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1 Introduction

These program regulations govern the Master's degree program at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich (the Faculty).

They clarify and expand upon the Framework Ordinance (Rahmenverordnung or RVO) for Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs and for Minor Study Programs at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich.

Further regulatory provisions are contained in the guidelines of the Faculty of Law at the University of Zurich on the transfer of credit toward a Master's degree, and on studying law as a minor subject at the Master's level (RLA M Law). In addition, the fact sheets published by the Faculty provide information on regulatory provisions.

An annotated course catalogue (Web VVZ) for each semester is published on the website of the Faculty of Law along with important messages and announcements for the semester in question.

Information concerning studies is also sent to students via their personal University e-mail account. Information is considered delivered as soon as it can be accessed from this e-mail account.

Students may not claim lack of knowledge of the content of a delivered e-mail, respectively of the communication form chosen by the Dean's Office, or of valid fact sheets.

2 Assessments

2.1 Notification of Assessment Method

The assessment method will be announced no later than four weeks prior to the end of the lecture period.

2.2 Examination Dates

Exams are held during two annual examination periods. Some modules have special examination dates; these are set by the instructors.

Examination dates will be announced no later than four weeks prior to the end of the lecture period.

2.3 Duration of Examinations

Written examinations last at least one hour, oral examinations at least 15 minutes.

2.4 Master's Thesis

Students must write a Master's thesis (one or more papers on topics covered by the Master's curriculum of the Faculty, work done in moot courts or Model United Nations, etc.) worth a total of 18 ECTS credits. The Master's thesis must receive a grade of 4.0 or higher.

The thesis (and all components thereof) is graded; the grade is taken into account in determining the overall grade of the Master's degree.

Papers must be written in German, unless the instructor allows the use of a different language or a paper in English is required.

Copying text more or less verbatim from the work of other authors without citing the source (plagiarism) and the repeated use of one's own work is prohibited. Such work will be returned with a failing grade.

3 Final Degree

Master's degree candidates who have met all academic requirements of the program must submit a request for conferral of the degree of Master of Law.

The request must be submitted to the Dean's Office.

4 Switching to a Minor Study Program

Students may switch from the Master's degree program to a minor study program within the Faculty provided no previous academic work or failed attempts bar the successful completion of the minor study program.

5 Core Elective Pool Common Subjects

The number of modules to be selected from the core elective pool depends on the chosen concentration.

Core Elective Pool Common Subjects				
Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Antike Rechtsgeschichte	6	Antike Rechtsgeschichte	6	2
Comparative Administrative Law	6	Comparative Administrative Law	6	2
Historische Grundlagen des schweizerischen Privatrechts	6	Historische Grundlagen des schweizerischen Privatrechts	6	2
History of European Legal Science	6	History of European Legal Science	6	2
History of International Law	6	History of International Law	6	2
Juristische Zeitgeschichte/Contemporary History of Law	6	Juristische Zeitgeschichte/Contemporary History of Law	6	2
Kirchenrechtsgeschichte und Kirchenrecht	6	Kirchenrechtsgeschichte und Kirchenrecht	6	2
Kriminologie	6	Kriminologie	6	2
Kunst- und Kulturrecht	6	Kunst- und Kulturrecht	6	2
Law and Economics	6	Law and Economics	6	2
Legal Theory	6	Legal Theory	6	2
Methodenlehre	6	Methodenlehre	6	2
Privatrechtsgeschichte	6	Privatrechtsgeschichte	6	2
Rechtsetzungslehre	6	Rechtsetzungslehre	6	2
Rechtsgeschichte	6	Rechtsgeschichte	6	2
Rechtsphilosophie	6	Rechtsphilosophie	6	2
Rechtssoziologie/Legal Sociology	6	Rechtssoziologie/Legal Sociology	6	2
Regulation Without Law? Law and the Technologies of the Twenty-First Century	6	Regulation Without Law? Law and the Technologies of the Twenty-First Century	6	2
Staatsphilosophie	6	Staatsphilosophie	6	2

Verfassungsgeschichte der Neuzeit	6	Verfassungsgeschichte der Neuzeit	6	2
Verfassungstheorie	6	Verfassungstheorie	6	2
Wirtschaftsethik	6	Wirtschaftsethik	6	2
Wirtschaftsrechtsgeschichte	6	Wirtschaftsrechtsgeschichte	6	2

Core elective modules are offered at least every third semester.

6 Master of Law UZH

6.1 Content and Objectives

The degree program Master of Law UZH offers advanced study of various areas of law. As a Master's degree with no concentration, it is very flexible and can be applied to both a general orientation and to a specialized field.

6.2 Overview of Modules

The Master of Law UZH degree program has no compulsory modules. 12 ECTS credits must be earned from modules selected from the core elective pool Common Subjects. In addition, students must earn 60 ECTS credits from elective modules and 18 ECTS credits from papers or work in moot courts or Model United Nations.

Core Elective Pool	Common Subjects	12 ECTS
Core Elective Pool	Master's Thesis	18 ECTS
Elective Pool		60 ECTS
Total		90 ECTS

Core Elective Pool Common Subjects

In accordance with Section 5, students must select two modules from the core elective pool Common Subjects.

Core Elective Pool Master's Thesis

Students must write a Master's thesis (one or more papers on topics covered by the Master's curriculum of the Faculty, work done in moot courts or Model United Nations, etc.) comprising a total of 18 ECTS credits. The Master's thesis must receive a grade of 4.0 or higher.

Elective Pool

60 ECTS credits must be earned from modules in the elective pool. In addition to the regular curriculum of the Master's degree program at the Faculty of Law, the elective pool includes modules offered in the study programs at the Bachelor's and Master's level at other UZH faculties as well as the Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. Credit earned from modules outside the faculty can be transferred toward the final degree at a total of 6 ECTS credits.

6a English-language Master of Law UZH

6a.1 Content and Objective

As part of the Bologna 2021 reform project in the Faculty of Law, the English-language Master's degree program International and Comparative Law will be introduced as of Fall Semester 2021. The English-language degree program will help to expand the offering in various areas of international and comparative law. The offering will include a large number of modules on public, private, and criminal aspects of international law, along with modules that take a comparative view. English-language modules have already been added to the Master's degree program for Fall Semester 2020. Starting from this semester, students will be able to complete a program of study entirely in English. In Fall Semester 2021, they will be transferred to the new degree program and will then be able to obtain a degree in International and Comparative Law. The new study program is available both to students with a Bachelor of Law from a Swiss university and students with a foreign university entrance qualification.

6a.2 Overview of the Modules

The English-language degree program features a compulsory module worth six ECTS credits for students with a foreign university entrance qualification. All students must earn six ECTS credits by completing a module chosen from the Common Subjects core elective pool. In addition, students with a foreign university entrance qualification must earn 42 ECTS credits and students with a Bachelor of Law from a Swiss university 48 ECTS credits by completing modules from the International Law and Comparative Law core elective pools. Furthermore, students must earn 24 ECTS credits by completing elective modules and write one or several papers worth 12 ECTS credits.

Details of the two curricula will be published on the Faculty of Law website in due course.

7 Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Legal Practice

7.1 Content and Objectives

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Legal Practice is designed to further strengthen and expand on the generalist education begun in the Bachelor's degree program; it is geared toward equipping graduates to work in private law practice, judiciary practice, etc. Course content strengthens knowledge of core areas gained in the Bachelor's program and includes practical application of knowledge in the areas of civil, criminal and/or public law, procedural law, and international law.

7.2 Overview of Modules

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Legal Practice has no compulsory modules. 54 ECTS credits must be earned from modules chosen from the four core elective pools (Common Subjects, Substantive Law, Procedural Law, and International Law). In addition, students must earn 18 ECTS credits from elective modules and 18 ECTS credits from papers or work done in moot courts or Model United Nations.

Core Elective Pools	Common Subjects	12 ECTS
	Substantive Law	24 ECTS
	Procedural Law	12 ECTS
	International Law	6 ECTS
Core Elective Pool	Master's Thesis	18 ECTS
Elective Pool		18 ECTS
Total		90 ECTS

Core Elective Pool Common Subjects

In accordance with Section 5, students must select two modules from the core elective pool Common Subjects.

Core Elective Pool Substantive Law

Modules worth 24 ECTS credits must be selected from this pool.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Arbeitsrecht	6	Arbeitsrecht	6	2
Ausgewählte Gebiete des Bundesverwaltungsrechts	6	Ausgewählte Gebiete des Bundesverwaltungsrechts	6	2
Bankrecht	6	Bankrecht	6	2
Comparative Corporate Law ¹	6	Comparative Corporate Law	6	2
Grundbuchrecht	6	Grundbuchrecht	6	2
Haftpflicht- und Versicherungsrecht	6	Haftpflicht- und Versicherungsrecht	6	2
Immobiliarsachenrecht	6	Immobiliarsachenrecht	6	2
Jugendstrafrecht/Sanktionenrecht	6	Jugendstrafrecht/Sanktionenrecht	6	2
Kapitalmarktrecht	6	Kapitalmarktrecht	6	2
Migrationsrecht	6	Migrationsrecht	6	2
Nachlassplanung	6	Nachlassplanung	6	2
Nebenstrafrecht	6	Nebenstrafrecht	6	2
Notariatsrecht	6	Notariatsrecht	6	2
Raumplanungs- und Baurecht ²	12	Raumplanungs- und Baurecht, Part I (Fall Semester)	6	2
		Raumplanungs- und Baurecht, Part II (Spring Semester)	6	2
Scheidungsrecht/ Partnerschaftsauflösung	6	Scheidungsrecht/ Partnerschaftsauflösung	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht II (besondere Fragen)	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht II (besondere Fragen)	6	2
Steuerrecht	6	Steuerrecht	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	2
Wirtschaftsstrafrecht	6	Wirtschaftsstrafrecht	6	2

¹ Formerly Gesellschaftsrecht / Company Law.

² The module Raumplanungs- und Baurecht extends over two semesters. The examination will be held at the end of Part II.

Core Elective Pool Procedural Law

Two modules must be selected from this pool.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Internationale Rechtshilfe in Strafsachen	6	Internationale Rechtshilfe in Strafsachen	6	2
International Litigation / Internationales Zivilverfahrensrecht	6	International Litigation / Internationales Zivilverfahrensrecht	6	2
Alternative Streitbeilegung	6	Alternative Streitbeilegung	6	2
Sanierungsrecht und Vertiefung im Konkursrecht	6	Sanierung und Restrukturierung	6	2
Öffentliches Verfahrensrecht	6	Öffentliches Verfahrensrecht	6	2
Strafprozessrecht	6	Strafprozessrecht	6	2
Zivilverfahrensrecht	6	Zivilverfahrensrecht	6	2

Core Elective Pool International Law

One module must be selected from this pool.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Comparative Civil Procedure	6	Comparative Civil Procedure	6	2
Comparative Private Law	6	Comparative Private Law	6	2
Comparative Administrative Law	6	Comparative Administrative Law	6	2
European Private Law	6	European Private Law	6	2
International Commercial Arbitration (Rechtspraxis)	6	International Commercial Arbitration (Rechtspraxis)	6	2
International Trade Regulation	6	International Trade Regulation	6	2
Internationales Privatrecht	6	Internationales Privatrecht	6	2
Internationales Steuerrecht I	6	Internationales Steuerrecht I	6	2
Internationales Steuerrecht II	6	Internationales Steuerrecht II	6	2
Internationales und Europäisches Strafrecht	6	Internationales und Europäisches Strafrecht	6	2

Core elective modules are offered at least every third semester.

Core Elective Pool Master's Thesis

Students must write a Master's thesis (one or more papers on topics covered in the core elective pools Substantive Law, Procedural Law or International Law, work done in moot courts or Model United Nations) comprising a total of 18 ECTS credits. The Master's thesis must receive a grade of 4.0 or higher.

Elective Pool

18 ECTS credits must be earned from modules in the elective pool. In addition to the regular curriculum of the Master's degree program at the Faculty of Law, the elective pool includes modules offered in the study programs at the Bachelor's and Master's level at other UZH faculties as well as the Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. Credit earned from modules outside the faculty can be transferred toward the final degree at a total of 6 ECTS credits.

8 Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Business Law

8.1 Content and Objectives

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Business Law offers advanced study of various areas of business law.

8.2 Admission

The requirement for admission is a case study or Bachelor's thesis in the area of commercial and business law; the case study and/or the thesis must have received a passing grade.

The module Financial Accounting (6 ECTS credits) offered by the Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology at the University of Zurich, or an equivalent module, is a requirement of the Master's degree program. Please note that no credit is given toward the Master's degree for this module.

8.3 Overview of Modules

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Business Law has compulsory modules worth a total of 12 ECTS credits. 42 ECTS credits must be earned from modules chosen from four core elective pools (Common Subjects, Business Law Core Subjects, Other Business Law Subjects, Subjects in Economics). In addition, students must earn 18 ECTS credits from elective modules and 18 ECTS credits from papers or work done in moot courts or Model United Nations.

Compulsory Modules	Comparative Corporate Law ¹	6 ECTS
	Contract Law for Business Practice	6 ECTS
Core Elective Pools	Common Subjects	6 ECTS
	Business Law Core Subjects	18 ECTS
	Other Business Law Subjects	12 ECTS
	Subjects in Economics	6 ECTS
Core Elective Pool	Master's Thesis	18 ECTS
Elective Pool		18 ECTS
Total		90 ECTS

Compulsory Modules

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Comparative Corporate Law ¹	6	Comparative Corporate Law	6	2
Vertragsrecht für die Wirtschaftspraxis	6	Vertragsrecht für die Wirtschaftspraxis	6	2

Core Elective Pool Common Subjects

In accordance with Section 5, one module must be selected from the core elective pool Common Subjects.

Core Elective Pool Business Law Core Subjects

Three modules must be selected from this pool.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Bankrecht	6	Bankrecht	6	2
European Economic Law	6	European Economic Law	6	2
Immaterialgüterrecht – Case Studies	6	Case Studies	6	2
International Finance Law	6	International Finance Law	6	2
Kapitalmarktrecht	6	Kapitalmarktrecht	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	2
Wertpapierrecht	6	Wertpapierrecht	6	2
Wettbewerbsrecht	6	Wettbewerbsrecht	6	2

Core Elective Pool Other Business Law Subjects

Modules worth 12 ECTS credits must be selected from this pool, with no more than 6 ECTS credits earned from continuing modules. Already completed modules from the core elective pool Business Law Core Subjects are excluded.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Bankrecht	6	Bankrecht	6	2
Continuing module	3	upon announcement	3	1
European Private Law	6	European Private Law	6	2
European Tax Law	6	European Tax Law	6	2
European Economic Law	6	European Economic Law	6	2

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Immaterialgüterrecht – Case Studies	6	Case Studies	6	2
Informations- und Kommunikationsrecht	6	Informations- und Kommunikationsrecht	6	2
International Commercial Arbitration (Wirtschaftsrecht)	3	International Commercial Arbitration (Wirtschaftsrecht)	3	1
International Economic Law	6	International Economic Law	6	2
Internationales Steuerrecht I	6	Internationales Steuerrecht I	6	2
Internationales Steuerrecht II	6	Internationales Steuerrecht II	6	2
International Finance Law	6	International Finance Law	6	2
International Trade Regulation	6	International Trade Regulation	6	2
Internet Law	6	Internet Law	6	2
Kapitalmarktrecht	6	Kapitalmarktrecht	6	2
Lizenzvertrags- und Lizenzkartellrecht	6	Lizenzvertrags- und Lizenzkartellrecht	6	2
Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht I	6	Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht I	6	2
Sanierungsrecht und Vertiefung im Konkursrecht	6	Sanierung und Restrukturierung	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	2
Steuerrecht	6	Steuerrecht	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht II	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht II	6	2
Wertpapierrecht	6	Wertpapierrecht	6	2
Wettbewerbsrecht	6	Wettbewerbsrecht	6	2
Wirtschaftsstrafrecht	6	Wirtschaftsstrafrecht	6	2

Core Elective Pool Subjects in Economics

Modules comprising 6 ECTS credits must be selected from this pool.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Economics module(s)	6	See separate list	6	2

Core elective modules are offered at least every third semester.

Core Elective Pool Master's Thesis

Students must write a Master's thesis (one or more papers on topics covered in compulsory modules or the core elective pools Business Law Core Subjects or Other Business Law Subjects, work done in moot courts or Model United Nations) comprising a total of 18 ECTS credits. The Master's thesis must receive a grade of 4.0 or higher.

Elective Pool

18 ECTS credits must be earned from modules in the elective pool. In addition to the regular curriculum of the Master's degree program at the Faculty of Law, the elective pool includes modules offered in the study programs at the Bachelor's and Master's level at other UZH faculties as well as the Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. Credit earned from modules outside the faculty can be transferred toward the final degree at a total of 6 ECTS credits.

9 Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Public Law

9.1 Content and Objectives

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Public Law offers advanced study (specialization) in various areas of public law, with an emphasis on international aspects of law (public international law, European law). This Master's degree program prepares students for positions in government institutions, public life, and international institutions.

9.2 Overview of Modules

The degree program Master of Law UZH with a Concentration in Public Law has no compulsory modules. 48 ECTS credits must be earned from three core elective pools (Common Subjects, Public Law, Public International Law and European Law). In addition, students must earn 24 ECTS credits from elective modules and 18 ECTS credits from papers or work done in moot courts or Model United Nations.

Core Elective Pools	Common Subjects	12 ECTS
	Public Law	24 ECTS
	Public International Law and European Law	12 ECTS
Core Elective Pool	Master's Thesis	18 ECTS
Elective Pool		24 ECTS
Total		90 ECTS

Core Elective Pool Common Subjects

In accordance with Section 5, students must select two modules from the core elective pool Common Subjects.

Core Elective Pool Public Law

Modules worth 24 ECTS credits must be selected from this pool, with no more than 6 ECTS credits from continuing modules.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Ausgewählte Gebiete des Bundesverwaltungsrechts	6	Ausgewählte Gebiete des Bundesverwaltungsrechts	6	2
Comparative Administrative Law	6	Comparative Administrative Law	6	2

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Demokratie	6	Demokratie	6	2
Finanzrecht	6	Finanzrecht	6	2
Föderalismus	6	Föderalismus	6	2
Gesundheitsrecht und Bioethik	6	Gesundheitsrecht und Bioethik	6	2
SM: Police and Security Law	6	SM: Police and Security Law	6	2
Informations- und Kommunika- tionsrecht	6	Informations- und Kommunika- tionsrecht	6	2
Interkantonaies Steuerrecht	6	Interkantonaies Steuerrecht	6	2
Migrationsrecht	6	Migrationsrecht	6	2
Öffentliches Verfahrensrecht	6	Öffentliches Verfahrensrecht	6	2
Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht I	6	Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht I	6	2
Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht II	6	Öffentliches Wirtschaftsrecht II	6	2
Raumplanungs- und Baurecht ³	12	Raumplanungs- und Baurecht, Part I (Fall Semester)	6	2
		Raumplanungs- und Baurecht, Part II (Spring Semester)	6	2
Raumplanungs- und Baurecht	6	Raumplanungs- und Baurecht	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht I	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht II (besondere Fragen)	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht II (besondere Fragen)	6	2
Sozialversicherungsrecht III (berufliche Vorsorge und Arbeitslosenversicherung)	6	Sozialversicherungsrecht III (berufliche Vorsorge und Arbeitslosenversicherung)	6	2
Staatskirchen- und Kirchenrecht	6	Staatskirchen- und Kirchenrecht	6	2
Staatsrecht der Kantone	6	Staatsrecht der Kantone	6	2
Steuerrecht	6	Steuerrecht	6	2
Umweltrecht	6	Umweltrecht	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht I	6	2
Unternehmenssteuerrecht II	6	Unternehmenssteuerrecht II	6	2

³ The module Raumplanungs- und Baurecht extends over two semesters. The examination will be held at the end of Part II.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
Übungen aus der Praxis des öffentlichen Rechts	6	Übungen aus der Praxis des öffentlichen Rechts	6	2
Verfassungsvergleichung/ Ausländisches Verfassungsrecht	6	Verfassungsvergleichung/ Ausländisches Verfassungsrecht	6	2
Staats- und Verwaltungsrecht des Kantons Zürich	6	Staats- und Verwaltungsrecht des Kantons Zürich	6	2
Verwaltungsstrafrecht	6	Verwaltungsstrafrecht	6	2
Wettbewerbsrecht	6	Wettbewerbsrecht	6	2
Continuing module	6	upon announcement	6	2

Core Elective Pool Public International Law and European Law

Modules worth 12 ECTS credits must be selected from this pool, with no more than 6 ECTS credits from continuing modules.

Module	ECTS	Courses	ECTS	SWS
European Tax Law	6	European Tax Law	6	2
European Economic Law	6	European Economic Law	6	2
European Institutions	6	European Institutions	6	2
International Economic Law	6	International Economic Law	6	2
International Trade Regulation	6	International Trade Regulation	6	2
International Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	6	International Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters	6	2
International and European Criminal Law	6	International and European Criminal Law	6	2
International Tax Law I	6	International Tax Law I	6	2
International Tax Law II	6	International Tax Law II	6	2
International Human Rights	6	International Human Rights	6	2
International Organizations	6	International Organizations	6	2
Laws on the Use of Force and Humanitarian Public International Law	6	Laws on the Use of Force and Humanitarian Public International Law	6	2
History of International Law	6	upon announcement	6	2
Continuing module	6	upon announcement	6	2

Core Elective Pool Master's Thesis

Students must write a Master's thesis (one or more papers on topics covered in compulsory modules or the core elective pools Public Law or Public International Law and European Law, work done in moot courts or Model United Nations) comprising a total of 18 ECTS credits. The Master's thesis must receive a grade of 4.0 or higher.

Elective Pool

24 ECTS credits must be earned from modules in the elective pool. In addition to the regular curriculum of the Master's degree program at the Faculty of Law, the elective pool includes modules offered in the study programs at the Bachelor's and Master's level at other UZH faculties as well as the Language Center of the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich. Credit earned from modules outside the faculty can be transferred toward the final degree at a total of 12 ECTS credits.

10 Entry into Force

These Program Regulations are effective as of the 2013 fall semester.

They replace the Master of Law Program Regulations dated 28 May 2008, which are rescinded as of the fall semester 2013.