totalling 60 ECTS), whether:
 - Specialization-oriented courses (totalling 32 ECTS), including obligatory courses (totalling 24 ECTS) and elective specialization-oriented courses (totalling 8 ECTS); and
 - Elective courses to be chosen from the syllabus of the Master of Law programme (totalling 28 ECTS).
- **Three themed seminar modules** (totalling 12 ECTS), of which at least one is specialization-oriented.
- **Master's thesis:** writing of a thesis in English (totalling 18 ECTS).

Obligatory courses (24 ECTS credits)

- Advanced Corporate Insolvency Law, taught every other year (this course will take place in 2021-2022)*
- Competition Law and Policy
- Corporate Tax Law
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring (this course will take place in 2022-2023)*
- International and European Taxation
- Legal Aspects of Swiss Company Law in an Innovative Perspective

* One of these two courses must be taken

Specialised elective courses (8 ECTS credits)

- Advanced Labour Law
- Business Criminal Law
- Business Projects Structuring
- Comparative and European Private Law
- Consolidation (or another FSE course)
- Contract Drafting
- Criminal Administrative Law
- Domain Names, Copyright and the Internet
- Law and Economics
- European Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Internal Market Law of the EU
- International Arbitration
- International Business Litigation
- International Financial Reporting Standards (or other FSE courses)
- Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing
- Negotiation
- Competitions with other universities
 - European Law Moot Court Competition
 - ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition
 - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Elective courses (28 ECTS credits)

28 ECTS credits, to be chosen from all the other courses on the syllabus (curriculum: www2.unine.ch/droit/master).

Themed seminar (12 ECTS credits)

An obligatory themed seminar module (4 ECTS credits) to be chosen from the following:

- Module 1 - Organization and Transactions involving an Innovative Company
- Module 4 - Taxation of Crowdfunding
- Module 5 - Innovation, Health and Access to Pharmaceutical Products: Lessons from the Covid-19 Pandemic
- Module 8 - Common-based Innovation: The Business Model of the Future
- Module 11 - European Seminar - Award of Public Procurement Contracts in EU and Switzerland
- Module 14 - Distribution Contracts and Arbitral Proceedings

Two other modules (8 ECTS credits) to be chosen from all the other themed seminar modules (curriculum: www2.unine.ch/droit/master).

One or two modules can also be substituted by one of the competitions in the syllabus.

Master's thesis (18 ECTS credits)

The bilingual "Business and Tax Law" specialization requires the student to write an English-language thesis worth 18 ECTS. In principle, this thesis contains between 150,000 and 200,000 characters in total, including spaces, corresponding to around 55 pages.

