

Master of Legal Professions

Master of Law, Economy,
Management Justice, trials and
procedures honours Legal
professions studies

This Master course is for students intending to work in the legal sector (lawyers, magistrates, clerks, notaries, ushers), police, gendarmerie and prison administration or students wanting an in-depth insight into this essential part of the legal world.

Course highlights:

- > Interactive teaching
- > Students build their own professional career path based on their objectives
- > Work placement agreements with Saint-Étienne High Court and Court Lawyers
- > An accounting agreement with the Saint-Étienne IEJ (Institute of Legal Studies)

Objectives

*Train future professionals in legal procedures and techniques
required for the role by
building on an approach incorporating substantive law and
procedure.*

- > **Vocational training:** compulsory placement, practical lessons, involvement of legal professionals, attendance of practitioner seminars etc.
- > **Introduction to research:** thesis drafting, involvement in group research, attendance of research seminars and/or CERCRID conferences (research centre) etc.
- > **Development of critical thought** through teaching and methodology focused on lines of thought in law, reasoning, legal evolutions, history etc.
- > **Preparation for tests and exams** to work in different legal professions or in universities through the teaching of technical and methodological skills.

Who's it for?

Entry requirements

- > Prepare your Master application
- > Application terms

What's next?

Prospects

The Master of Legal Professions is suitable for two types of projects:

Preparation for tests and exams to work in the legal sector

The Master of Legal Professions and preparation provided by the Saint-Étienne IEJ are designed as complementary courses (if the student so wishes). The subjects taught are secant in the two structures but with very different approaches: IEJ provides an update and training in certain exercises (case study, executive summary); the Master provides advanced substantive and procedural learning. Students can also tailor-make the joint degree by choosing the number of modules they wish to take at IEJ alongside their Master's year.

PhD thesis preparation to go into a university career or become a CNRS researcher

The Master of Legal Professions is linked to the CEntre de Recherches CRItiques sur le Droit (CERCRID UMR-CNRS 5137). Students can take part in some of the legal research centre's events and in group research. The centre's expertise in legal analysis is what brought about a **"Justice-University" partnership with Saint-Étienne High Court** which 2nd year Master's students are directly involved in. This type of partnership is doubly useful: it's useful for magistrates who can benefit from in-depth research work and it's useful for students who devote their thesis to a subject that has particular merit in the legal practice and use difficulties arising from this practice as their start point.

Course

Course for reference only.

1st YEAR MASTER'S

SEMESTER 1 <i>194 hr (civil option) or 187 hr (criminal option)</i>	Hour volume	
	Lecture	Tutorial
PROCEDURE SECTOR		
Advanced criminal procedure	27 hr	14 hr*
CIVIL SECTOR		
Matrimonial systems	27 hr	14 hr*
Surety law	27 hr	14 hr*
INTERNATIONAL SECTOR		
International private law	27 hr	-
English	-	20 hr
SPECIALISATION SECTOR		
One subject from the following:		
- Civil option/Civil and commercial contracts	27 hr	-
- Criminal option/Criminal law	20 hr	-
WORK PLACEMENT SECTOR		
Work experience module (JMU)	-	12 hr

SEMESTER 2 ** <i>244 hr (civil</i>	Hour volume	
	Lecture	Tutorial

<i>option) or 251 hr (criminal option)</i>		
PROCEDURE SECTOR		
Advanced civil procedure	27 hr	14 hr*
Civil execution proceedings	27 hr	-
CIVIL SECTOR		
Estates	27 hr	14 hr*
Insolvency law	27 hr	-
CRIMINAL SECTOR		
Special criminal law	27 hr	14 hr*
SPECIALISATION SECTOR		
<i>One subject from the following two:</i>	27 hr	-
- Criminal option/Criminal business law	20 hr	-
- Civil option/Private European law		
FREE MODULE		
English	-	20 hr
<i>One subject from the following two:</i>	20 hr	-
- Criminal sociology		
- Philosophy of law		
<i>One subject from the following two:</i>	20 hr	-
- History of criminal law		
- Major contemporary legal systems		
WORK PLACEMENT SECTOR		
Compulsory 3-6 week placement	-	-

SEMESTERS 1 & 2 TOTAL: 438 hr

* Students choose 2 tutorials out of the 3 available every semester (28 hours of tutorials per semester).

** The second semester may be replaced by a "Work Placement Module" semester. As well as the Work Placement Module, students must take the exam in the following three subjects: advanced civil procedure, civil execution procedures and a subject of their choice.

2nd year Master's

SEMESTER 3 (179 hr)	Hour volume
LEGAL METHOD AND TOOL THEORY AND PRACTICE SECTOR	
Research methodology	12 hr
Access to classic and digital sources	15 hr
Theory and practice of legal sources	15 hr
Theory and practice of legal reasoning	15 hr
Experiential litigation knowledge (High Court partnership)	12 hr
LEGAL EVOLUTIONS SECTOR	
Contemporary history of justice	15 hr
Alternative means to settle disagreements	15 hr
Evolution of the treatment of criminal litigations	15 hr
PRACTICAL LITIGATION SECTOR	
Duty litigations	10 hr
Minor law	20 hr
Victim rights and damages	20 hr
Foreign litigation	15 hr

SEMESTER 4 (76 hr)	Hour volume
PROFESSIONAL SKILL SECTOR	
English	20 hr
Work experience module (JMU)	14 hr
Topical lecture	12 hr
SPECIALISATION SECTOR	

<p><i>One option from the following two:</i></p> <p>Civil option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Family litigation - Personal litigation <p>Criminal option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sentencing code - European criminal law 	<p>15</p> <p>hr</p> <p>15</p> <p>hr</p> <p>15</p> <p>hr</p>
WORK EXPERIENCE SECTOR	
Compulsory 4-6 week placement	-
Thesis	-

SEMESTERS 3 & 4 TOTAL: 255 hr

Teaching method

The Legal Professions course takes 2 years (4 semesters). First year:

- > **Complete the degree's general legal training** with certain subjects that tend to be for advanced students such as international private law.
- > **Advanced study of the most important** technical subjects in the legal profession e.g. criminal law, civil law, criminal procedure and civil procedure.
- > **Provide options** enabling students to start focusing seriously on a criminal or civil law specialisation at this stage in their training.

Second year:

- > **Advanced study of certain fundamental subjects.**
- > **Prepare students for the practice of reasoning** required to succeed in professional exams and to work in the aforementioned professions.
- > **Pursue the specialisation** in criminal or civil law.