



Double Degree Master's Programs

Information brochure





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1. Double Degree Master's Programs

1.1 Aim and Content

The Master's programs conducted jointly with the partner faculties offer students the opportunity to broaden and deepen their knowledge of the Swiss legal system, the legal system of the country of the respective partner faculty, and of international law. Familiarity with foreign legal systems is an important objective of the program.

After a standard study period of two years, the academic degree of Master of Law UZH of the RWF UZH and as well as the corresponding degree of the partner university are awarded upon successful completion of the Double Degree program.

1.2 Partner faculties

The Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich (RWF UZH) offers Double Degree Master's programs in cooperation with the following nine partner faculties:

- **King's College London**, The Dickson Poon School of Law, United Kingdom
- **Maastricht University**, Faculty of Law, The Netherlands
- **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**, Faculty of Law, Belgium,
- **University of Amsterdam**, Faculty of Law, The Netherlands
- **The University of Hong Kong**, Faculty of Law, People's Republic of China
- **Université de Strasbourg, Faculté de Droit, des Sciences Politiques et de Gestion**, France,
- **Doshisha University**, Graduate School of Law, Japan
- **University of California**, Berkeley Law, United States of America, USA
- **University of Johannesburg**, Faculty of Law, South Africa,
- **Yeshiva University**, Cardozo School of Law, United States of America, USA

2. Admission requirements

2.1 General admission requirements

To participate in the Double Degree Master's program at RWF UZH, applicants must be enrolled at the University of Zurich as their home university. In addition, students must successfully complete the application process at RWF UZH. There is no entitlement to a study place, not even at partner universities without admission restrictions or without language certificate requirements.

2.1.1 English Certificates

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT)
- Cambridge Certificate in English
 - Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)
 - Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
- Pearson Test of Academic English (PTE)

2.1.2 French Certificates

- Diplôme approfondi de langue française (DALF)
- Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFL)
- Diplôme du Test de connaissance du français (TCF)

2.2 Special admission requirements

The individual partner faculties have specific admission requirements:

2.2.1 King's College London, The Dickson Poon School of Law

Study Places	max. 20 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 5.0.
Language Certificate	All candidates are required to provide proof that they have met the requisite Band B English language requirement. For further information on the accepted language certificates, please see the English language entry requirements page here .

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2.2.2 Maastricht University, Faculty of Law

Study Places	No restriction of study places. Max. 5 study places for the study program «Forensics, Criminology and Law»
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate	A language certificate is not required but is an advantage.

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2.2.3 Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Faculty of Law

Study Places	Max. 15 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 100 points in the Internet Based test — Min. 250 points in the Computer Based test — Min. 600 points in the Paper Based Test — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 7.0 “overall” — Cambridge English Language Assessment: Proficiency (CPE) Zertifikat or Advanced (CAE) Zertifikat

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2.2.4 Doshisha University, Graduate School of Law

Study Places	Max. 5 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 79 points in the Internet-based Test — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 6.0 “overall”

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***Doshisha University does not accept (1) IELTS One Skill Retake, (2) TOEFL iBT MyBest Scores, (3) IELTS online, (4) TOEFL iBT Home Edition.**

2.2.5 University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Law School

Study Places	No restriction of study places.
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Min. 100 point“overall”, with: – Min. 24 points in reading und writing – Min. 22 points in listening – Min. 25 points in speaking – International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Min. 7.0 “overall”, with no part of the test lower than 6.5 – Cambridge English Language Assessment: Proficiency (CPE) Zertifikat or Advanced (CAE) Zertifikat. For the CAE the minimum requirement are 190 points.-

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2.2.6 Université de Strasbourg, Faculté de Droit, des Sciences Politiques et de Gestion

Study Places	Max. 5 study places for the French-language degree programme
	Max. 2 study places for the English-language degree programme
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Sprachnachweis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – English: Admission to the University of Strasbourg's English-language study program requires proof of proficiency in English (minimum level C1). – French: Admission to the French-language study programs requires proof of proficiency in French (minimum level B2). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Diplôme approfondi de langue française (DALF). – Diplôme d'études en langue française (DELFF). – Diplôme du test de connaissance du française (TCF).

Important for this particular Double Degree program The English Master's program Human Rights Law in a Changing World offered by the University of Strasbourg can only be taken in combination with the English Master's program International and Comparative Law offered by the University of Zurich.

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2.2.7 University of California, Berkeley Law

Study Places	Max. 5 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 5.
Language Certificate*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Minimum of 600 points in the paper-based test — Minimum von 100 points in the internet based test — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 7.0 “overall”
Important for this particular Double Degree program	The program differs from the regular structure of the Double Degree programs offered by RWF. There are two options eligible

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*The University of California, Berkeley Law also accepts. **MyBestTOEFL** score and **TOEFL iBT Home Edition**.

2.2.8 University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Law

Study Places	No restriction of study places.
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7.
Language Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Minimum of 110 «overall» — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 7.0 “overall”

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2.2.9 Yeshiva University, Cardozo School of Law

Study Places	Max. 15 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Minimum of 600 points «overall» — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 7.5 “overall”

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* The language certificates must not be older than 2 years at the time of starting studies at the Cardozo School of Law, i.e., the language certificates must not be older than 1 year at the time of applying to RWF UZH.

2.2.10 The University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law

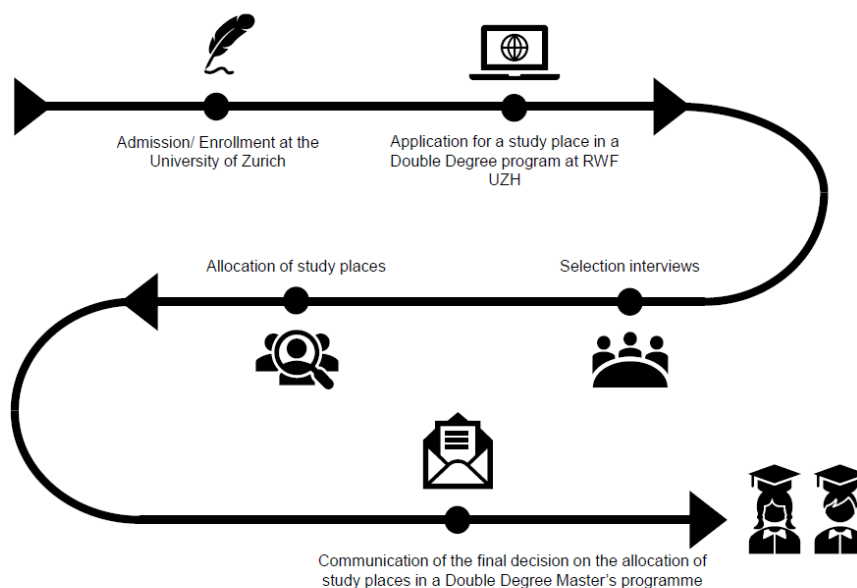
Study Places	Max. 5 study places
Average Grade Bachelor	Minimum average grade of 4.7
Language Certificate*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 593 points in the Paper-based Test, pr — Min. 97 points in the Internet-based Test — International English Language Testing System (IELTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Min. 7.0 “overall”, with a minimum of 6.5 in all skills.

* The University of Hong Kong does not accept results from (1) **combined tests**, (2) **IELTS One Skill Retake** or (3) **TOEFL iBT Home Edition**.

The language certificates must not be older than 2 years at the time of starting studies at the University of Hong Kong, i.e., the language certificates must not be older than 1 year at the time of applying to RWF UZH.

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3. Application Procedure



3.1 Students of RWF UZH

Students who have completed their Bachelor’s Degree at RWF UZH and are already matriculated must complete the following steps:

- (1) Application for a change of degree program:**
Students request a change of degree program to Master of Law UZH (RVO 21), mono-study program Rechtswissenschaft or International and Comparative Law for the fall semester via the student portal. The change of degree program must be requested within the relevant deadline. The Student Administration Office processes the application.
➤ **Changing Degree and/or Study Program**
- (2) Examination of the admission requirements:**
An examination of the formal and academic admission requirements is carried out. Students get a notification in the student portal about the result.
- (3) Application for a study place in the Double Degree Master’s Program**
The application period begins on the 1st of September 2025 and ends on the 14th of September (11:59:PM).
Applications are only possible for the fall semester.

(4) Allocation of a Study Place:

By mid-October the study places for the Double Degree Master’s program will be allocated by the RWF UZH. The decision on the allocation of study places will be communicated to the applicants by email.

(5) Change of Study Program for the spring semester:

Students who have been allocated a place in a Double Degree Master's program must request a change of degree program to the respective Double Degree Master's programme for the spring semester. In the application they must enclose the confirmation of the study place allocation. The application is made via the student portal and is processed by the Student Administration Office.

Failure to request 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**

Applicants who cannot be allocated a study place at a partner faculty of the Double Degree Master's programs remain matriculated in the respective Master of Law UZH for at least one semester and can, if desired, request withdrawal at the end of the fall semester. The application is made via

the student portal and is processed by the Student Administration Office.

➤ **Withdrawing from University**

3.2 Students who have not completed their Bachelor's degree at the RWF UZH

The following application and admission process applies to students who are not completing their Bachelor's degree at RWF UZH and who are not yet matriculated:

(1) Application for the Master of Law UZH:

Students apply for the Master of Law UZH (RVO 21) degree program, mono-study program Rechtswissenschaft or International and Comparative Law for the fall semester via the application portal. The application must be submitted within the relevant deadline. The Admissions Office processes the application.

➤ **Admission to the Master's Program**

(2) Examination of the admission requirements:

An examination of the formal and academic admission requirements is carried out. Students get a notification in the application portal about the result.

(3) Application for a study place in the Double Degree Master's Program

The application period begins on the 1st of September 2025 and ends on the 14th of September (11:59:PM).

Applications are only possible for the fall semester.

(4) Allocation of a Study Place:

By mid-October the study places for the Double Degree Master's program will be allocated by the RWF UZH. The decision on the allocation of study places will be communicated to the applicants by email.

(5) Change of Study Program for the spring semester:

Students who have been allocated a place in a Double Degree Master's program must request a change of degree program to the respective Double Degree Master's program for the spring semester. In the application they must enclose

the confirmation of the study place allocation. The application is made via the student portal and is processed by the Student Administration Office.

Failure to request 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**

Applicants who cannot be allocated a study place at a partner faculty of the Double Degree Master's programs remain matriculated in the respective Master of Law UZH for at least one semester and can, if desired, request withdrawal at the end of the fall semester. The application is made via the student portal and is processed by the Student Administration Office.

➤ **Withdrawing from University**

3.3 Specifically: Application for a study place in a Double Degree program at RWF UZH

After (conditional) admission to the Master's program at UZH, applicants must submit a complete online application on the Double Degree application portal including all relevant documents for allocation of a place in a Double Degree Master's program. Applicants may apply for up to two partner universities, prioritizing their choice. The application portal can be found on the following [RWF website](#) under 'Application, admission and allocation of study places' under 'Apply now'.

The following mandatory documents must be submitted online:

- Complete application form for the allocation of a place on a Double Degree Master's program;
- Letter of motivation in the respective language of instruction of the partner faculty, for each desired partner faculty;
- Curriculum vitae (with photo) in the respective language of instruction of the desired partner faculty;
- Copy of the Bachelor's degree (or Transcript of Records if the Bachelor's degree has not yet been awarded);
- Admission's letter to the Master's program by the student services UZH;
- Copy of the passport or identity card;
- Proof of language skills (copy of online test results is sufficient for the application), exception: Maastricht University

The following documents are optional:

- Proof of other relevant (i.e. legal) qualifications, e.g. work references, recommendation letters

The RWF UZH application period for the Double Degree Master's programs is **1 September – 14 September**.

3.4 Allocation of study places

The respective Steering Committee of the Faculty of Law selects students on the basis of the written

applications and individual selection interviews. In case of sufficient qualification, the individual selection interview may not be necessary.

Study places are allocated based on the following criteria:

- average grade of Bachelor's degree or previous academic achievements;
- knowledge of the language of instruction;
- the student's motivation to study presented in the letter of motivation and during the interview; and
- additional relevant qualifications for the Double Degree Master's program (e.g. work references, legal internships)

The minimum requirements are as follows:

- minimum average grade of 4.7 (or deviating requirements of the partner faculties); and
- Bachelor of Law degree within 5 years

The selection interview may be a decisive factor for the allocation of a study place. The provisional dates of the selection interviews are published in advance on the Internet. The invitations to the individual selection interviews are sent by e-mail.

For applicants who had aimed for a Master of Law in English, a transfer to a Master's program in German is only possible if sufficient German language skills can be proven.

The final decision on the allocation of study places in a Double Degree Master's program will be communicated to the applicants by e-mail by mid-October.

The allocation of a place in a Double Degree Master's program by RWF UZH is subject to admission by the respective partner faculties. Applicants nominated for the Double Degree program undergo a further registration process at the partner universities, which, however, does not constitute an additional application procedure.

** Exception: LL.M. in Public International Law and LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law at the University of Amsterdam. Students interested in these two study programs must undergo an additional application procedure at UvA.*

4. Study Program at RWF UZH

4.1 Duration and start of studies

The Double Degree Master's Program generally lasts for four semesters. Students spend two semesters each at RWF UZH and at the partner faculty (exception: study program at the Berkeley School of Law).

The start of studies at RWF UZH is always in fall semester. It is not possible to start the program in spring semester. Master's modules can be booked prior to the start of the Double Degree Master's program, but the duration of studies is always at least 4 semesters, regardless of how many Master's modules have been completed.

4.2 Course Content

The study program at RWF UZH comprises study achievements in the amount of 60 ECTS credits according to the Study Regulations for the Double Degree Master's programs (StudO DD RWF).

Students at RWF UZH can choose between the two following study programs:

- Study program Rechtswissenschaft (mostly in German)
- Study program International and Comparative Law (exclusively in English)

Each study program at a partner faculty is determined by the relevant regulations of the faculty in question. Coursework completed at the partner faculties is taken into account in the UZH degree by means of a general transfer of 30 ECTS credits. For information on the different study programs of the partner universities, please consult the websites of the respective partner universities.

In addition, you will find a flyer with a useful overview of the study program for each partner university on our website under Partner Faculties.

4.3 Language

Classes and exams at RWF UZH take place in German and English or exclusively in English. Classes and exams at the partner faculties take place primarily in the language of instruction of the faculty in question

4.4 Enrollment and study fees

Students are principally regularly enrolled at RWF UZH during the whole program (at least four semesters). The tuition fees of RWF UZH are cancelled for the semesters spent at the partner faculty. The tuition fees at the partner faculty are determined by the relevant agreement of RWF UZH with the partner faculty. For more information on tuition fees at the partner faculties please also refer to the flyers on our website.

4.5 Application for the Master's degree - Graduation

Double Degree students can apply for their UZH Master's degree in the fourth semester if they have successfully completed their study program in Zurich and at the partner university according to the StudO DD RWF.

The date of conferral of the RWF UZH Master's diplomas depends on the awarding of diplomas by the partner faculties. Depending on the partner faculty, delays can occur.

The study achievements at the partner university can be generally credited towards the degree with 30 ECTS Credits. Please submit the transcript of records from the partner faculty to the RWF UZH Student Centre immediately upon receipt via the contact form (subject: Recognition & Crediting: Double Degree Crediting). Please note the **deadlines** for submitting the degree.

You can find more information about the process on our website **here**.

5. Webseite

This brochure does not claim to be complete. Please also consult our website on the Double Degree Master's programs. The website contains further useful information and is updated regularly.

6. Kontakt

Bei If you have any questions about the Double Degree Master's programs, please contact:

Study Dean's Office
Student Center
University of Zurich
Rämistrasse 74/2
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Contact form

Consultation hours: Wednesday, 9.00h - 12.00h
(online, pre-booking necessary)