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– Lisboa**

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**Coordinated Master Degrees
MASTER OF COMPARATIVE LAW**

FRIBOURG

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1. Introduction:

The students from the *Católica Global School of Law* accomplishing their studies within the cooperation agreement Fribourg – Lisboa obtain at the end of their study period in Fribourg the **Master of Comparative Law (MCL)** of the University of Fribourg

Number of places per year: 10

Normative Basis: [RE-MCL](#)

2. Programme:

To obtain the *Master of Comparative Law* the students must achieve 90 ECTS through the following academic achievements:

- 60 ECTS: block courses and semester courses;
- 10 ECTS: seminars ;
- 10 ECTS: special credits ;
- 10 ECTS: a research paper mandatorily including comparative law aspects.
- At least 10 ECTS must be achieved in courses or seminars, which have a comparative law content.
- 5 ECTS may be obtained by completing the courses at Bachelor of Law level *Droit européen II: Droit du marché intérieur / Europarecht II: Binnenmarktrecht* and *Droit européen II: Introduction au droit privé européen / Europarecht II: Einführung in das europäische Privatrecht* (replacing one semester course).

3. Recognition:

Based on the Cooperation agreement Fribourg – Lisboa, 20 ECTS of the LL.M. passed at *Católica Global School of Law* are recognised as follows for the MCL:

- 10 ECTS as semester courses;
- 5 ECTS as a seminar;
- 5 ECTS as special credits.

Recognition Procedure

Please refer to the factsheet regarding the recognition of exams within the framework of the co-operation agreement between Fribourg and Lisboa.

4. Study Plan to achieve in Fribourg:

The students will achieve the following course of studies at Fribourg (provided that they obtain 20 ECTS recognised, read above):

Courses and written essays	Option 1	Option 2
https://www.unifr.ch/ius/fr/etudes/coursexamens/cours/ https://www.unifr.ch/ius/de/studium/vorlexam/lehrveranstaltungen-2025-26/		
• Block courses and semester courses	45 ECTS	50 ECTS
• Droit européen II : Droit du marché intérieur (BLaw) or Europarecht II : Binnenmarktrecht (BLaw)	5 ECTS	-----

AND		
Droit européen II : Introduction au droit privé européen (BLaw) or Europarecht II : Einführung in das Europäische Privatrecht (BLaw)		
Seminar	5 ECTS	5 ECTS
Special Credits	5 ECTS	5 ECTS
Research Written Essay <i>Art. 39 ss Directive No3 concernant les travaux écrits</i> <i>Art. 39 ff. Weisung vom 8. Oktober 2013 betreffend die schriftlichen Arbeiten</i> https://www.unifr.ch/ius/fr/assets/public/Fac_Faculte/pdfs/Reglements/Directive_no3_travaux_ecrits_f_d.pdf	10 ECTS	10 ECTS
TOTAL	70 ECTS	70 ECTS

5. Specialisations: Bilingual and ECTS Credits obtained in English

Specialisation: Bilingual

Students may add if they wish the specialisation Bilingual at their *Master of Comparative Law*.

For the specialisation bilingual, the students must do a part of their studies in French and the other part in German.

[Detailed information](#)

Rules regarding the specialisation *Bilingual* : [RE-BIL](#)

Specialisation: ECTS Credits obtained in English

Students who wish to do so may add the specialisation '*ECTS credits obtained in English*' to their *Master of Comparative Law*.

To obtain the specialisation '*ECTS obtained in English*', students must earn 105 ECTS credits for the MCL, meeting the following requirements:

- 35 ECTS credits from courses taught in English
- including the course *Legal English and Common Law and*
- one of the written assignments must be written in English.

The rules of the *Règlement d'exécution concernant la reconnaissance des prestations d'études en anglais* apply.

The remaining credits are earned in French and/or German. Students who also wish to obtain the bilingual specialisation must earn 35 ECTS credits in French, 35 ECTS credits in German and 35 ECTS credits in English. The rules for the bilingual specialisation and the specialisation '*ECTS Credits obtained in English*' apply.

[Detailed information](#)

6. *Specific Options:*

Students who wish to do so can integrate one or two specific options into their Master of Comparative Law.

To obtain a specific option, 15 ECTS must be completed in the form of block courses and/or semester course and 5 ECTS in the form of a seminar, seminar paper or research paper.

The different specific options:

- Human Rights
- Economics
- Environment & Climate
- State and Public Service
- Europe
- Family
- Dispute Resolution
- Religion
- Sanctions

7. *Conditions of Admission:*

- Students must be regularly immatriculated at *Católica Global School of Law*
- Students must have completed all the academic requirements of the *Bachelor of Law*
- and have successfully achieved 60 ECTS credits towards the LL.M. degree at *Católica Global School of Law*.

Católica Global School of Law chooses on her own the students to participate in the programme.

Once the selection is over Lisboa communicates to Fribourg the names and e-mail addresses of the students admitted to the programme.

- *Nomination deadline by Católica Global School of Law:* 30 April, at ius-mobility@unifr.ch, for a start of the abroad study period on the following academic year.

8. *Application in Fribourg:*

- *Application deadline:* 31 May for a start at the autumn semester of the following academic year.

Upon receipt of the nomination, a personal link is sent per e-mail to the nominated student, in order to enable him or her to register online at the University of Fribourg. A printed copy of the application file must be sent per mail (post) to the Faculty of Law's Erasmus and International Relations Office.

The online application file is composed of the following documents:

- Signed registration form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of the passport or ID
- Upper Secondary School-leaving Certificate (Swiss Maturity, baccalaureate)
- Details of all grades and / or credits earned up to this day during university studies (transcript of records)
- Provisional Learning Agreement
- Pass photo
- Copy of the certificate confirming the successful *Bachelor of Law*.

If this document is not available on the 31st of May, it must be sent as soon as possible, but at the latest prior to the start of the semester (per e-mail at ius-mobility@unifr.ch).

Certified translations are compulsory for all documents that are not in French, German, Italian or English.

9. Tuition fees:

During their study period at the University of Fribourg the students remain enrolled at Lisboa and pay tuition fees and other dues at the home university. They are exempted from paying tuition fees in Fribourg.

10. Academic Calendar:

- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Lecture periods](#)
- [Exam session at the Faculty of Law](#)

11. Language Requirements and Language courses:

The teaching languages at the University of Fribourg (Unifr) are French and German. Some courses are offered also in English. Having a B2 level at least, before you arrive, in the language or languages in which you will be studying is recommended.

- *Intensive pre-semester courses in French and German:* 3 weeks before the autumn semester and 2 weeks before the spring semester.

These courses help refresh the language skills or introduce to a new language, which will facilitate the integration in Fribourg and at the University: meeting other students (mobility and

local students) and have the opportunity to discover the town of Fribourg and the region thanks to a variety of activities.

To register or obtain additional information:

<https://www.unifr.ch/centredelanguages/en/courses/intensive/>.

- *Language courses during the semester*

The University's *Language Centre* offers free language courses.

[Detailed information](#)

- *Introduction to French or German Legal Language*

The Faculty of Law offers an introduction to legal language in French and in German, both at level B2 and level C1-C2. The passed exam may be validated as *Special Credits*.

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- *Legal English and Common Law*

This course is compulsory for students who wish to add the specialisation "ECTS Credits obtained in English" to their MCL. It may also be taken outside of this specialisation.

12. Accommodation in Fribourg:

Good, but limited, accommodation is available in Fribourg. It is recommended that you take the necessary steps immediately upon admission to the University of Fribourg (Unifr).

[Different possibilities for accommodation](#)

13. Visa / Residence Permit:

- *Visa*

Before travelling to Switzerland, it is recommended that you find out about the rules for entry and arrival in the country.

EU/EFTA nationals: no visa is required to enter Switzerland.

Nationals of countries, which are not members of the European Union: a visa is required for any stay of more than 90 days

[Detailed information](#)

- *Residence Permit*

It is compulsory to follow the next steps upon your arrival in Fribourg

The local authorities in charge of the migration request that each student who stays longer than 90 days in Fribourg apply for a Residence Permit. The application for the permit has to

be submitted within the first 14 days upon arrival in Fribourg to the Service de la population et des migrants / Amt für Bevölkerung und Migration (SPOMI, <https://www.fr.ch/dsjs/spomi>).

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14. Insurances:

- **Health Insurance**

You are obliged to have an insurance during your time in Switzerland. Make sure that you have all the necessary documents.

EU / EFTA National: *European Health Card* or *Attestation by a foreign insurer to secure exemption from statutory insurance in Switzerland*.

Non-EU / EFTA National: You must take out health insurance in Switzerland, even if you have the *European Health Card*.

[Detailed information](#)

- **Personal Civil Liability**

You are personally liable if you cause material or bodily damage to a third party, whether deliberately or not. You are also personally liable if people, animals or things for whom/which you are responsible cause damage to others. It is therefore recommended that you take out personal civil liability insurance for the duration of your stay.

15. Cost of Living / Budget:

Make sure that you have sufficient financial resources for the entire duration of your stay.

Switzerland has not adopted the euro and its currency is the Swiss franc (CHF).

[Detailed information and Monthly budget sample](#)

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