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be prevented?

master of law (MLaw) in criminology and security

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

The Master of Law in Criminology and Security focuses on the study of anti-social behaviour and the social reaction to such behaviour.

It is interested in delinquents and their victims, offences and punishments and penal measures. The scientific survey of deviance allows the development of relevant criminal policies as well as the implementation of programmes for the prevention of delinquency and the care of delinquents.

The Master offers a multidisciplinary programme that includes sociology, law, forensic science as well as psychology. The study plan varies according to the type of Bachelor's degree held by the student.

Career prospects

University studies develop, in addition to specific academic skills, a great many transverse skills such as: 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 such as:

- Cantonal public administrations and cantonal and federal institutions (penitentiary and probation services, help centres for victims of crime, etc.)
- Police Services at the federal, cantonal, and municipal levels
- Community institutions
- Private security firms
- Insurance companies
- International governmental and non-governmental organisations
- Research work

Alumni move into a wide variety of roles, for example as a probation officer in Fribourg canton's probation service, an evaluation officer in Vaud canton's prison service, or a worker at a victim support centre in Lausanne. unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres

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Organisers

School of Criminal Justice, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration: www.unil.ch/esc

Degree awarded

Master of Law (MLaw) in Criminology and Security

ECTS credits

120

Duration

4 semesters

Teaching language

French. Recommended level: C1. A very good understanding of English is necessary, since most criminology literature is published in English and a few block courses are given in English.

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More information

www.unil.ch/esc > Masters > ML mention criminologie

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The courses are spread over the two years of study, with a greater number of courses in the 1st year to leave more time for empirical research (dissertation) during the 2nd year.

The course programme includes a number of basic subjects in the fields of law and social sciences. The aim of these courses is to provide the basic knowledge required for advanced studies in Criminology. Methods and statistics are also taught to allow you to understand the results of research that you may come across in your readings, but also to conduct your own research. Subjects specific to criminology, such as crime prevention, juvenile delinquency, organised crime, economic crime penology or policing complete the study programme. These subjects, taught by specialists—not only from Switzerland, but also from the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States—, provide you with more in-depth knowledge. You can also follow option courses in specific areas of criminology or general courses in the areas of liberal arts and social sciences. If you have already completed certain compulsory courses during your studies for a Bachelor's, you may apply for equivalence recognition. The second year of study is dedicated mainly to individual empirical research (Master's thesis). You also complete your programme of compulsory and option courses.

Mobility

The school has concluded agreements with universities in Belgium (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Université de Liège, Universiteit Gent, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Vrije Universiteit Brussel), in Canada (Université de Montréal), in China (China University of Political Science and Law), in Spain (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Universidad de València, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya), in the United States (Sam Houston State University), in Italy (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore de Milan), in Lithuania (Vilnius University), in Portugal (Universidade do Porto), and in Slovenia (Università de Maribor). ECTS credits acquired abroad are in principle recognised on the student's return from the relevant study periods.

SYLLABUS

Module 1. Preparatory Module

- Introduction to criminology and other options chosen to complement previous studies

15 ECTS credits

Module 2. Analytical Tools and Methods

- Research Methods
- Statistical Analysis Methods
- Introduction to Qualitative Methods
- Criminality Analysis on the Internet
- Analysis of Economic and Organised Crime
- Security Data and Intelligence Analysis

30 ECTS credits

Module 3. Crime, Authors and Victims

- Crime Prevention
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Victim Studies and Victim Support
- Crime on the Internet
- History of Criminological Thinking
- Choice of Options (5 ECTS)

27 ECTS credits

Module 4. Security, Justice and Prison

- Criminologists and Intervention Services
- Criminal Policy
- Penology
- Criminal Law II
- Policing
- Terrorism
- Psychopathology of Deviant Behaviour
- Choice of Options (3 ECTS)

30 ECTS credits

Module 5: Master's Thesis

- Master's Thesis Seminar
- Master's Thesis

18 ECTS credits

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Admission requirements

Candidates must be holders of a degree from a Swiss university affiliated to the following study branches (swissuniversities): forensic sciences, economics, finance, management, business information systems, political science, social and cultural anthropology/ethnology, sociology, psychology, law, human medicine.

Another degree or university title may be judged to be equivalent and give access to this Master's degree course, with or without further conditions. The School of Criminal Justice is competent for the final decision on equivalence (info.esc@unil.ch), subject to the candidate's formal admissibility to the Master's degree course.

Enrolment and final date

Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Department (www.unil.ch/immat) before 30 April.

Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland: 28 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.
See also the Master's degree regulations: www.unil.ch/esc

Timetables

www.unil.ch/esc > Masters > ML mention criminologie

General information on studies, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Accommodation and financial assistance

www.unil.ch/sasme

International

www.unil.ch/international

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