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 your 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, 2 hours from Geneva, 2 hours and 30 minutes 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 your exchange programme and can be recognised by your home institution as part of your degree.

Student’s testimonials

“I was a student at Diploma in Legal Studies Program during the year 2013-2014. The main rationale behind my application to the Program was to obtain a solid self-assessment of my skills and to shape my previous already existing experience in law. It offered me a vast choice of subjects in French law and international law unveiling alternative ways of thinking, bringing me together with great professorship. I will be continuously grateful for this year of studies and also for the possibility to learn and improve French.”

(Tania, Ukraine)
Programme

Objectives of the Diploma

• 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 visiting professors, coming from various countries, to teach in their legal specialisation.

Extra-activities

On the margins of the Diploma, the students will be invited to discover the cultural, environmental or artistic heritage of the region.

This can take the form of a commented visit to the Museum of Modern Art, the former Parliament of the Dauphiné (used for a long time as a tribunal), the organization of a wine testing, a ski trip or a hiking in the surrounding mountains, etc.

Courses

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 exemple, lectures offered in 2019-2020 are:

First semester:
• A Historical Introduction to French Law, Prof. Martial MATHIEU, UGA
• The European Union Legal System, Dr. Vérane EDJAHARIAN-KANAA, UGA
• Public Law I: Constitutional Law, Dr. Sébastien BRAMERET, UGA
• International Relations in a Contentious World, 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 : Administrative Law, 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
• Public Contract Law in a Comparative Approach, Prof. Sébastien FERRARI, UGA
• Legal Protection of Biodiversity : International, European, Domestics Approaches, Dr. Fabien GIRARD, Associate Prof. 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 French language course (French as Foreign language), 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.).
How to apply

Applying students are subject to selection criteria.

Application requirements: students must have completed at least two years of a law degree and have B2 in English.

However, special consideration may be given to students who have studied two years in another degree and who have a special interest in Law.

Exchange students

Your home University must accept your application
• You will not pay admission fees
• Fill out the application form to be downloaded from: droit.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
• Fill out the application to be an exchange student

Non-exchange students

• Your acceptance into the programme depends on the strength of our application
• If English is not your native language, please provide proof of your English proficiency: B2 is required, IELTS (6.0), TOEFL (100), TOEIC (900)
• The total tuition fee cost for the year of study will be roughly 1200 Euros.
• Fill out the application form to be downloaded from: droit.univ-grenoble-alpes.fr
Information sheet of the programme

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