



University of St.Gallen



Study Programs in Law and Economics (Bachelor / Master of Arts HSG)

An interdisciplinary Study of Law and Economics
at the University of St.Gallen



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The Importance of a New Interdisciplinary Study Track in Law and Economics

The interdisciplinary study track in Law and Economics corresponds with the actual and worldwide trend that the lawyers of today increasingly face economic issues in their practical work. Legal factors also constitute important basic parameters of management decisions. Legal consulting and legal representation have to a considerable extent acquired a strategic character. This development explains the need for specialists who apart from legal knowledge have a wide understanding of economic processes which they can also apply in an interdisciplinary manner.

Bachelor of Arts HSG (B.A. HSG) in Law and Economics (180 Credits)

The primary aim of the Bachelor's course is to obtain a solid basic legal knowledge. The curriculum provides for comprehensive courses in private and public law. The study program "B.A. HSG in Law and Economics" covers the majority of the courses of the conventional Bachelor's program in law at the University of St.Gallen. In addition, the study program "B.A. HSG in Law and Economics" includes core courses in business administration and economics.

Core Studies				Contextual Studies			
6. Sem.	Business Criminal Law (2.5) Fiscal Law II (2.5) Public Business Law II (3.75) Company Law (2.5)	Stock Corporation Law incl. Capital Market Law (3.75) Intellectual Property Law (2.5) Administrative and Legal Assistance (1.25) Strategic Management (2)	Procedural Law (2.5)	Seminar Paper (3.75)	Leadership Skills (8)	Critical Thinking (8)	Cultural Awareness (8)
5. Sem.	Criminal Law, Special Part (5) Private International Law (2.5) Fiscal Law I (2.5) Public Business Law I (2.5)	Finance (6) Macroeconomics II (4)					
4. Sem.	Administrative Law: General Part II (5) Swiss Civil Code: Family Law and Inheritance Law, Property Law (5) Labor Law (2.5) Debt Enforcement & Bankruptcy Law (2.5)	Controlling and Accounting (6) Statistics II (1)					
3. Sem.	Administrative Law: General Part I (2.5) Swiss Code of Obligations: Special Part (5) Swiss Code of Obligations: General Part (2.5) Swiss Civil Code: Family Law and Inheritance Law (2.5)	Criminal Law and Procedural Criminal Law (Assessment Level) (3.5) Microeconomics II (4) Statistics I (2)	Constitutional Law: Fundamental Rights (2.5)				
Assessment Level (1 year)	Business Administration (11) Economics (11) Law (11)		Mathematics (7)	Term Paper (5)	Craft of Research Problem-Solving History/Philosophy Psychology/Sociology Foreign Language (Total 15)		

The figures in brackets indicate ECTS-compatible credits. 1 study credit corresponds to 30 working hours.

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The graduates of our study programs in law and economics are lawyers who are capable of an integrative administration and management of problems in the fields of law and economics. A main focus of the training lies in the procurement of the relevant methodological skills. The law students are thus thoroughly acquainted with the tools of economics. The target is to obtain a high competence of being able to take part in the discussion on the management and strategy of companies, in which the business lawyer not only shall include the economic and legal calculus but also an acquired range of values deriving from both disciplines. The study programs are taught in German.

Master of Arts HSG (M.A. HSG) in Law and Economics (120 Credits)

The Master's program in Law and Economics (MLE) enables a novel interdisciplinary education which prepares the students for practical work at the interface between law and economics. Built upon the wide spectrum of the Bachelor education the knowledge of law and economics will be deepened and increasingly combined to a network. The training of an integrated way of thinking will take place within the framework of integrative seminars, which have a genuine interdisciplinary character and are held by scholars of different disciplines. The MLE program, with its balanced emphasis on legal training, offers a solid foundation in law and enables the unrestricted admission to the bar examination in Switzerland.

Due to their knowledge in law and economics, the graduates are capable of identifying complex problems in state administration and companies, making such problems comprehensible and developing an integrated approach to their resolution.

4. Sem.	Integrative Seminar Law and Economics of Enterprises (10)		Integrative Seminar Law and Economics of Intellectual Property (10)		Integrative Seminar Law and Economics of Globalization (10)		Master's Thesis (18)	Interdisciplinary Seminars
3. Sem.	Electives in Law (12)		Electives in Business and/or Economics (15)		Contextual Studies			«Free Studies» Exchange Term Internships
2. Sem.					Leadership Skills (6)	Critical Thinking and Cultural Awareness (12)		
1. Sem.	European Law (2)	Legal Theory and Economic Analysis (2)	Colloquium in Private Law (5)	Legal Reasoning (3)	Organization and Leadership (6)	Colloquium in Public Law (5)		Completion of Basic Legal Education
	International Economic Law (2)	Company Law and Taxes in Transactions (2)						



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Profile of the Graduates

Bachelor of Arts HSG (B.A. HSG) in Law and Economics

- Ability of handling economic models, accounting, economic factors
- Access to entry-level positions in management as an integrator of economic and legal perspectives
- Basic legal knowledge required for team-work in business and public administration

Master of Arts HSG (M.A. HSG) in Law and Economics

- In-house legal counsel with unique managerial and economic competence
- Entrepreneur / management positions
- Attorney at law

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