



# 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](http://www.unil.ch/fdca)  
HEC Lausanne: [www.unil.ch/hec](http://www.unil.ch/hec)

### Degree awarded

Master of Law (MLaw) in Law and Economics

### ECTS credits

90

### Duration

3 semesters

### Teaching language

Mainly in French, some courses in English.  
Recommended level: C1.

### Study advisor

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### More information

[www.unil.ch/hec/mde](http://www.unil.ch/hec/mde)

## EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

### Description

The Master of Law in Law and Economics comprises three 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 is composed of 39 ECTS credits for basic compulsory courses followed by all students, and specific compulsory courses according to your background.

**Module 2** 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. In addition, you may choose 12 ECTS credits outside your study plan and can follow some courses at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration.

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\*

### Compulsory courses of Module 1

- Direct and Indirect Taxation VAT
- Corporate Taxation - Direct Taxation
- Corporate Strategy
- Accounting and Balance Sheet Analysis
- Introduction to Finance
- Microeconomics and Game Theory
- Empirical Methods for Lawyers
- Entrepreneurship
- Business Law Methods
- Business Law Seminar
- Criminal/Public Law
- Business Law/Law of Obligations
- Contract drafting

**39 ECTS credits**

### Summary of optional courses of Module 2

- Advanced Group Accounting
- Banking Law/Stock Market Law
- Competition Law
- Innovation/Intellectual Property Law
- Private/Social Insurance Law
- International Business Law
- Employment Law/Vocational Pension Schemes
- Economic Criminal Law
- Applied Corporate Finance
- Corporate/International Taxation
- Taxation of Financial Instruments
- International Taxation
- Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers
- Corporate Governance and Responsibility
- Leadership Development
- Managerial Decision Making
- Market Creation & Entrepreneurial Marketing
- International Accounting Standards
- Administrative/Civil/Criminal Procedure
- Project Management and Outsourcing
- Drafting of Contracts
- Unethical Decision Making
- Financial Restructuring Seminar

**36 ECTS credits**

### Dissertation

The subject chosen by the student must relate to one of the subjects covered by the Master in Modules 1 or 2.

**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](http://www.unil.ch/hec)  
[www.unil.ch/ecolededroit](http://www.unil.ch/ecolededroit)

### Enrolment and final dates

The candidate's application must be submitted to the UNIL Admissions Department before 30<sup>th</sup> April:  
[www.unil.ch/immat](http://www.unil.ch/immat)

Candidates needing a study visa:  
28<sup>th</sup> February

### Start of courses

Mid-September  
Academic calendar: [www.unil.ch/central/calendar](http://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](http://www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel).

### General information on studies, guidance

[www.unil.ch/soc](http://www.unil.ch/soc)

### Career prospects

[unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres](http://unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres)  
[www.heccareercenter.ch](http://www.heccareercenter.ch)

### Accommodation and financial assistance

[www.unil.ch/sasme](http://www.unil.ch/sasme)

### International

[www.unil.ch/international](http://www.unil.ch/international)