

Master of Law, Business, Management
Public law honours
Public Contracts Studies

There are 3 study avenues in the Public Law honours at the Saint-Étienne site: Law and Administration; Fundamental Public Law; Public Contracts. The first year (M1) is the same for all studies.

*The **Public Contracts Law Master 2** is a course with a triple seal from the Lyon 2, Lyon 3 and Saint-Étienne Universities.*

Objectives

Enable students to enter the world of work:

- > Either by passing an exam: employment prospects with a high rate of employability in the public sector (contractual recruitment by territorial collectivities),
- > Or in the private sector which hires public law jurists (approx. 95%).

Provide an introduction to research e.g. writing a dissertation. After the Public Contracts course, students focus on consultancy roles in territorial collectivities (where this is a highly sought-after profile), public companies and specialist law firms.

Who's it for?

Target audience

- > Students wishing to take the entrance exam for the Rhône-Alpes Regional Law School
- > Students hoping to work as in-house jurists
- > Students planning to take the Civil Service exam

Pre-requisites

Recommended:

For entry to the M2: general training in public contract law, public finance and public business law.

Entry requirements

The Master 1 is available to graduates with a bachelor's in law or equivalent diploma after selection.

The Master 2 is only open to students who have completed the first year of a Master of Law or equivalent diploma approved by the Scientific Board at one of the universities in question.

- > Prepare your Master application
- > Application terms

Skills

- > Understanding of the accuracy involved in legal reasoning and regulations in public and private law that apply to public corporations in a contractual manner
- > Understanding of contract-related financial and tax circuits and arrangements
- > Ability to adapt to the professional world by being able to find a legal solution to any type of question raised by public corporations' contractual relationships
- > Grasp of issues and rules of the game in the administrative world
- > Ability to conduct in-depth research
- > Educational ability in the presentation and settlement of legal cases
- > Ability to run a legal project
- > Understanding of disputes related to the law on public contracts (administrative, financial, civil and penal) and litigation procedures
- > Fluent English
- > Knowledge of digital tools
- > Ability to plan, run and report on work in meetings, work groups, seminars

Careers

- > Exam-based public sector employment
- > Lawyer
- > Public sector operators
- > Territorial attaché
- > Solicitor
- > Executive in a company's legal department
- > Public sector project manager
- > Public sector legal expert
- > Public sector manager

Testimonials

Testimonial by the President of the "Public Contract Network" Association, Pierre Levallois:

"The variety of teaching covering all areas of contract law and the training course - including a number of professional magistrates from administrative or financial jurisdictions, lawyers and civil service executives - provide a relevant and immediately operational course for public or private employers. The increasing number of enrolment requests means recruitment that guarantees success for students despite the level of demand required to achieve the diploma. As far as we know, none of the people that are still in touch with the teachers are looking for work."

What's next?

Prospects

High employment rate **95-100%**: temporary contracts, permanent contracts, entry to Law School, Civil Service exam success, pursuit of a long-term placement etc.

Course

Information for reference only and subject to alteration

Every lecture is accompanied by a seminar to explore a theme further, prepare for the professional world and work on a case.

SEMESTER 1	Hour volume	ECTS credits
PUBLIC MANAGEMENT SECTOR		10
Local management		
- Territorial collectivities	18 hr	
- Pre-vocational training (cases)	8 hr	
Human resources		
- Lecture	10 hr	
- Pre-vocational training (case)	8 hr	
- Pre-vocational training external participants	8 hr	
Public services		
- Lecture on the main principles	10 hr	
- Pre-vocational training neutrality, equality, secularity case	8 hr	
Administrative decision		
- Administrative decision formulation	10 hr	
- Pre-vocational training (case)	8 hr	
- JUSTICE SECTOR		10
Administrative justice		
- Administrative litigation law	20 hr + 12 hr tutorial	
- Pre-vocational training case	8 hr	
- Administrative judge and Europe	10 hr	
- Alternative conflict resolution	10 hr	

(arbitrage, mediation, negotiation, settlement) - Pre-vocational training (case)	8 hr	
Constitutional justice - General and comparative constitutional law - Pre-vocational training (case) - French Constitutional Council - Pre-vocational training (Constitutional Council case) - Constitutional judge and Europe	20 hr 8 hr 15 hr 8 hr 10 hr	
PATH AND RESEARCH SECTOR		7
History of political ideas	20 hr	
Introduction to research	15 hr	
English	12 hr	
WORK PLACEMENT PREPARATION MODULE		3

SEMESTER 2	Hour volume	ECTS credits
BUSINESS SECTOR		4
Corporate public law - Lecture - Pre-vocational training case	20 hr 8 hr	
Public contract law - Lecture - Pre-vocational training public service delegation case - Pre-vocational training in markets	10 hr + 12 hr tutorial 8 hr 8 hr	
European Union substantive law	18 hr	

URBAN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR		4
Urban planning and development - Lecture - Pre-vocational training case	20 hr + 12 hr tutorial 8 hr	
Environment - Lecture - Pre-vocational training case	15 hr 8 hr	
PATH AND RESEARCH SECTOR		2
Philosophy of law	20 hr	
Major contemporary legal systems	15 hr	
English	6 hr	
PLACEMENT SECTOR		20

SEMESTER 3
Introduction to contract law
Market and concessions
Public property
Public-private partnerships
Financial aspects; public contract banking and tax
Urban planning agreements and partnerships
Human resources

SEMESTER 4
Analysis technique and drafting contracts
Project management and contractual conduct
Administrative and constitutional contract law
International and comparative approach to contracts

Calendar

Master 1:

SEMESTER 1: The course is held for 10 weeks from the 2nd week of September. It is followed by a week of revision and a week of exams (session 1).

SEMESTER 2: The course is held for 7 weeks from early January. It is followed by a week of revision and a week of exams (session 1). The placement is held from March 15th to June 15th. Resit sessions for semesters 1 and 2 are held in the 2nd fortnight in June.

Master 2:

Term starts in October of the year of enrolment and ends in September the following year. There are two exam sessions: June and September. Training for the 2nd year Master requires compulsory attendance of all classes including scheduled conferences. Failure to attend may result in being excluded from the exam.

Accreditation

An average of 10/20 in the exams is required to pass the Master.

Diligence is monitored by every professor in question for the M2. More than two unjustified absences may lead to the candidate being excluded and banned from taking the exam due to insufficient attendance of the different classes; exclusions are approved by the Dean of the Law Faculty following the head of studies' suggestion. Students shall not graduate in the event of failure to complete the placement, error during the placement or failure to write the dissertation. However, subject to justification, the Board of Directors may allow the candidate to complete their placement or write their dissertation within a year of the end of the second session. In this case, the degree is awarded for the second session of the year after the year that was failed. The duly authorised candidate is required to enrol again at one of the universities in question.