

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 2023-2024)
- Advanced Labour Law
- Advanced Public International Law (UN, Peacekeeping and Use of Force), taught every other year (this course will take place in 2023-2024)
- Advanced Social Security Law
- Amicable Dispute Resolution
- · Anti-Doping Law
- Bio-legal aspects of children and adolescents
- Business Criminal Law
- 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
- Data Protection and Transparency
- Digital Dispute Resolution
- Domain Names, Copyright and the Internet
- Economic Law and Sports
- European Intellectual Property Law
- External Relations of the EU
- · Forces Migrations (FLSH)
- History of Labour Relations
- Intellectual Property Law
- Internal Market Law of the EUInternational and European Taxation
- International Arbitration
- International Business Litigation (this course will take place in 2024-2025)
- International Family Law (this cours will take place in 2023-2024)
- 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 2024-2025)
- · International Space Law
- Introduction to Gender Studies (FLSH)
- Introduction to Migration Studies I: Perspectives from Social Sciences and Law (FLSH)
- Introduction to Restaurative Justice
- 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 and Sustainability
- Law and Economics
- Lawyering Skills and Legal Writing
- Legal Aspects of Swiss Company Law in an Innovative Perspective
- Legal Professions
- Legal Support for Business Projects
- Medical Law
- Medical Progress and the Law
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Restructuring, taught every other year (this course will take place in 2024-2025)
- Migration Law: General Part

- · Migration Law: Human Rights
- Migration Law: Free Movement of Persons
- 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
- 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
 - Sports Arbitration Moot (SAM)
 - Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

Themed seminars (12 ECTS)

- Module 1: A Franco-Swiss Civil Trial (Toulon Seminar)
- Module 2: Workshop on Contract Negotiation
- Module 3: Human Rights and Techonolgies: Migration Management as a Laboratory
- Module 4: Real Estate Taxation: a Matter of Bricks and Taxes, from Neuchâtel to Aix-Marseille
- Module 5: Artificial Intelligence and Law: Challenges and Opportunities in the Age of ChatGPT
- Module 6: Violations of the World Anti-Doping Code
- Module 8: So-called Social Networks, Season II: Innovation, Democracy and Mental Health
- Module 9: Moot Court in Family Law
- Module 10: The Right to Exit of a Partner in Limited Liability Company (LLC) Law
- Module 11: Monitoring of Health professionals
- Module 12: Companies and social Insurances
- Module 13: From "Analogue" to Digital Government -The Development and Challenges of e-Government
- Module 14: Algorithmic Collusion: Competition Law in the Digital Era (Switzerland and EU)
- Module 15: Artificial Intelligence and Algorithms: Consequences on Labour Relations
- Module 16 Sports Integrity and Betting
- Module 15 Sustainable Development, where do we stand?
- Module 17 Artificial Intellingence & Health
- Module 18 Multilateral Negotiation and International Organisations
- Module 19 Public Policy and Social Behaviour Manipulation

Master's Thesis (18 ECTS)