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Master of Law in Law and Economics

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

Organised jointly by the Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration and the Faculty of Business and Economics (HEC Lausanne), this programme is intended to supplement initial training in law and/or economics with an interdisciplinary approach, allowing students from each of these two fields to acquire a thorough knowledge of the other discipline.

There is a manifest need for professionals who can combine a thorough knowledge of law with a good understanding of economics.

At a time when transversal skills are increasingly important, the Master's offers law students and economics students the possibility of acquiring knowledge relevant to different economic sectors of the world of business. The MLE focuses primarily on commercial and financial law, corporate management and taxation.

Career prospects

The Master of Law and Economics gives the holders of a Bachelor's degree in Law access to placements as a lawyer. The Master's also allows you to benefit from equivalences as part of training linked to the diplomas of tax expert and chartered accountant.

A range of careers is accessible:

- Industrial companies, insurance, trust companies
- Private banking, merchant banking, corporate investment, wealth management
- Legal advice (lawyers), auditing, accounting, tax consultancy, compliance
- Tax administrations, financial services of public authorities
- FINMA, SECO, SIX, COMCO, FOJ, COPA, MROS
- International organisations, in particular WTO, OECD
- Employers' and trades unions organisations

Moreover, university studies develop a great many transverse skills such as: oral and written communication, critical, analytical and summarising faculties, abilities in research, and so on. This panoply of skills, combined with specialist knowledge acquired in the course of studies, is excellent preparation for a wide range of employment opportunities.

A 2-in-1 degree
for broader
horizons!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organisers

Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration :
www.unil.ch/fdca
HEC Lausanne : www.unil.ch/hec

Degree awarded

Master of Law (MLaw) in Law and Economics

ECTS credits

90

Duration

3 semesters

Teaching language

French and some courses in English. Levels necessary for your studies : C1.

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www.unil.ch/hec/mde

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The Master of Law in Law and Economics comprises 4 modules which run in parallel.

Module 1 provides you with a good grounding in the discipline you have not studied during your university careers to date. This module represents 24 ECTS credits and is split into Module 1a for lawyers and Module 1b for economists. These sub-modules supplement the core course.

Module 2 represents 15 ECTS of basic, optional courses for all students.

Module 3 offers a wide range of optional courses in both disciplines. Of the 36 ECTS credits comprising this module, you are required to choose a minimum of 12 ECTS credits in courses linked by their content to the discipline you have not studied previously.

Students who pass the course and obtain a minimum of 21 ECTS credits in "tax law" and/or "financial law" may ask for a "tax law" and/or "financial law" subject area to be added to their diploma supplement.

The 15 ECTS credits of **Module 3** may be acquired by completing a research or placement dissertation.

Examinations

Examinations, covering all subjects taught, take place at the end of each semester.

Mobility

You have the possibility of taking part in a one-semester mobility placement (30 ECTS credits) at a university in German-speaking Switzerland or abroad, with the prior permission of the competent authorities responsible for the Master's degree.

SYLLABUS*

Module 1 classes

Module 1a for lawyers

- Accounting and Analysis of Financial Statements
- Economics I
- Empirical Methods for Lawyers
- Introduction to Finance
- Leadership Development
- Microeconomics & Game Theory
- Corporate Strategy
- Economics II

Module 1b for economists

- Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance
- Commercial Law
- European Union Law
- Law of Obligations
- Criminal Law
- Public Law
- Methods in Business Law

24 ECTS credits

Module 2

Optional classes spread over 3 semesters

15 ECTS credits

Aperçu des enseignements à option du Module 3

- Advanced Group Accounting
- Stock Market Law
- Swiss and European Competition Law
- Private Insurance Law
- International Business Law
- Employment Law
- Economic Criminal Law
- IT Criminal Law
- Law and Ethics of the Legal Profession
- Finance Ethics
- Finance, Law and Digitisation
- Financial Institutions & Regulations
- International Taxation
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers
- Corporate Governance
- Innovation Law
- Leadership Development
- Managerial Decision Making
- Managing Contractual Relationship
- International Accounting Standards
- Administrative/Civil/Criminal Procedure
- Drafting of Contracts
- Financial Restructuring Seminar
- Unethical Decision Making
- Accès à certains cours en économie de l'IDHEAP

36 ECTS credits

Dissertation

Students must complete a (research) dissertation or placement agreement after their first semester of studies.

15 ECTS credits

* the official study plan prevails

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admission requirements

Candidates must be the holders of a Bachelor's degree in Law from a Swiss university, related to the "Law" (swissuniversities) study area, or a Bachelor's degree in Economics from a Swiss university related to the following (swissuniversities) study areas: "Management IT", "Corporate Management", "Finance" and "Economics".

Another degree or university qualification may be deemed equivalent allowing conditional or unconditional access to the Master's degree.

Timetables and course description

www.unil.ch/hec

www.unil.ch/ecolededroit

Enrolment and final dates

The candidate's application must be submitted to the UNIL Admissions Department before 30th April:
www.unil.ch/immat

Candidates needing a study visa:
28th February

Start of courses

Mid-September

Academic calendar: www.unil.ch/central/calendar

Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time.
www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel

General information on studies, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Career prospects

unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres
heccareer.ch

Accommodation and financial assistance

www.unil.ch/sasme

International

www.unil.ch/international



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