



**University of
Zurich** ^{UZH}

Faculty of Law

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**Welcome Event Master of Law
International and Comparative Law
21 February 2022**



Please note

- This event will be recorded as a podcast
- Please ask questions at the end of the presentation. The questions will be recorded but not published on our website
- The presentation and the podcast will be published on our website
- Masks must be worn during the whole event.



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Organizational and Administrative Matters

- **Student Administration Office (*Kanzlei*)**
For questions regarding change of degree and study program, leave of absence, withdrawal from the university, semester fees etc.
https://www.students.uzh.ch/en/contact.html#Student_Administration_Office
- **Admissions Office (*Zulassungsstelle*)**
For questions regarding your application status, shortname and password for Student Portal etc.
https://www.students.uzh.ch/en/contact.html#Admissions_Office
- **Problems with login: IT Services**
<https://www.zi.uzh.ch/en.html>



Student Center RWF UZH

- For study related, organisational questions (planning the studies, module booking, mobility, recognition and transfer of credits etc.)
- Consultation during telephone or online office hours:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general.html>
- Contact by contact form:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/contact-form.html>





Chairs

- For questions regarding the content of lectures as well as for further lecture-specific information
- Various materials related to the lectures (lecture notes, slides, podcasts if available etc.) are published on the websites of the chairs

<http://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/staff/professorships.html>



Important Documents

- [Framework Ordinance on the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at RWF \(RVO RWF\)](#)
- [Program Regulation for the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at RWF \(StudO RWF\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet on Assessments of the Faculty of Law](#)
- [Guidelines Recognition and Transfer of Credit to Degree and Study Programs at RWF UZH](#)
- [Master's Thesis Agreement](#)





Teaching in Spring Semester 2022

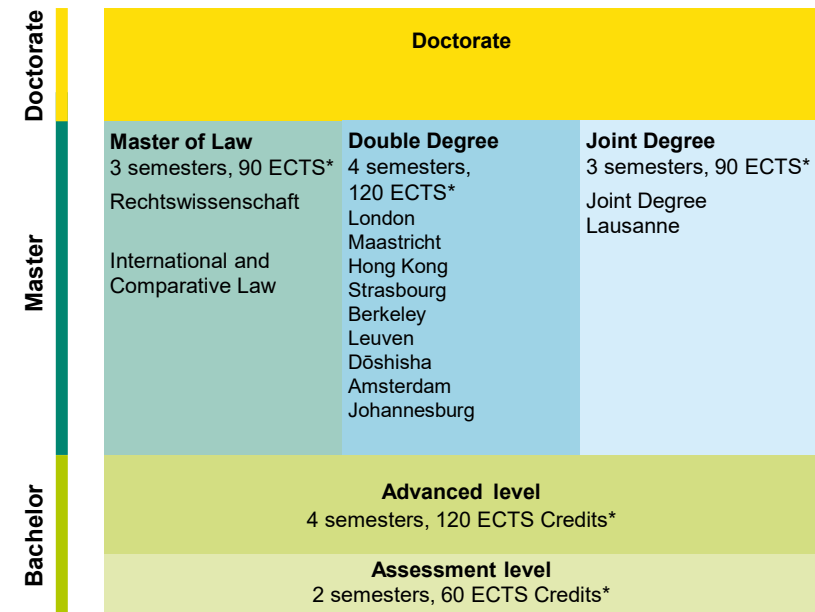
- Generally face-to-face teaching
- Masks are required in regular courses
- Partial availability of live streams and/or podcasts
- Please check online course catalogue and website of the chairs for more information

<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/en/about/coronavirus.html>



Study Programs at the Faculty of Law UZH

- Bachelor of Law UZH: 180 ECTS, 6 semesters
- Master of Law: 90 ECTS, 3 semesters
- Double Degree: 1 year at UZH, 1 year at partner institution, 2 years in total
- PhD/Doctorate



*1 ECTS credit represents 30 working hours



Terminology

- ECTS: "European Credits Transfer System", unit of workload (1 ECTS Credit = 30 hours, 6 ECTS Credits = 2 semester hours per week), ECTS credits are valid for 10 years
- SWS: Semester hours per week
- HS = fall semester, FS = spring semester
- Module: Course unit consisting of one or more courses (e.g. lectures and exercises), which may extend over one or two semesters.
- Compulsory modules: Modules that are compulsory for all students
- Core Elective modules: Modules that must be selected from a given area of law
- Elective modules: Modules that can be chosen freely
- Failed attempt: failed module (= grade below 4)
- Module booking: registration for the assessment
- Assessments: oral or written examinations, written papers, etc.



Study Program MLaw UZH International and Comparative Law

Module group	Module(s)	Module Type	ECTS
Foundations of Law	Introduction to Swiss Law	Compulsory for students without a Swiss BLaw	6
Foundations of Law	1 Core Elective Module (available modules listed in program regulations)	Core Elective	6
International Law	4 Core Elective Modules (available modules listed in program regulations)	Core Elective	24
Comparative Law	3 Core Elective Modules (available modules listed in program regulations)	Core Elective	18
Various module types	Elective Modules (entire Faculty of Law module offer at Master's level in English)	Elective	24/30
Master's Thesis	Master's Thesis	Compulsory	12
Total			90



Introduction to Swiss Law

- Compulsory module for students without a Swiss Bachelor of Law
- Cannot be accredited to the degree for students with a Swiss Bachelor of Law
- Not available in the module booking tool
- Registration link is published on our website:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/master/emlaw0.html>
- **Only offered in fall semester**



Master's Thesis

- Compulsory module, 12 ECTS Credits, will be graded
- A written paper or Moot Court / Model United Nations (MUN)
- Upon individual agreement with a professor at any time or as part of a seminar
- Seminars have place restrictions, registration in the semester before via registration tool
- In each case, the «Master's Thesis Agreement» must be filled out

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/courses/seminars.html>



Platforms and Tools

- Course Catalogue UZH: <https://studentservices.uzh.ch/uzh/anonym/vvz/index.html?sap-language=EN&sap-ui-language=EN#/2021/004>
- Chairs' Websites: <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/staff/professorships.html>
- OLAT: <https://lms.uzh.ch/dmz/>



Module Booking (Examination registration)

- Only modules of the current semester can be booked
- Booking via the UZH online module booking tool: <http://www.students.uzh.ch/en/booking.html>
- Participation in lectures without taking examinations is possible
→ no credit points or confirmation of attendance
- Types of assessments: written or oral examinations, written papers, presentations etc.
- Start of the module booking and cancellation period: 20.01.2022
- End of the module booking period: **18 March 2022, 12:00 a.m. (midnight)**
- End of the cancellation period: **1 April 2022, 12:00 a.m. (midnight)**

No exam without
module booking





Exam Deregistration

- After the end of the cancellation period
- In case of illness or other compelling, unpredictable and unavoidable circumstances
- The candidate of an oral exam must also inform the respective chair of his/her withdrawal
- 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

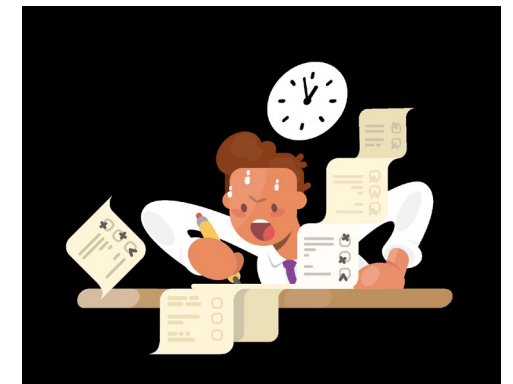
https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/exams/general.html#Illness_/absence_-_exam_deregistrations

- Submit your request **no later than 5 days after the missed examination**
- Add a medical certificate or other supporting documents



Examination Periods

- Examination period in spring semester 2022: **20 June – 15 July 2022**; in fall semester 2022: all of **January 2023**
- Provisional dates will be published on this website:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/exams/master.html>
→ make sure not to book modules in which the exams take place at the same time!
- Assessment may take place earlier in some modules, e.g. during the semester or at the end of the lecture period. There are no provisional dates for these assessments available.





Repeating Assessments

- Compulsory modules can be repeated twice
- Re-examinations only offered for compulsory modules (but not Master's thesis) in the semester following the lecture
- Max. 13 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)



Transcript of Records (ToR)

- Issued each semester
- Overview of all modules taken at UZH in a given semester
- Pass and fail grades
- Transcript of Records will be provided **electronically only** in the student portal



General Transfer of Credits

- Coursework of a Master's degree in law completed abroad can be credited to the study program International and Comparative Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits with "passed"
- 60 ECTS credits must be completed at RWF UZH
- Shortened study program according to Art. 5.2 of the Guidelines Recognition and Transfer of Credit to Degree and Study Programs at RWF UZH
- Prerequisites:
 - Master's degree in law or the minimum duration of full-time study in law was four years
 - The degree is not older than **ten years**
- Application and examination at the Student Center:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/contact-form.html>



Swiss Mobility

- Study at another university in Switzerland
- Application at Student Administration Office UZH:
<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/de/studies/application/chmobilityout.html>
- 15 April for fall semester
- 31 October for spring semester
- Only English taught modules can be accredited to the International and Comparative Law study program





International Mobility

- SEMP-agreements (formerly ERASMUS) with 60 partner institutions from 24 European countries
- Faculty agreements of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich with non-European countries: Bangalore, Birzeit, Chicago, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, Peking, São Paulo, Shanghai, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo
- further bilateral agreements of the University of Zurich, for all fields of study
- Information is available here: <http://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/studies/mobility/international.html>
- 15 January for next academic year (fall or spring semester)
- 15 August for spring semester (only remaining spaces)
- Only English taught modules can be accredited to the International and Comparative Law study program





Libraries

- Law Library:
 - Specialised legal reference library
 - Books may not be borrowed
 - Workplaces with and without reservation: <https://www.ub.uzh.ch/de/ub-besuchen/standorte/rechtswissenschaften.html>
- Zentralbibliothek (ZB): <https://www.zb.uzh.ch>

Bibliothek
der Universität Zürich



Questions

- Via Contact form:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/contact-form.html>
- During the Consultation Hours on Monday from 9 to 12 a.m.:
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general.html>
- Ask now!

