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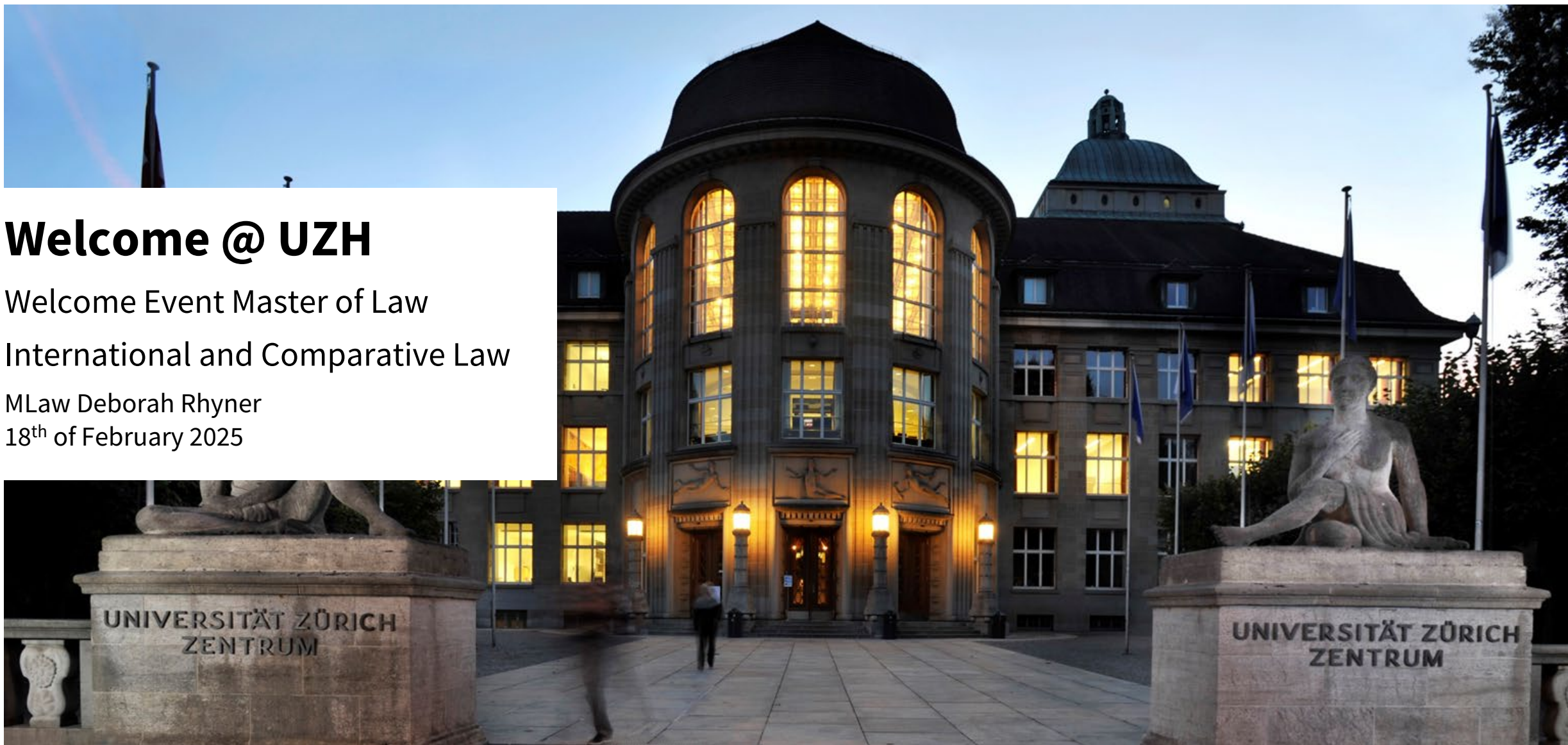
Welcome @ UZH

Welcome Event Master of Law

International and Comparative Law

MLaw Deborah Rhyner

18th of February 2025



Information regarding this event

- The presentation will **not be recorded**, there will be no podcast.
- The slides will be published and will be available for download on the following website:

[Master of Law: International and Comparative Law \(ICL\) - 90 ECTS](#)

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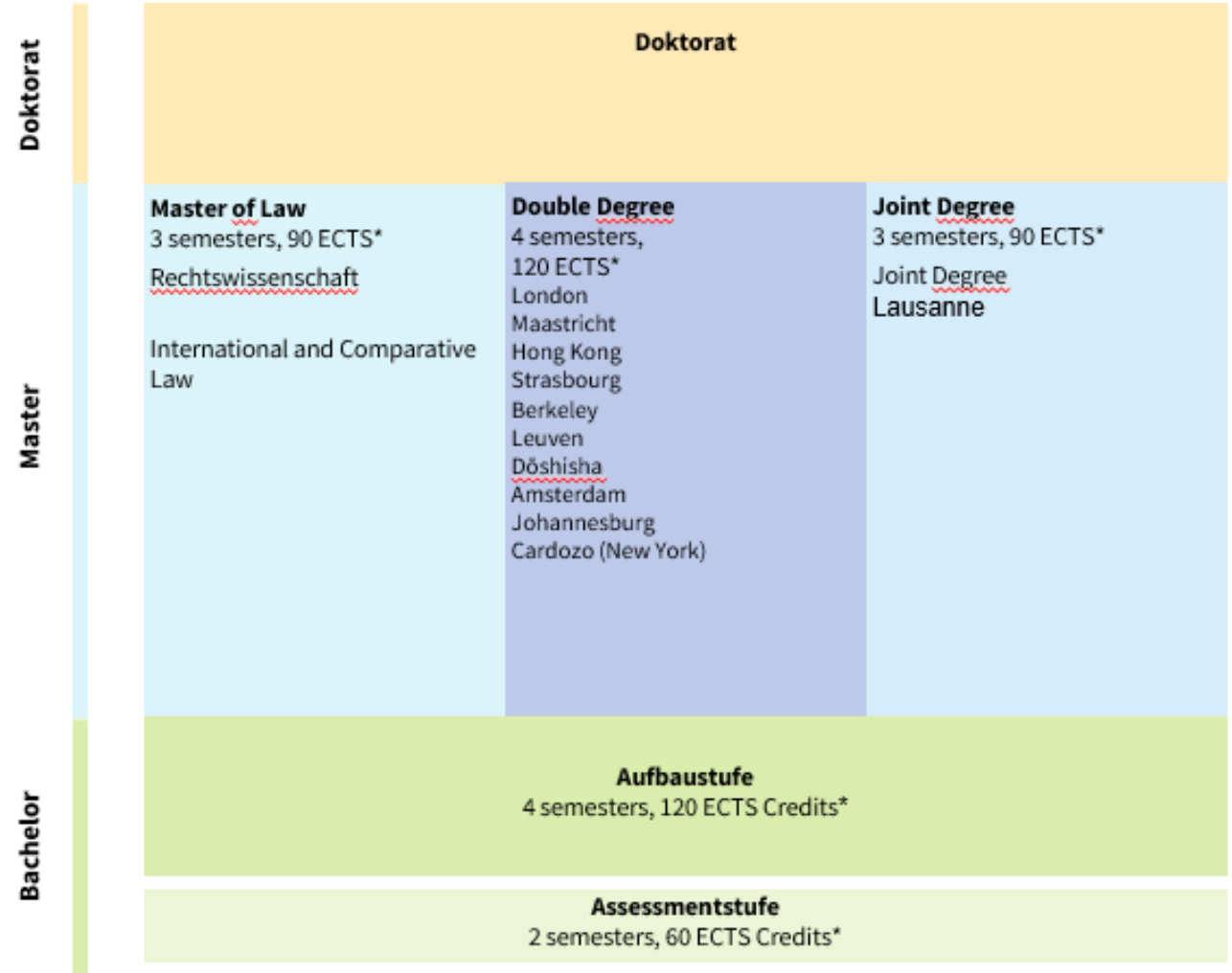
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Study Programs at the Faculty of Law UZH

- Bachelor of Law UZH: 180 ECTS, 6 semesters
- Master of Law: 90 ECTS, 3 semesters
- PhD/Doctorate



*1 ECTS credit entspricht einer durchschnittlichen studentischen Arbeitsleistung von 30 Stunden.

Contact points

Student Center, Faculty of Law

— Student Center:

- For study-related, organisational questions (planning the studies, module booking, mobility, recognition and transfer of credits, etc.)
- [Telephone consultations](#) (all topics, Thursday 2 p.m. – 4p.m.)
- [Online consultations](#) (various topics, see timetable)
- [Contact form](#) (written inquiries)

— Contact Person within the Student Center:

- **MLaw Deborah Rhyner, Coordinator Master's Programs**
- Online Consultation: Wednesday 09:00h – 12:00h (prior [booking](#))



Contact points

Student Center, Faculty of Law

— Further sources of information:

- [Contact Form](#)
- [Website MLaw ICL](#)
- [Website Faculty of Law](#)
- [Dates and Deadlines](#)
- [Class schedules](#)
- [UZH Course Catalogue \(Study program: International and Comparative Law\)](#)
- [Legal Documents of the Faculty of Law](#)
- [Information on exams](#)
- [Exam archive](#)

Contacts points

UZH Student Services, Organisational and administrative matters

- **Student Administration Office UZH (Kanzlei)**

Change of degree and study program, leave of absence, withdrawal from the university, issuing the bills for the semester fees, and confirmations (e.g. enrollment status certificates) etc.

[Contact](#)

Phone 044 634 22 17 (Monday until Friday 9.30 – 12.30)

- **Admissions Office UZH (Zulassungsstelle)**

Applications to all Master's programs etc.

[Contact](#)

Phone +41 44 634 22 36 (Monday until Friday 9.30 – 12.30)

- **IT Services UZH**

Technical issues (login student portal etc.)

[Contact](#)

Contacts points

Chairs, Faculty of Law

- For questions regarding the content of lectures as well as for further lecture-specific information you can consult the chair of the lecturer
- Various materials related to the lectures (lecture notes, slides, podcasts etc.) are published on the websites of the chairs
- You can find an alphabetical list of all the chairs [here](#)



<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/staff/professorships/alphabetical.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](#)



[Master's Thesis Agreement](#)



[Guidelines Recognition and Transfer of Credit to Degree and Study Programs at RWF UZH \(RLA\)](#)

Teaching in Spring Semester 2025

- **Course Format:** Generally face-to-face teaching
- Partial availability of live streams and/or podcasts (depending on lecturer)
- **Course Information:** Please check [Online Course Catalogue](#) and [Website of the Chairs](#) for more information

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
- **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 (i.e mandatory) for all students
- **Core Elective modules:** Modules that must be selected from predefined list of modules within a specific area of law
- **Elective modules:** Modules that can be chosen freely (modules offered by the Faculty of Law at the master's level)
- **Failed attempt:** failed module (= grade below 4)
- **Module booking:** registration for the assessment/examination
- **Assessments:** oral or written examinations, written papers, etc.

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law

Module (group)	ECTS	Module type	Completion cycle	Performance record and evaluation type
Introduction to Swiss Law*	6	Compulsory	fall semester (one-semester module)	by announcement
Master's Thesis	12	Compulsory	no fixed semester allocation	written paper, graded
Foundations of Law (module group)	6	Core Elective (1 module worth 6 ECTS)	by announcement	by announcement
International Law (module group)	24	Core Elective (4 modules worth 6 ECTS)	by announcement	by announcement
Comparative Law (module group)	18	Core Elective (3 modules worth 6 ECTS)	by announcement	by announcement
Elective Modules (entire Faculty of Law module offer at Master's level in English)	24/30	Elective (3/4 modules worth 6 ECTS)	by announcement	various
Total	90			

*Mandatory for students with foreign qualifications; not creditable for students with a Swiss Bachelor of Law.

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/study-courses/master/ma-law-icl-90.html>

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law

Module Selection

You can find details on module offerings in the [Online Course Catalogue](#) and in the [StudO RWF, Appendix 2 \(A2\)](#)

When selecting modules please consider!

- **Introduction to Swiss Law**
 - Compulsory module for students without a Swiss Bachelor of Law
 - Cannot be accredited towards the degree for students with a Swiss Bachelor of Law
 - **Only offered in fall semester**
 - Recommended to complete in the first/second semester.
- Only **English-taught** modules can be accredited
 - no German/French/Italian etc.-taught modules
- Modules from other faculties **cannot** be accredited (only **law modules**)

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law

Master's Thesis

Written paper (12 ECTS Credits), will be graded

– **Option 1: Upon Individual Agreement**

- Arrange with a professor/faculty member (§41 StudO RWF)
- Fill out the "Master's Thesis Agreement"
- Advantage: no fixed semester allocation

– **Option 2: Seminar-Based Thesis**

- Register in the previous semester (spots are limited)
- Fall 2025 seminars [published online](#) on March 6, 2025
- Request period: March 6, 2025, 10:00hrs to March 18, 2025, 24:00hrs (the relevant dates and deadlines can be found [here](#)).

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/during-studies/modules-records/thesis-papers.html>

Study Program MLaw International and Comparative Law

Master's Thesis

- In each case, the «Master's Thesis Agreement» must be filled out



[Master's Thesis Agreement](#)



[Fact Sheet on Assessments of the Faculty of Law](#)

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/during-studies/modules-records/thesis-papers.html>

General Transfer of Credits

Foreign academic achievements

- Graduates with a **foreign Master's degree or an equivalent degree in law** can apply for transfer of a **lump-sum credit of 30 ECTS credits** towards the Master of Law UZH. The degree must not be older than ten years.
 - Only **English-taught** coursework can be credited towards the MLaw ICL.
 - 60 ECTS credits must be completed at RWF UZH.
 - If a general transfer is considered, the recognition of individual modules is not possible.
- Find more information on the procedure [here](#).

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/during-studies/accreditation/prior-studies.html>

Platforms and Tools

- [Student Portal](#): Here you will find all important topics concerning your studies (module booking, course catalog, transcript of records etc.)
- [Course Catalogue UZH](#)
- [Chairs' Websites](#)
- [OLAT](#)
- [Website Faculty of Law](#)

Module Booking (Examination registration)

- Module Booking = exam registration
- Only modules of the current semester can be booked
- Booking via student portal
- Find Information on the module booking [here](#)
- Types of assessments: written examinations, oral examinations, papers, presentations etc.
- **End of the module booking period: 11th of March 2025, 24:00 a.m. (midnight)**
- **End of the cancellation period: 25th of March 2025, 24:00 a.m. (midnight)**

Module Booking/Deadlines Spring Semester 2025

You can find all the deadlines for module booking [here](#). The cancellation period of the Request-and Application modules ends earlier than the regular cancellation period.

Non restricted modules (Booking modules)

Booking period:

15.01.2025 (10:00hrs) – 11.03.2025 (24:00hrs)

Cancellation deadline:

25.03.2025 (24:00hrs)

Space restricted modules

- **Request modules** are place limited modules. Places are allocated on the basis of place allocation criteria published in the course catalog.
- **Application modules** are place limited modules. Places are allocated manually. If specified in the course catalog, documents must be submitted. These can be uploaded during the application process.

Request period spring semester 2025:

15.01.2025 (10:00hrs) to 28.01.2025 (24:00hrs)

Latest place allocation:

01.02.2025 (22:00hrs)

Waiting list progression period (only for request modules):

01.02.2025 (22:00hrs) to 13.02.2025 (24:00hrs)

Cancellation period:

01.02.2025 (22:00hrs) to 16.02.2025 (24:00hrs)

<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/de/studies/during-studies/deadlines.html>

Module Booking

- Open the Online Course Catalogue (<https://courses.uzh.ch/>)
- Log onto the course catalogue using the symbol in the upper right (UZH shortname and password)



- (Alternative log in via student portal, <https://studentservices.uzh.ch/>)
- If you have problems using your password please contact [IT Support](#)

Module Booking

Relevant for module booking are those two tiles with a red frame

UZH Home ▾

Planning your Studies Study Progress Application Teaching Administration Student Administration Digital Platforms Services

Find and Book Modules

UZH Course Catalogue
Step 1

Search UZH Course Catalogue

Modules of My Study Programs




Noted Items & Module Booking
Noted 0
Step 2

Module Booking

Step 1: Select the desired modules by putting them on your list

- You can find modules in the course catalog by selecting:
 - Faculty of Law
 - Degree program Master of Law UZH (RVO 21)
 - Show modules by subject area or "Show all modules" for a complete overview
- You can add modules to your watch list by clicking on the star symbol next to the event:

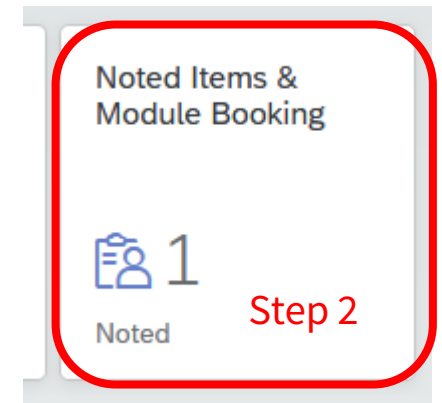


Modules (6)					[≡] Group	Search 
Module	Short module	Category	ECTS	Note		
Required Modules						
Introduction to Swiss Law	02SM90PM6A	Course	6			>
Core Elective Modules						
Criminology	02SM90GL3	Course	6			>

Module Booking

Step 2: Booking Modules

- Back to the overall menu
- «Noted Items & Module Booking»
- «**Book Module**»
 - There are some exceptions, where modules cannot be booked directly. In that case you will only be able to request a space here and not book it.

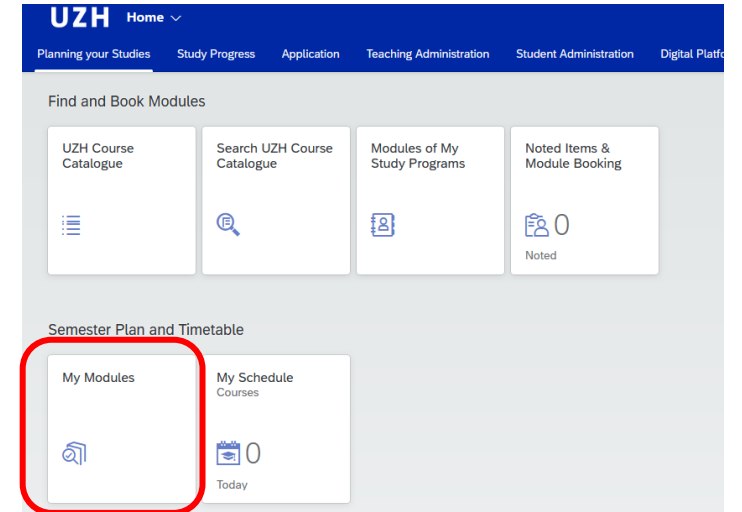


Note Entries		Delete All Noted Items
Module	Course	
Fall Semester 2024		
Trade and Business Law II (02SM90PM2) ECTS: 6	Handels- und Wirtschaftsrecht II (02VL90PM2-1) Category: Lecture with Practical Exercises Times: Tue 10:15-12:00, We 12:15-13:45 Instructors: Andreas Heinemann	

Module Booking

Control

- Booked and requested Modules are listed in the tile «My Modules»
- Until the cancellation period ends, modules can be cancelled by clicking on the trash can icon



Booked Modules			
Module	Course	Status	Cancel
Fall Semester 2024			
Trade and Business Law II (02SM90PM2) ECTS: 6	Courses	Booked	 >

Module Booking

- In the module group "Modules without examination registration" you will find the first part of the two-semester compulsory module of the Mlaw Rechtswissenschaften study program (review and in-depth course in criminal law)
- This module should be booked in the fall semester, however booking it is **not a registration for the exam**. The exam can only be booked in the semester that it will be taken.


Module	Short module	Category	ECTS
Elective Modules			
Advanced Criminal Law and Procedure, Part 1 (no exam registration)	02SM90PM3T1	Module without Credits	>


Module Booking


- Seminar-based master thesis: you can make a request for the module master thesis and set preferences for the seminars that are being offered. The request is being placed in the semester before the actual seminar takes place.
- Please check the website of the chairs for information about whether costs may incur (this may be especially relevant for seminars not taking place in Zurich).

Written Papers ×

Modules (1) [≡] Group

Module	Short module	Category	ECTS	Note
Compulsory Modules				
Master's Thesis	02SM90MA	Student Work	12	

Note Entries  Delete All Noted Items

Module	Course
Spring Semester 2025	
Master's Thesis (02SM90MA) ECTS: 12	Note Course for Schedule  Request Module

Module Booking

- Set preferences for the seminars that are being offered. Preferences will be taken into account by the allocation algorithm in the following order: high > medium > **no pref. (default)** > low
- You may give the preference “high” to one (clear preference) or several seminars.
- As you have to write your thesis in English, you should give the preference “medium” to most English seminars. If you do not so, you may risk being allocated to a German seminar.
- In case you do know German, you may write an English thesis in an German seminar. This possibility may be indicated on the seminar list or you may directly ask the chair.

Course packages: Master's Thesis (02SM90MA) My Schedule

> Seminar: Die römischen Stipulationen in (02MA2SE1)
Booking preference:

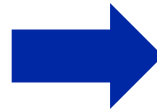
> Seminar: Empirical Legal Project (02MA2SE2)
Booking preference:

> Seminar im Völkerrecht: Aktuelle Brennpu (02MA2SE3)
Booking preference:

> Seminar im Migrationsrecht (02MA2SE4)
Booking preference:

> Seminar im U.S. Business Law (02MA2SE5)
Booking preference:

Close



Course packages: Master's Thesis (02SM90MA) My Schedule

> Seminar: Die römischen Stipulationen in (02MA2SE1)
Booking preference:

> Seminar: Empirical Legal Project (02MA2SE2)
Booking preference:

> Seminar im Völkerrecht: Aktuelle Brennpu (02MA2SE3)
Booking preference:

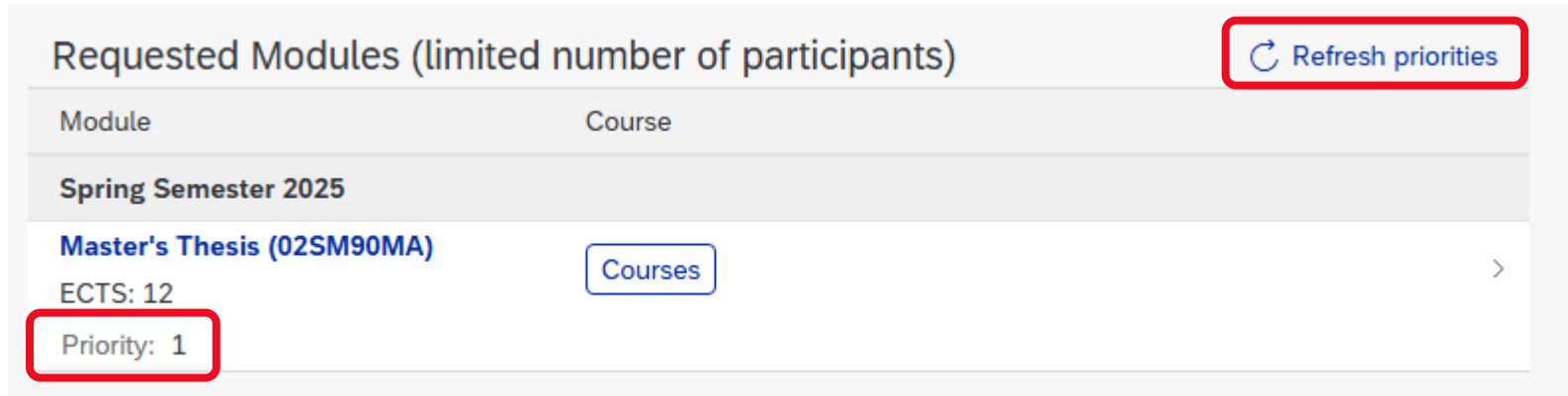
> Seminar im Migrationsrecht (02MA2SE4)
Booking preference:

> Seminar im U.S. Business Law (02MA2SE5)
Booking preference:

Close

Module Booking

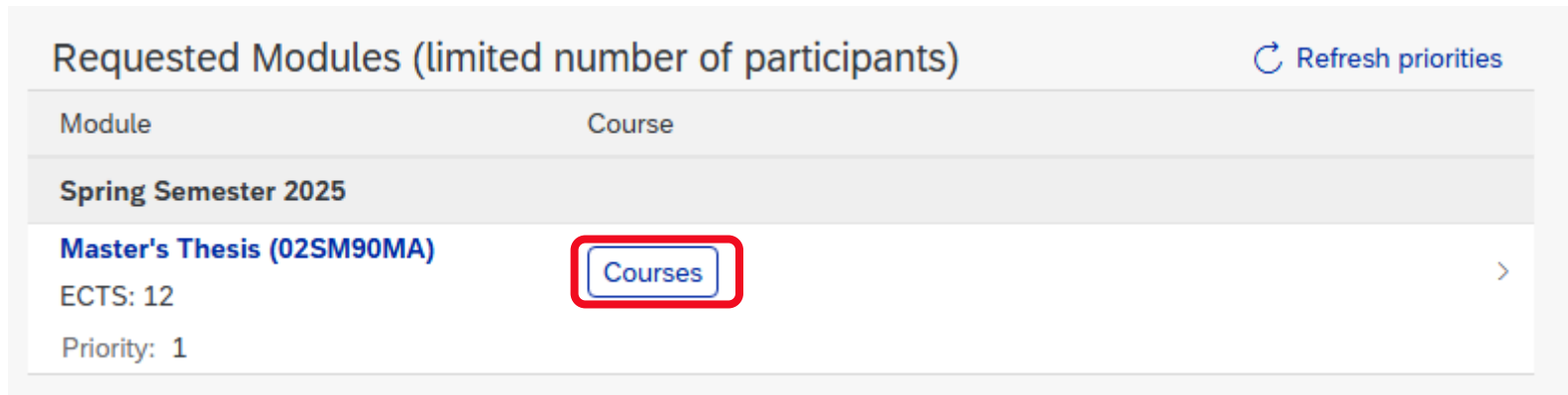
- Check whether you have given first priority to the master’s thesis. If you not, you should click on the bottom “**Refresh priorities**”.



Requested Modules (limited number of participants) [Refresh priorities](#)

Module	Course
Spring Semester 2025	
Master's Thesis (02SM90MA) ECTS: 12 Priority: 1	Courses >

- As long as the request period is open, you may change preferences by clicking on “**Courses**”.



Requested Modules (limited number of participants) [Refresh priorities](#)

Module	Course
Spring Semester 2025	
Master's Thesis (02SM90MA) ECTS: 12 Priority: 1	Courses >

Assessments

Examination Periods

- Examination period in the spring semester 2025: **16.06. – 11.07.2025**
- Examination period in the fall semester 2025: **tbd**

- Provisional as well as the definite examination dates will be published on this [website](#)

- **Attention:**
 - Exams may overlap in time. Ensure that you do not book two modules whose exams are scheduled at the same time!
 - Exam dates can be changed at any time until they are finalized, so it is advisable to regularly check the exam website.

- Please note that oral exams, written papers, and similar assessments do not need to be scheduled within the regular examination period.

Assessments

Exam Deregistration

- After the end of the cancellation period only 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
- Submit your request **no later than 5 days after the missed examination**
- Add a medical certificate or other supporting documents
- More Information can be found [here](#)
- [Instructions on the deregistration procedure for examinations \(PDF\)](#)

Assessments

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).

Assessments

Transcript of Records

- Issued each semester
 - Spring semester 2025: 19th of September 2025
 - Fall semester 2025: 20th of February 2026
- Overview of all modules taken at UZH in a given semester (including failed attempts)
- Transcript of Records will be provided **electronically only** in the student portal, you will be informed by email when they are available for download

<https://www.students.uzh.ch/en/studyadmin/attestations/transcripts.html>

Swiss Mobility

- Study at another university in Switzerland
- Information [website RWF](#) - Consultation hours (online – prior [booking](#) required)
- Application at [Student Administration Office UZH](#):
- Application deadlines:
 - 31st of March for fall semester
 - 15th of October for spring semester
- **Only English-taught modules** can be accredited towards the MLaw ICL study program



<https://www.uzh.ch/cmsssl/de/studies/application/chmobilityout.html>

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](#).
- Consultation hours (online – prior [booking](#) required)
- **Application deadlines:**
 - 15 January for next academic year (fall or spring semester)
 - 15 July for spring semester (only spaces that have not been allocated in January)
- **Only English-taught modules** can be accredited towards the MLaw ICL study program

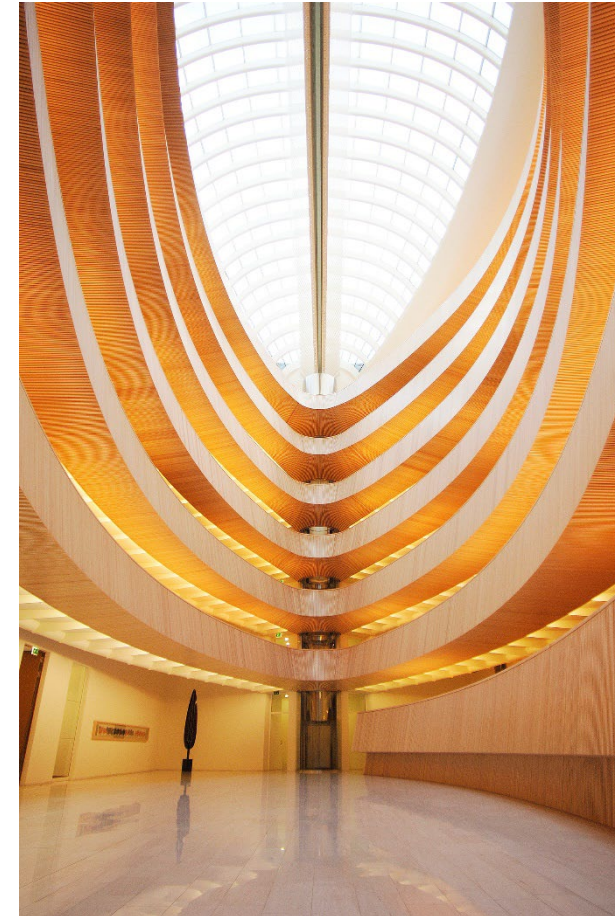
<https://www.ius.uzh.ch/en/studies/mobility/international.html>

Graduation

- Students apply for their degree as soon as they have completed all the required ECTS credits and these are visible in the study portal
- Information on graduation (including dates and deadlines) you can find [here](#)

Libraries

- [Law Library](#):
 - Specialised legal reference library
 - Books may not be borrowed
 - Workplaces with (5th and 6th floor) and without (1st to 4th floor) [reservation](#)
- [Zentralbibliothek \(ZB\)](#)
- Other libraries of the University of Zurich can be found [here](#)



Survey

Thank you for participating!



Questions

- Ask now 😊
- Via [Contact Form](#)
- During [Consultation Hours](#)

