Universität Zürich[UZH]

Faculty of Law



Information Event Double Degree Outgoing Applicants

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Information regarding this event

- The presentation will **not be recorded,** there will be **no podcast available**

- The slides will be published and made available for download on the following website:

  Master of Law: Double Degree Study Programs - 120 ECTS

Agenda

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- **Important Documents & Useful Links**
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Contacts

Contact Information
Student Center, Faculty of Law

Student Center

For study-related and organizational questions (including planning the studies, module booking, mobility, recognition and transfer of credits, etc.)

Consultation Services:

Telephone consultations (all topics, Wednesday 2p.m. – 4p.m.)

Online consultations (varoius topics, see timetable)

Contact form (written inquiries)







Contact Persons (Student Center)

MLaw Deborah Rhyner, BLaw Lena Zitser and M.A. Robin Caratsch, Coordinators Master's Programs

Online Consultation: Wednesday 09:00h – 12:00h (prior booking)

Contact Information

UZH Student Services, Organisational and administrative matters

- **Student Administration Office UZH (Kanzlei)**

Change of degree and study program, leave of absence, withdrawal from the university, issuing the bills for the semester fees, and confirmations (e.g. enrollment status certificates) etc.

Contact
Phone 044 634 22 17 (Monday until Friday 9.30 – 12.30)

- **Admissions Office UZH (Zulassungsstelle)**

Applications to all Master's programs etc.

Contact
Phone +41 44 634 22 36 (Monday until Friday 9.30 – 12.30)

- **IT Services UZH**

Technical issues (login student portal etc.)

Contact

Contact Information
Chairs, Faculty of Law

- For questions regarding the content of lectures as well as for further lecture-specific information you can consult the chair of the lecturer

- Various materials related to the lectures (lecture notes, slides, podcasts etc.) are published on the websites of the chairs

- You can find an alphabetical list of all the chairs here 

https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/staff/professorships/alphabetical.html

Important Documents

Important Documents



Framework Ordinance for the Double Degree Master's Programs of the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich and the Foreign Partner Faculties (RVO DD RWF)



Program Regulation for the Double Degree Master's Programs at the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich, and the Foreign Partner Faculties (StudO DD RWF)



Fact Sheet on Assessments of the Faculty of Law



Master's Thesis Agreement

Legal Documents of the Faculty of Law

Contacts - Further Sources of Information

Student Center, Faculty of Law

— Further sources of information:

  — Website MLaw Double Degree Study Programs

  — Information brochure Double Degree Outgoings – Fall Semester 2025

  — Website Faculty of Law

  — Dates and Deadlines

  — Class schedules

  — UZH Course Catalogue

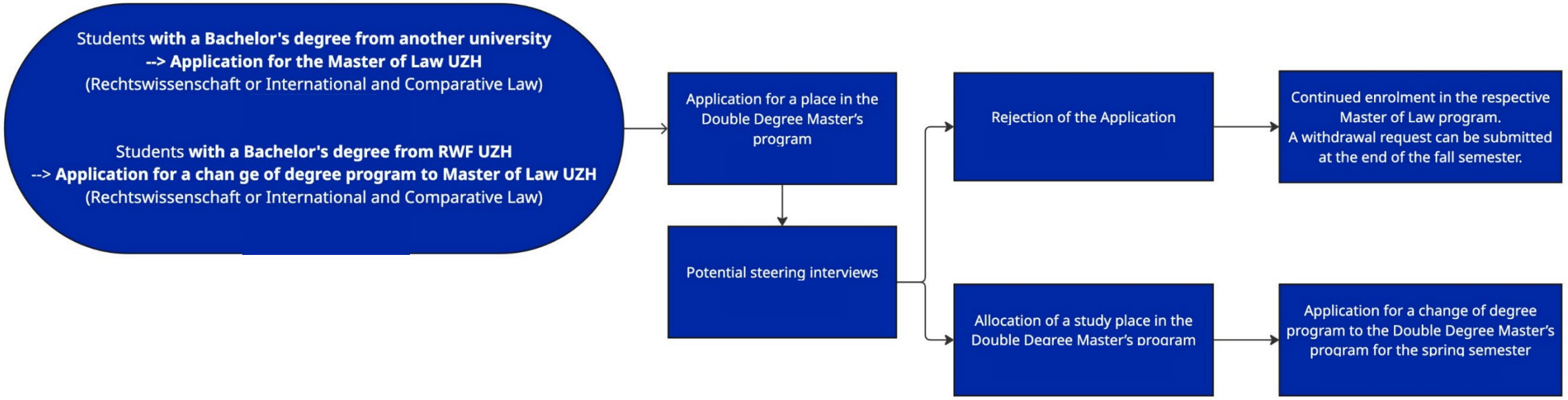
  — Legal Documents of the Faculty of Law

  — Information on exams

  — Exam archive

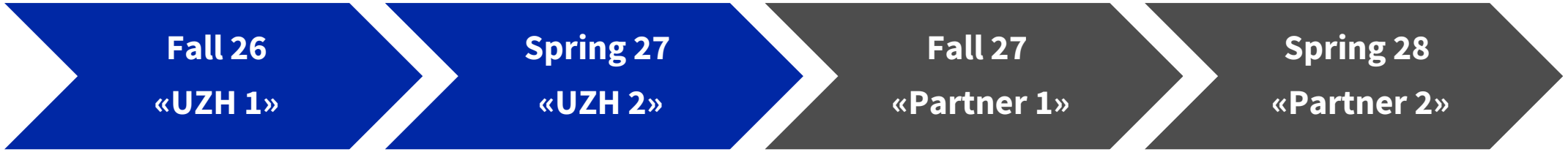
Program Outline

Application Process



- If you are allocated a spot, **remember to apply for a change of degree program** to the respective Double Degree Program for the Spring Semester 2027.
- **A failure to apply for a change of degree program may result in the loss of the study place in the Double Degree Master's program.**
- Changing Degree and/or Study Program

Program Outline



- Start at the partner faculty in the fall semester 2027 cannot be postponed!
- Regular examinations
- Exception **Berkeley**
  - **Option A**: One academic year: Jan – Dec with online and onsite teaching periods
  - **Option B**: Summer LL.M. Program: 2x 8 weeks intensive course (It is possible to take additional classes for up to 13 weeks; these are already included in the tuition fee) (Mid-May to Mid-August)
  - Berkeley outline may conflict with UZH exam dates. Exam dates may be changed in agreement with the professor/chair (Please inform us via contact form if you there is such an agreement).
  - Once allocated a spot at UC Berkeley:
    → Inform us via contact form whether you choose Option A or B

Program Outline

- **Total of 120 ECTS credits** must be completed:
  - **60 ECTS** at the **partner faculty** within **two semesters abroad**
  - **60 ECTS** at **UZH**

- If the **UZH study program (60 ECTS)** is not completed before the year abroad, students may return for a **5th, 6th, or later semester** to finish their coursework.

- The **Double Degree Program must be completed within five years** *(§13 RVO DD RWF)*

RVO DD RWF

Double Degree Study Programs

Double Degree Study Programs

- The Faculty of Law UZH offers the following Double Degree study programs:
  - Master of Law UZH **Rechtswissenschaft**

    Mainly taught in German
  - Master of Law UZH **International and Comparative Law**

    Entirely taught in English

    Only English-taught modules can be credited towards the degree
- More details available in the Program Regulation for the Double Degree Master's program

Double Degree Study Programs

Study Program MLaw UZH Rechtswissenschaft (60 ECTS)

Module	ECTS	Type
Foundations of Law	6	Core elective
Elective Modules	42	Various
Master's Thesis*	12	Compulsory

*Students in the Double Degree Program with **Doshisha University**: Master's Thesis at UZH must be written in English (also applies to Moot Court or United Nations Model)

https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/studies/study-courses/master/ma-law-90.html

Double Degree Study Programs

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law (60 ECTS)

Module	ECTS	Type
Introduction to Swiss Law	6	Compulsory*
Foundations of Law	6	Core Elective
International Law	18	Core Elective
Comparative Law	12	Core Elective
Any other (English) Master's module of the Faculty of Law	6	Various
Master's Thesis	12	Compulsory

*Compulsory for students with a foreign BLaw. Students with a Swiss BLaw complete another English-language module at Master's level offered by the Faculty of Law worth 6 ECTS Credits. **Only offered in fall semester!**

https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/studies/study-courses/master/ma-law-icl-90.html

Double Degree Study Programs

Special Rule for Students in the Double Degree Program with KU Leuven (60 ECTS)

MLaw ICL

Module	ECTS	Type
Introduction to Swiss Law	6	Compulsory
Foundations of Law	6	Core Elective
International Law	18	Core Elective
Comparative Law	12	Core Elective
Legal Theory/ Legal Methods/Legal Sociology	6	Compulsory
Master's Thesis	12	Compulsory

MLaw Rechtswissenschaft

Module	ECTS	Type
Foundations of Law	6	Core elective
Elective Modules	36	Various
Master's Thesis*	12	Compulsory
Legal Theory/ Legal Methods/Legal Sociology	6	Compulsory

- Only «Legal Theory» is offered in the fall semester 2025 in English .
- We recommend you complete the **Module «Legal Theory» in the fall semester,** as it is not yet clear whether the modules «Legal Methods» and «Legal Sociology» will be taught in English in spring 2027.

Double Degree Study Programs
Modules from other Faculties or Universities

Modules Outside the Faculty of Law

- **You may attend lectures and register for exams** offered by other UZH faculties (e.g. language courses).
- **These modules cannot be credited** toward your Double Degree.
- **Note:**
  - Other faculties may have **different booking and cancellation deadlines**.
  - Always check with the respective faculty.

Mobility / Modules at Other Law Faculties

- **Modules completed at universities other than UZH or the official partner faculty cannot be credited** toward your Double Degree.
  (See §12 RVO DD RWF*)*

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law
Master's Thesis

Written paper (12 ECTS Credits), will be graded

- **Option 1: Upon Individual Agreement**
  - Arrange topic with a professor/faculty member (§41 StudO RWF)
  - Complete the **Master's Thesis Agreement** 
  - Advantage: no fixed semester allocation

- **Option 2: Seminar-Based Thesis**
  - Register in the previous semester (limited spots)
  - Spring 2027 seminars published online on October 1, 2026
  - Request period: October 1, 2026, 10:00 until October 13, 2026, 24:00 (All relevant dates and deadlines available online)
  - Complete the **Master's Thesis Agreement** 
  - Fact Sheet on Assessments of the Faculty of Law 

https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/during-studies/modules-records/thesis-papers.html

Module Selection

Module Selection

Equivalent or similar modules

— Students are **not allowed to take equivalent or similar modules** at RWF UZH and at the partner faculty, or these cannot be counted twice towards the course credits (§47 Framework Ordinance on the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich [RVO RWF] of 21 September 2020)

— Whether two modules are equivalent or similar is determined by their content.

  — List (**not exhaustive!**): Information brochure for Double Degree Outgoing Students

— In case of doubt, the coordinators of the home or partner faculty can be contacted (contact form RWF UZH).

Module Selection
Specifics for Outgoing Students

— **Module booking must be completed before you know** if you're accepted into the Double Degree Program.

— **Book modules for both possible outcomes** (accepted / not accepted).

— **Cancellation period is still open** when allocation results are announced.

— You can **cancel modules that don't fit** the program you're allocated to.

— More Guidance: A detailed presentation, including examples, will be uploaded to the following website:

Double Degree - Outgoings

Module Selection

MLaw Rechtswissenschaft

— The regular MLaw program includes multiple compulsory modules.
— **Recommendation:**
  – Book **some compulsory (and core) modules**
  – Book **enough electives**
  → like that you're prepared for both scenarios:

  — **If accepted into the Double Degree Program:**
  Cancel compulsory modules not needed, or keep them as electives.
  — **If not accepted:**
  Cancel some electives and keep the compulsory modules.

Compulsory module exams are offered every semester
→ You can take them later if needed.

Modules Double Degree	Double Degree RW ECTS	RW "normal" ECTS	Type
Foundations of Law	**6**	**12**	Core elective
Elective Modules	**42**	**36**	Various
Master's Thesis*	12	12	Compulsory
Various Compulsory(and core) Modules	**0**	**30**	Compulsory
Total	60	90	

Module Selection

MLaw International and Comparative Law

— Main Difference between the Two Programs: **ECTS distribution across module groups**

— You can book the **same modules** whether or not you're accepted into the Double Degree Program — as long as your selection is **balanced** (Example: don't book 24 ECTS in International Law as only 18 are needed in the DD Program.)

— **Good to Know**: You **don't need to cancel modules** after allocation if your initial selection is well-balanced.

Module	Double Degree ICL	ICL	Type
Foundations of Law	6	6	Core elective
Elective Modules	**6/12**	**24/30**	Various (6 ECTS more for Students with a Swiss Bachelor)
Master's Thesis	12	12	Compulsory
Introduction to Swiss Law	6	6	Compulsory for students without CH Bachelor
International Law	**18**	**24**	Core Elective
Comparative law	**12**	**18**	Core Elective
Total	60 ECTS	90 ECTS	

Students planning on going to **KU Leuven** should note, that they **do not have an elective** that counts toward their UZH degree *(as the 6 elective credits must be filled with Legal, Theory, Legal Methods or Legal Sociology)* unless they have completed a Swiss Bachelor.

Module Booking

Module Booking

- Module Booking = exam registration
- Only modules of the current semester can be booked
- Booking via student portal
- Find Information on the module booking here
- Types of assessments: written examinations, oral examinations, papers, presentations etc.
- **End of the module booking period:** **6th of October 2026, 24:00 a.m. (midnight)**
- **End of the cancellation period:** **20th of October 2026, 24:00 a.m. (midnight)**

Module Booking

Deadlines Spring Semester 2026

You can find all the deadlines for module booking here. The cancellation period of the Request-and Application modules ends earlier than the regular cancellation period.

Non restricted modules (Booking modules)	**Booking period:** 12.08.2026 (10:00hrs) – 06.10.2026 (24:00hrs) **Cancellation deadline:** 20.10.2026 (24:00hrs)
Space restricted modules – **Request modules** are place limited modules. Places are allocated on the basis of place allocation criteria published in the course catalog. – **Application modules** are place limited modules. Places are allocated manually. If specified in the course catalog, documents must be submitted. These can be uploaded during the application process.	**Request period fall semester 2026:** 12.08.2026 (10:00hrs) to 25.08.2026 (24:00hrs) **Latest place allocation:** 29.08.2026 (22:00hrs) **Waiting list progression period (only for request modules):** 29.08.2026 (22:00hrs) to 10.09.2026 (24:00hrs) **Cancellation period:** 29.08.2026 (22:00hrs) to 13.09.2026 (24:00hrs)

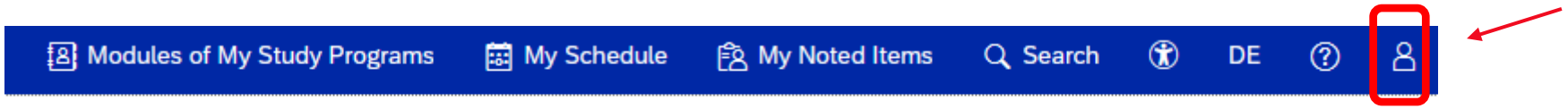
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Module Booking

Step by Step

- Open the Online Course Catalogue

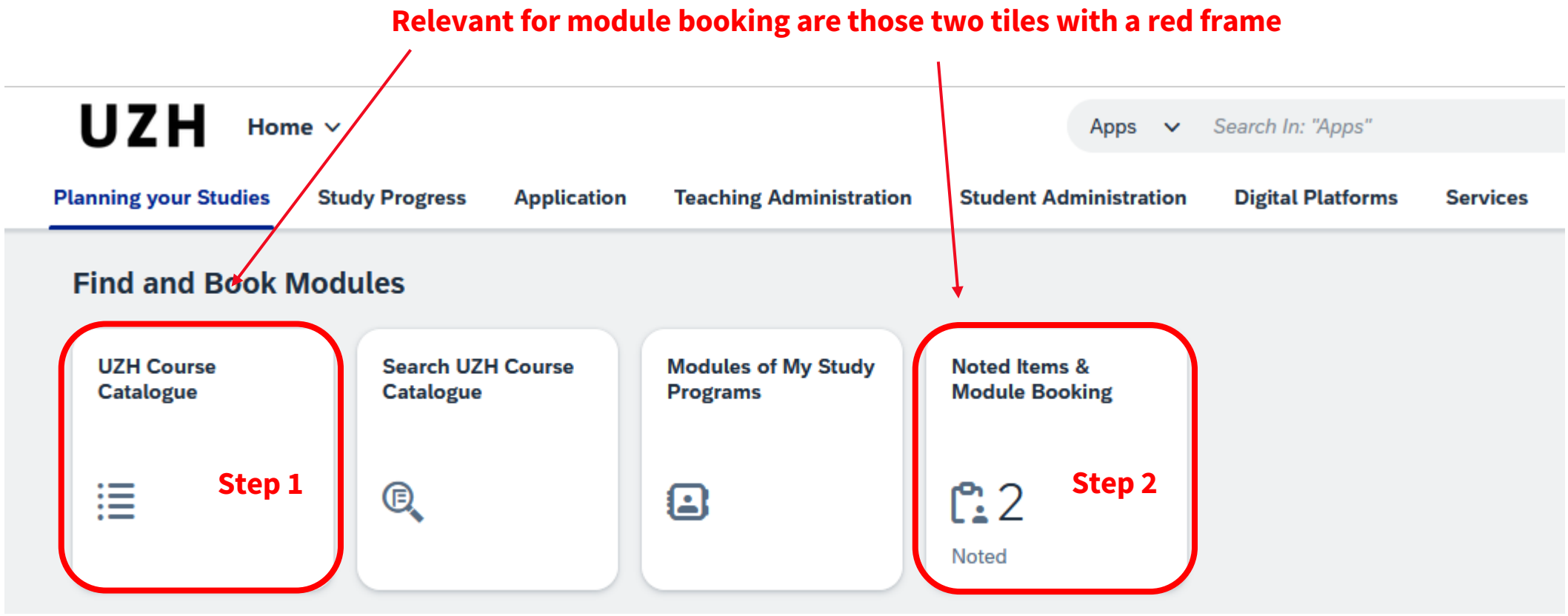
- Log onto the course catalogue using the symbol in the upper right (UZH shortname and password)



- (Alternative log in via Student Portal)

- If you have problems using your password, please contact IT Support

Module Booking



Module Booking



Step 1: Select the desired modules by putting them on your list

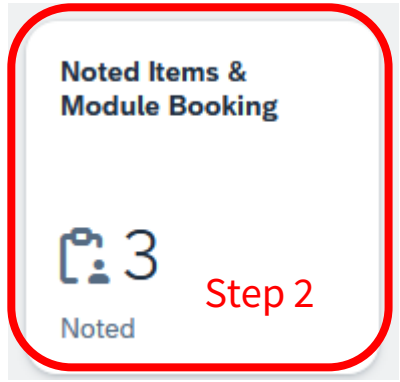
- You can find modules in the course catalog by selecting:
  - Faculty of Law
  - Degree program Master of Law UZH (RVO 21)
  - Show modules by subject area or "Show all modules" for a complete overview

- You can add modules to your watch list by clicking on the star symbol next to the event:

Elective Modules				
Artificial Intelligence: Technology and Law	02SM90WM39	Course	6	★ ›
Climate Change Law	02SM90WM41	Course	6	★ ›

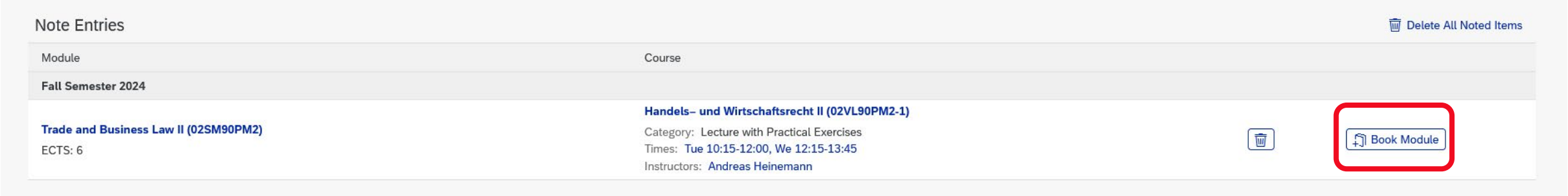
Module Booking

Step 2: Booking Modules



- Back to the overall menu
- Go to the tile «Noted Items & Module Booking»

- «**Book Module**»
  - There are some exceptions, where modules cannot be booked directly. In that case you will only be able to request a space and not book it directly

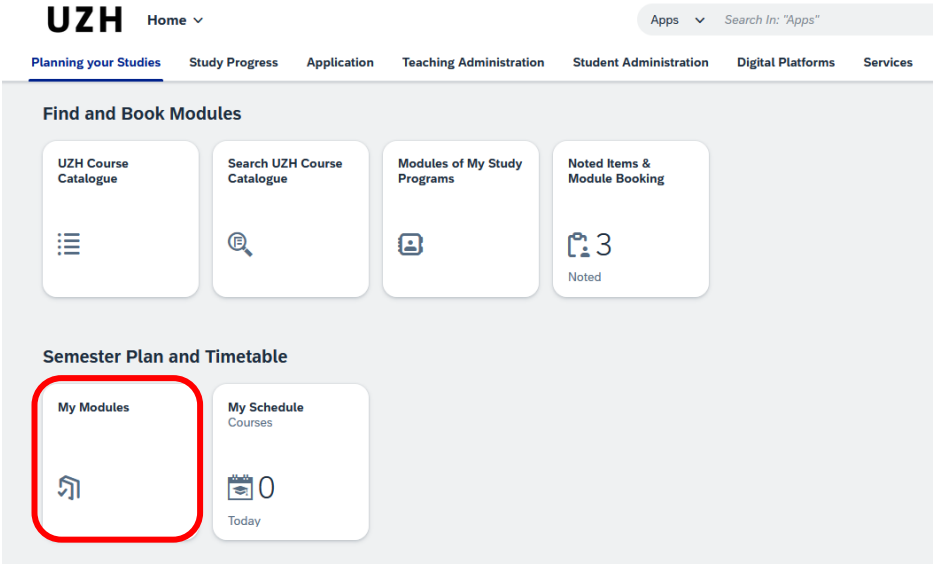


Module Booking

Control

- Back to the overall menu
- Booked and requested Modules are listed in the tile «My Modules»

- Until the cancellation period ends, modules can be cancelled by clicking on the trash can icon





Module Booking

- In the module group "*Modules without examination registration*" you will find the first part of the two-semester compulsory module of the MLaw Rechtswissenschaften study program (review and in-depth course in criminal law)

- This module should be booked in the fall semster, however booking it is **not a registration for the exam**. The exam can only be booked in the semester that it will be taken.

Module	Short module	Category	ECTS
Elective Modules			
Advanced Criminal Law and Procedure, Part 1 (no exam registration)	02SM90PM3T1	Module without Credits	

- Please note that the module «Advanced Criminal Law and Procedure» is not mandatory in the Double Degree Program.
  - In the Mlaw Rechtswissenschaften Double Degree Program it can be used as an elective Module
  - In the Mlaw ICL Double Degree Program it cannot be accounted towards your degree (as it is in german)

Assessments

Assessments

- The following types of assessments are offered at the Faculty of Law UZH:
  - Regular written examinations
  - Regular oral examinations
  - Alternative assessment methods (papers, presentations etc.)

- Module booking = examination registration
  ! Please make sure to book the module in which you want to take an exam/assessment.

- Some professors may not have decided yet which type of examination they will offer.

  The definite form will be published after the end of the cancellation period.

  ! We recommend that you keep the entire examination period free **until five weeks after the cancellation deadline**.

Assessments
Examination Periods

- Regular examination period in the fall semester 2026: **04.01. – 29.01.2027** (week 1 to and including week 4)
- Regular examination period in the spring semester 2027: **21.06. – 16.07.2027** (week 25 to and including week 28)

- Provisional as well as the definite **examination dates** will be published on this website.
- Please note that assessments may be scheduled **outside** the regular examination period (for e.g. during the semester or at the end of the lecture period). There are no provisional dates for these assessments.

- **Attention:**
  - Make sure not to book modules whose exams take place at the same time.
  - It is possible that you may have more than one exam on the same day.
  - We strongly recommend that you **keep yourselves available during the entire examination period**.
  - Check the website regularly for updates.

Assessments
Repeat Assessments

- Compulsory modules (“Introduction to Swiss Law” and Master’s thesis) can be **repeated twice** (i.e., the assessment can be taken three times in total).
- Re-examination only offered for “Introduction to Swiss Law” (compulsory module) in the following semester.
- Max. 8 failed attempts in the Core Elective and Elective Modules (joint maximum of failed attempts).
- Core Elective and Elective Modules can be repeated as many times as required, until the maximum number of failed attempts has been reached.
- Core Elective and Elective Modules can be substituted (you don’t have to take the same module after failing the exam).

Assessments
Exam Deregistration

- After the end of the cancellation period only in case of **illness or other compelling, unpredictable and unavoidable** circumstances
  - The withdrawal request as well as the relevant evidence must be submitted through the Student Portal via the button “My Requests”.
    - Withdrawal requests made by email will not be accepted and are not valid.
    - Add a medical certificate or other supporting documents.
  - The candidate of an oral exam must also inform the respective chair of his/her withdrawal.
- Submit your request **no later than 5 business days after the missed examination (§§ 24 f. RVO RWF, §§ 28 ff. StudO RWF)**
- More Information can be found here
  - Instructions on the deregistration procedure for examinations (PDF)

Assessments
Transcript of Records

- Issued each semester
  - Fall semester 2026: February 2027 (calendar week 8)
  - Spring semester 2027: September 2027 (calendar week 38)

- Overview of all modules taken at UZH in a given semester (including failed attempts).

- Transcript of Records will be provided **electronically only** in the student portal, you will be informed by email when the ToR is available for download.

https://www.students.uzh.ch/en/studyadmin/attestations/transcripts.html

Graduation

Graduation
General Transfer of Credits

- To graduate, Double Degree students must successfully complete **both** the **study program of 60 ECTS credits** at the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich (RWF UZH) and the **study program at the partner university**.

- The study achievements at the partner university can be **recognized as a lump sum of 30 ECTS credits** towards the UZH degree, to reach the required 90 ECTS credits in total for graduation.
  - The 30 ECTS credits will be awarded to the RWF UZH degree **once the partner university confirms successful completion of the** study program, and you have **handed in your transcript of records**. More information on the procedure and the **deadlines** can be found here

- You can apply for graduation in your student portal only after the ECTS credits from the partner university have been officially recognized.

Total Credits to achieve at UZH 60 ECTS + General Transfer of Credits from the partner faculty 30 ECTS
= Total 90 ECTS MLaw UZH

Graduation

Applying for Graduation and Withdrawal from University

- As a rule: Graduation application for **Spring Semester 2028**
- You need to apply for graduation in your student portal. If you do not apply for graduation in time, you will not be able to graduate until the next graduation date.

- The Faculty of Law at UZH offers **two graduation dates per semester**
  (Spring Semester: September and October/Fall Semester: February and March).
  - Please note that, due to differences in the academic calendar of the partner faculties, you may **generally be eligible to apply for graduation from the RWF UZH no earlier than the second graduation deadline**.
  - More information on the graduation procedure here
  - Relevant Deadlines can be found here

- **Withdrawal from university**: It is recommended to only withdraw from UZH once your graduation has been confirmed (for the semester following graduation). For further information on withdrawal from the university and the relevant deadlines, please refer to the Student Administration Office of UZH website

Graduation

Graduation Process at a Glance

General Transfer of ECTS Credits

– Submit the final Transcript of Records from the partner university via contact form to the Student Center for the transfer of ECTS Credits

Apply for Graduation

– Apply for Graduation via the Student Portal once the transfer of ECTS Credits has been completed

Withdrawal from university

– Make sure to withdraw from UZH once your graduation has been confirmed

Sending Out Diploma and Ceremony

– You do not need to be enrolled to take part in the graduation ceremony, receive the diploma etc.

Please note the relevant dates and deadlines!

https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/during-studies/deadlines.html

Questions and more

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Gentle reminder

- Students are responsible for the organization of their stay abroad and at the partner faculty
- Keep in mind:
  - Housing
  - Immigration formalities, e.g. visa, health checks, etc.
  - Mandatory insurances, health, liability
  - Vaccinations
  - etc.
- More information is provided by the partner faculty in due time
- Read the information in the study guides by former Double Degree students
- Get ready linguistically for your stay at the partner faculty
  - The language center of the UZH and ETH offer a wide selection of courses

Questions and more
Survey

Thank you for participating!



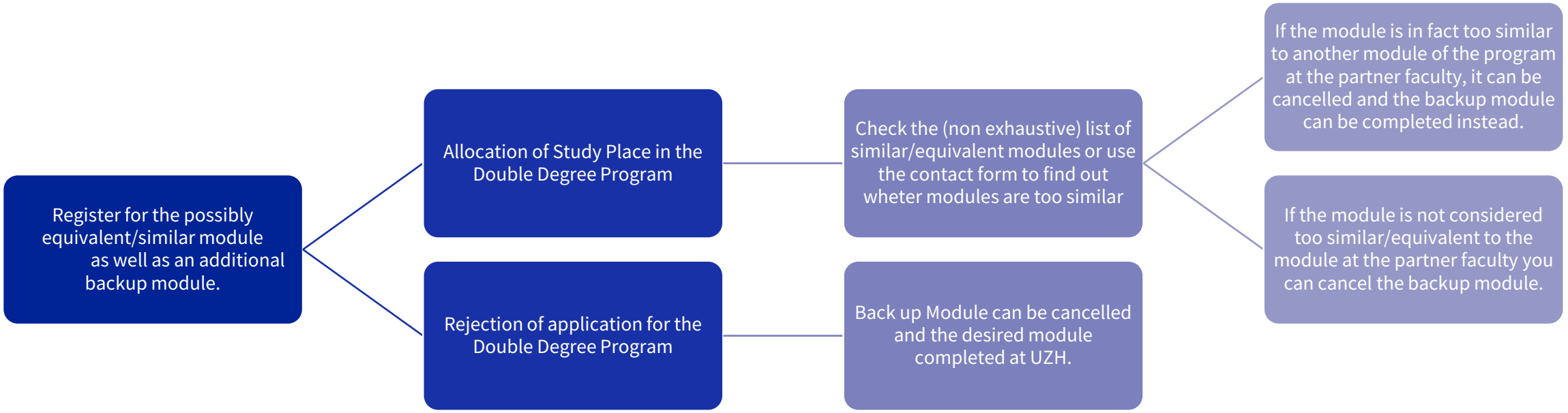
Questions and more

- **Thank you for your attention!**
- **Open floor for your questions – ask now ☺ (Contact Form)**
- **Upcoming Apéro in November**
  - Informal networking event for nominated students
  - Invitations will follow



Concerns about similar/equivalent modules

Recommendation:



Universität Zürich[UZH]

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