



**University of  
Zurich** <sup>UZH</sup>

**Faculty of Law**

**WELCOME @ UZH**



**Welcome Event Master of Law  
International and Comparative Law  
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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](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](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 questions (planning the studies, module booking, mobility, recognition and transfer of credits etc.)
- **Personal consultation** by telephone or Zoom (prior registration required) :  
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general.html>
- **Contact Form:** <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/contact-form.html>





## Chairs

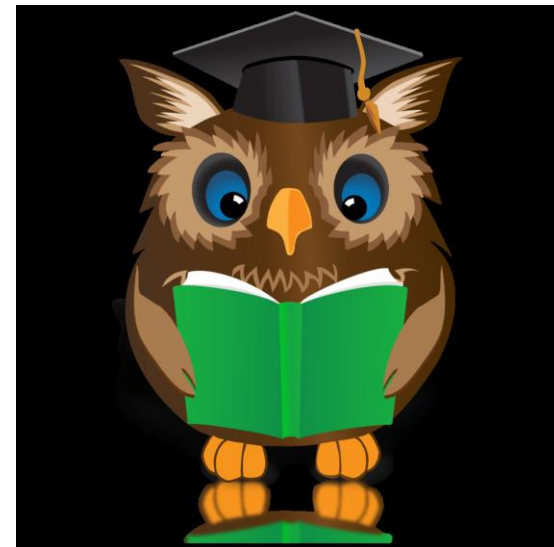
- For questions regarding the content of lectures as well as for further lecture-specific information
- Various materials related to the lectures (lecture notes, slides, podcasts if available etc.) are published on the websites of the chairs

<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 \(StudO RWF\)](#)  
**(p. 30 following!)**
- [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](#)

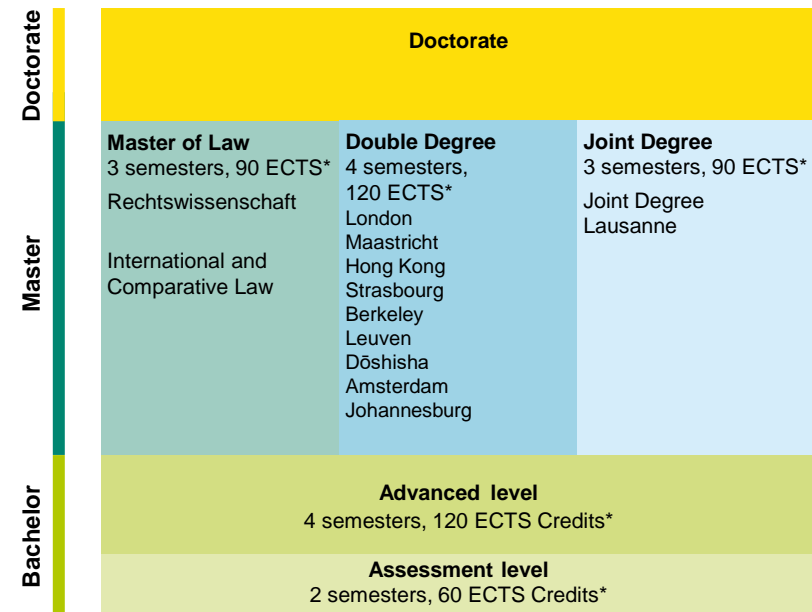




# Study Programs at the Faculty of Law UZH

- 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

**IMPORTANT:** There is an ongoing discussion on whether graduates from the MLaw ICL study program are eligible for the Swiss bar exam. Updates are anticipated for April 2023



\*1 ECTS credit represents 30 working hours



## Terminology

- **ECTS:** "European Credits Transfer System", unit of workload (1 ECTS Credit = 30 hours), ECTS credits are valid for 10 years
- **Module:** Course unit consisting of one or more courses (e.g. lectures and exercises), which may extend over one or two semesters.
- The complete list of modules for the ICL study program is available in **Appendix 2 (A2) of the program regulation (page 30 following)**
- **Compulsory modules:** Modules that are compulsory (i.e mandatory) for all students
- **Core Elective modules:** Modules that must be selected from predefined list of modules
- **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	Modules	Module Type	ECTS
	<b>Introduction to Swiss Law</b>	Compulsory for students without a Swiss BLaw	6
Foundations of Law	<b>1 Module</b> (modules are listed in Appendix 2 (A2) of the program regulation (page 30 following))	Core Elective	6
International Law	<b>4 Modules</b> modules are listed in Appendix 2 (A2) of the program regulation (page 30 following)	Core Elective	24
Comparative Law	<b>3 Modules</b> modules are listed in Appendix 2 (A2) of the program regulation (page 30 following)	Core Elective	18
Various module types	<b>Elective Modules</b> (entire Faculty of Law module offer at Master's level in English)	Elective	24/30
Master's Thesis	<b>Master's Thesis</b>	Compulsory	12
<b>Total</b>			<b>90</b>



## 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
- **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



## Platforms and Tools

- Course Catalogue UZH: <https://studentservices.uzh.ch/uzh/anonym/vvz/index.html?sap-language=EN&sap-ui-language=EN#/details/2022/004/SC/51046469>
- Chairs' Websites: <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/staff/professorships.html>
- OLAT: <https://lms.uzh.ch/dmz/>
- Webseite Faculty of Law: <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en.html>



## Module Booking (Examination registration)

- Module Booking = exam registration
- Only modules of the current semester can be booked
- Booking via [student portal](#)
- **Module booking process** is explained here: <https://www.students.uzh.ch/de/booking/hs22.html>

**Detailed Instructions:** [https://www.ius.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:c6e0b00c-86a9-4881-87bf-f59f436ef8ae/Anleitung\\_Modulbuchungstool\\_EN\\_20220817.pdf](https://www.ius.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:c6e0b00c-86a9-4881-87bf-f59f436ef8ae/Anleitung_Modulbuchungstool_EN_20220817.pdf)

- 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.
- **End of the module booking period: 14 March 2023, 12:00 a.m. (midnight)**
- **End of the cancellation period: 28 March 2023, 12:00 a.m. (midnight)**





## 4. Exams – Module Booking/ Deadlines Spring 2023

<b>Non restricted modules</b> (Booking modules)	<b>Booking period:</b> 18.01. - 14.03.23 (24:00hrs) <b>Cancellation deadline:</b> 28.03.23 (24:00hrs)
<b>Space restricted modules</b> (request and application modules)	<b>Request period:</b> 18.01. - 31.01.23 (24:00 hrs) <b>Move-up deadline (only for request modules):</b> 03.02. - 16.02.23 (24:00hrs) <b>Waiting list progression period:</b> 03.02. - 16.02.23 (24:00hrs) <b>Cancellation period:</b> 03.02. - 19.02.23 (24:00hrs)

-> <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/booking-modules.html>



## 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

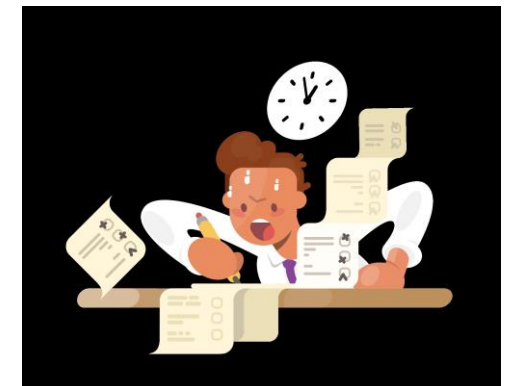
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exam\\_deregistrations](https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/exams/general.html#Illness / absence - exam_deregistrations)

- 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 2023: **19 June - 16 July 2023**
  - Examination period in fall semester 2023: all of **January 2024**
  - Provisional as well as the definite examination 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!  
→ Check the website regularly for updates (lastminute changes)







## Repeating Assessments

- Compulsory modules can be repeated twice
- Re-examinations only offered for compulsory modules (but not Master's thesis) in the following semester
- **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>
- 31 March for fall semester
- 15 October for spring semester
- **Only English taught modules can be accredited** to the International and Comparative Law study program





## International Mobility

- **SEMP-agreements** 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>
- **Application deadlines:**
  - > 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 ICL 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>
  - A **self-guided interactive tour** of the Law Library is available: <https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/library/using/interactivetour.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:  
[https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general.html#Consultation\\_Hours\\_Student\\_Ce](https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/general.html#Consultation_Hours_Student_Ce)
- Ask now!

