Study programme description

Master

LL.M.

Degree conferred
LL.M. (Master of Advanced Studies)

Options
- LL.M. in international contracts and arbitration
- LL.M. in compliance
- LL.M. in international business law

Languages of study
Study in English

Commencement of studies
Commencement of studies in the Autumn Semester (September) or in the Spring Semester (February)

Access to further studies
Ph.D.

Fribourg University Law Faculty offers LL.M. programmes in international contracts and arbitration, compliance and international business law. It is the only Law Faculty in Switzerland and one of the few in the world to propose an LL.M. in compliance. The LL.M. programmes welcome those who wish to start or develop their professional career in one of these fields, notably as a lawyer or counsel in the legal and/or compliance departments of national or multinational companies. Each LL.M. programme offers a practice oriented curriculum, composed of mandatory core courses and activities to which additional courses may be added to address specific career goals.

Profile of the study programme
The Fribourg Law Faculty offers three LL.M. programmes specialized in international contracts and arbitration, compliance and international business law.

The core courses for each LL.M. programme provide knowledge and develop specific skills sought for by the employers in these fields. The students may further tailor their curriculum by choosing additional courses to foster their career objectives.

Offering a solid theoretical basis and focused on practical issues which the LL.M. graduates will meet in their professional life, the LL.M. programmes provide students with key differentiators in their career.

All the courses, exams and other academic activities are held in English.

The students are offered the opportunity to attend training sessions in job search and recruitment and benefit from a personalized career service by HR professionals. A large number of extracurricular activities are equally proposed.

International profile
The LL.M. programmes welcome approximately 40 students of different origins (29 nationalities in 2014) allowing the students to familiarize with working in an international environment and building a cross-border network – which is essential for an international career.

The LL.M. Faculty members are professors and practitioners of international renown from more than 20 countries who come purposely to train the Fribourg Law LL.M. students.

Fribourg Law Faculty is the only in Switzerland and one of the few in the world to offer the opportunity to specialize through an LL.M. in Compliance.

Career opportunities
The LL.M. programmes are designed for those who wish to practice or conduct research in the field of international contract law, arbitration, compliance or international business law.

They train lawyers specialized in these fields as well as managers and counsels working for the legal and/or compliance departments of the national or international companies, for local, cantonal or federal administrations, for non-governmental organizations, or for international organizations.

Studies organisation

Structure of studies
60 ECTS credits, 2 semesters

Curriculum
- [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/6-s1J](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/6-s1J)
- [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/FArppl](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/FArppl)
- [http://studies.unifr.ch/go/-HiBd](http://studies.unifr.ch/go/-HiBd)

Comments
Tuition fees are applied for the participation to the LL.M. programme.

Admission
Holders of a Master degree in law delivered by a Swiss university with good knowledge of English are admitted to the LL.M. without further requirements. The same applies to holders of a complete degree in law from a foreign university deemed equivalent.

The number of LL.M. students is limited. Students are selected on academic and professional merits as evidenced by the application file.
Applications are to be submitted online at the following link:
http://studies.unifr.ch/go/LVc6T

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