

Coordinated Master Degrees Fribourg / Torino Master of Comparative Law

Recognition

Factsheet

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Recognition of exams and written essays achieved within the *Laurea Magistrale* at the Faculty of Law of the University of Torino.

Summary of the principles established by the Equivalence Committee.

I. General Information

1. This document applies to all students enrolled at the University of Torino and registered at the University of Fribourg, studying within the *Master of Comparative Law* course of studies according to the *Cooperation Agreement between the University of Fribourg and the University of Torino about coordinated Masters Degrees of the Faculty of Law, University of Fribourg and Faculty of Law, University of Torino*.
2. The recognition is possible only for exams completed within the *Laurea Magistrale* at the University of Torino.
3. The recognition must be requested at the latest upon arrival in Fribourg. The students are responsible to organise their studies in order that they meet the regulatory requirements in Fribourg.
4. The grades obtained at Torino are converted and implemented for the *Master of Comparative Law*, according to the following conversion scale:

Grade Scale - Fribourg		ECTS Grades	Grades Torino
6.0	Excellent	A	30 cum laude
5.5	Very good	B	30
5.0	Good	C	27 – 28 – 29
4.5	Satisfactory	D	24 – 25 – 26
4.0	Sufficient	E	18 – 23
< 4.0	Fail	F	<18

The grades achieved at Torino are converted only when courses were not cumulated to reach a total of 5 ECTS.

5. Calculation of the ECTS credits vary from one university to the other. For this reason, the number of ECTS credits will not be taken into account. The exam is recognised, and the regularly allocated number of ECTS credits for the recognised kind of course, is granted.
6. To obtain the Fribourg *Master of Comparative Law* 30 ECTS of the *Laurea Magistrale* are recognised as follows:
 - 15 ECTS as semester courses,
 - 5 ECTS as a seminar,
 - 10 ECTS as special credits.
7. The recognition request is composed of:
 - the results of the *Laurea Magistrale*
 - the descriptions of the courses of which the recognition is requested,
 - the written essay of which the recognition is requested,
 - the filled-out recognition form.
8. The request, with copy of the transcript of records, course descriptions, recognition form and the written essay, must be sent to Mrs Rachele Tiziani Tanner, per e-mail at Rachele.tizianitanner@unifr.ch Dean's Office of the Faculty of Law.

II. Recognition Principles

9. The following principles are indications. The final decision about a recognition request belongs to the Equivalence Committee who decides for each case individually.
10. In principle, the recognition of successfully passed exams is possible if they fulfil the following conditions:
 - The number of teaching hours as well as the workload and requirements towards the subject or the school performance largely meet the requirements at the University of Fribourg.
 - The learned subject must roughly meet the requirements at the University of Fribourg and does not – for the main part – overlap with another course which was or will be passed within the *Master of Comparative Law* at Fribourg
 - It is courses with a clearly legal content of university level.
11. The ECTS credits granted by the University of Torino match at least the number of credits in Fribourg.
12. One ECTS-point at the University of Fribourg corresponds to a workload of 25-30 hours, which in principle means:
 - at Master's level one hour lecture per week during two semesters corresponds to 5 ECTS.
13. The Faculty establishes an exhaustive list of the courses and performances, which counts as special credits. Equivalent performances achieved at another faculty can however be recognised.

III. Application of the recognition principles

14. One single school performance is recognised per successfully passed exam (no “splitting”).
15. A cumulation of school performances is only possible when it is absolutely essential to reach a 5 ECTS point performance.
16. A *written essay* is recognised as a seminar for 5 ECTS. It must correspond to the requirements in Fribourg. The main part of the written seminar consists of a minimum of 60'000 and a maximum of 100'000 characters (including spaces and footnotes).
(Reference:
https://www3.unifr.ch/ius/fr/assets/public/Fac_Faculte/pdfs/Reglements/Directive_no3_travaux_ecrits_f_d.pdf)

IV. Specialisations *Bilingual* and “*ECTS Credits obtained in English*”

17. Courses followed abroad in French or in German may also be recognised for the attainment of the *Master of Comparative Law* with the specialisation *bilingual*. The ECTS credits counting for the other language are the result of the recognised performance and are fully part of the recognition. It is not required to make a separate request.
18. Courses followed abroad in English may also be recognised for the attainment of the *Master of Comparative Law* with the specialisation *ECTS Credits obtained in English*. The ECTS credits counting for English are the result of the recognised performance and are fully part of the recognition. It is not required to make a separate request.
19. Credits obtained in another language, such as English, do not count towards either the first or the second language of study when calculating the bilingual specialisation.

V. Master of Comparative Law with Specific Options

20. Students who wish to obtain one or two specific options (Human Rights / Europe / State and Public Service / Environment and Climate / Economics / Family / Religion / Sanctions / Dispute Resolution) with their Master of Comparative Law's degree must validate semester courses or block courses equivalent to 15 ECTS credits as well as a written assignment (5 ECTS credits) in the field of the specific option chosen.
21. The application for recognition must explicitly state whether the course in question should be taken into account and, if so, for which specific option. As part of the recognition procedure, the Equivalence Committee will examine whether the course taken or the written assignment completed during a period abroad can count towards the desired specific option.

VI. Additional Information

For any further information, please contact Mrs. Rachele Tiziani Tanner,
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