Diploma in legal studies

Presentation

Why should you study in Grenoble?

• Be awarded a quality law degree given by the University of Grenoble Alpes, one of the major French universities (around 45,000 students)
• Give yourself the opportunity to learn French or to improve it
• Increase you legal skills and knowledge
• Study in a rewarding study environment where group numbers are limited
• Enjoy a life experience in a city just 1 hour from Lyon, 2h from Geneva, 2h30 from Marseille, 3 hours from Paris (by train). The proximity with major airports (Lyon and Geneva) also gives the opportunity to discover other major French cities (such as Bordeaux, Strasbourg or Lille), but also Europe
• Discover the French student's way of life, in the first French “ville étudiante” (magazine L'Étudiant, annual ranking, 2016)

For exchange students, this degree can form part of their exchange programme, and can be recognised by the home institution as part of the degree.

Objectives

The objectives of the diploma are:

• to develop students’ expertise in the different facets of French, International and Comparative Law
• to help students’ integration into the professional world at both European and international levels
• to enhance graduates' applications for admission to other exchange programme and graduate level French degrees

This diploma is meant to be completed in one year of full-time study. Students take 7 subjects each semester, each course representing 20 class hours. Students in this programme have the opportunity to improve their French by attending, in small groups, courses of French as a Foreign Language (FFL).

The lecturers of the programme are mainly from the Grenoble Law School. In addition to this, some lectures are given by other French lecturers, or by invited professors, coming from various countries, to teach in their legal specialisation.

Registration and scholarships

Applying students are subject to selection criteria. Students must have completed at least two years of a law degree. However, special consideration may be given to students who have two years study in another degree and who have a special interest in Law.

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Practicals informations:
Program

General organisation of the diploma
Once selected, the students have to choose at least seven courses each semester, out of a limited list. These courses offer a general overview of either French public, private and history laws, but also European, International and Comparative laws.
A course description is provided, to help the students choose their topics.
As an example, lectures offered in 2018-2019 are:

First semester:

- A Historical Introduction to French Law, Prof. Martial MATHIEU, UGA
- French Judicial Institutions, Dr. Anne-Sophie BRUN-WAUTHIER, Dr. Ingrid MARIA, UGA
- The European Union Legal System, Dr. Vérane EDJAHARIAN-KANAA, UGA
- Public Law I, Dr. Sébastien BRAMERET, UGA
- International Law and International Relations, Dr. Delphine DESCHAUX-DUTARD, UGA
- Intellectual Property Law, Diren KAPLANGIL, PhD student, UGA
- International Contract Law, Prof. Rainer SCHACKMAR, Schmalkalden University, Germany
- Legal Writing and Avocacy, Devin A. RICE, Attorney at Law, New-york Bar

Second semester:

- International Protection of Human Rights, Dr. Constance CHEVALLIER-GOVERS, UGA
- European Business Law, Dr. François VIANGALLI, UGA
- Public Law II, Dr. Sébastien BRAMERET, UGA
- Private International Law, Dr. François VIANGALLI, UGA
- Criminal Litigation, Dr. Sandrine CHAPON, UGA
- History of Human Rights, Prof. Martial MATHIEU, UGA
- Puvlic Contracts, Prof. Sébastien FERRARI, UGA
- Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, Prof. Robert LANCASTER, State University, USA

Students can also add one or two optional courses each semester. They can choose a French law lecture with French students (in amphitheater), or take any other course offered by the University (for. ex. local or national history, sociology, civilisation, economics, etc.).