



The one-year Master's programme in Public International Law offers advanced, broad ranging and practice-oriented training in international law. By cooperating with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), it strives to combine SFU's academic strength with UNITAR's practical focus. Through this programme, graduates acquire the ability to perform demanding legal tasks in the global environment, which equip them perfectly for working for national and supranational authorities, non-governmental organizations, international courts as well as other dispute resolution mechanisms.

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Public International Law Master of Laws – LL.M.



Faculty Faculty of Law

Duration / ECTS-Credits 2 semesters / 60 ECTS

Academic Degree LL.M.

Mode of Study full-time

Language of Instruction English

Location of Implementation Vienna

First Semester

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| M.1 | co | Sources and Principles of Public International Law | 4 ECTS |
| M.1 | co | International Organizations Law | 4 ECTS |
| M.1 | co | International Humanitarian Law | 2 ECTS |
| M.1 | co | International Human Rights Law | 4 ECTS |
| M.1 | se | Recent Challenges in Public International Law | 3 ECTS |
| M.2 | co | Introduction to the Work of the United Nations | 2 ECTS |
| M.2 | co | Theories of International Relations | 3 ECTS |
| M.2 | co | Introduction to Global Diplomacy | 2 ECTS |
| M.2 | co | Conflict Analysis and Resolution | 2 ECTS |
| M.3 | co | Comparative Public Law | 2 ECTS |
| M.3 | co | Europe as an Actor under Public International Law | 2 ECTS |

Second Semester

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| M.3 | ex | Negotiation Skills and Techniques in Intercultural Contexts | 2 ECTS |
| M.3 | ex | English Report Writing Skills | 3 ECTS |
| M.4 | se | Master Seminar | 2 ECTS |
| M.4 | | Master Thesis | 20 ECTS |
| M.4 | | Oral Examination | 3 ECTS |

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M.1 Core Fields of Public International Law M.2 Theory and Practice of Global Diplomacy
M.3 Legal Thinking and Communication in International Contexts M.4 Examination Phase

Master Programme Public International Law 2 SEMESTERS

The Master's programme in Public International Law, which is conducted in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), strives to combine SFU's academic strength with UNITAR's practical focus. It deepens students' understanding of international law and provides direct insight into the activities of the United Nations and other international organizations. Since some of the courses are implemented by UNITAR, instructors include highly experienced practitioners in the diplomatic field, for example ambassadors or high-level UN staff. Through this programme, graduates acquire the ability to perform demanding legal tasks in the global environment, which equip them perfectly for working for national and supranational authorities, non-governmental organizations, international courts as well as other dispute resolution mechanisms. The programme strives to connect future leaders in international contexts by bringing together students from all over the world, who exchange views on global challenges and possible solution strategies under academic guidance. Completion of the programme in English also advances language skills, making graduates stand out in the labour market.

Apart from the legal qualifications, the Master's programme in Public International Law offers a direct connection the United Nations and its agencies:

- experience the UN work environment in Vienna first-hand
- build personal relations with UN experts and staff members
- benefit from tailor-made UN career development sessions
- gain support and access to entry points into the UN system

Career Opportunities

Due to the international scope of the programme, the Master in Public International Law opens up vast career prospects for its students. With the gained knowledge and skills possible career paths include international organizations, international courts and tribunals as well as national public authorities including diplomatic services.