MASTER'S DEGREE
PUBLIC LAW
OF LOCAL AFFAIRS
INTRODUCTION

The interdisciplinary aspect of this degree responds to the needs of local authorities and their groupings, as well as the needs of the bodies, institutions and businesses that interact with them. These institutes need executives capable of providing comprehensive, anticipatory analysis of the exercise of authority granted by the legislator to local authorities. Executives must be able to understand every aspect of issues to be addressed. They must possess analytical skills to break down the question, and summarizing skills, in order to provide a solution at the crossroads of legal, economic and managerial disciplines.

The course also enables future legal advisers to specialize in a field that is constantly developing and evolving.

OBJECTIVES

The «Public Law of Local Affairs» master’s degree is a two-year course combining preparation for administrative entrance exams and training on joining the workforce as a civil servant.

In the first year of the master’s degree, students will perfect their legal knowledge of public law, also developing their knowledge of economic science, land use planning and management science. This foundation will be supported by optional courses and is focused on the fundamental knowledge needed to pass competitive entrance exams. In the second year, teaching is focused on professional practice in order to develop interdisciplinary knowledge of legal, economic and management disciplines.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

• The course is aimed at students with a bachelor’s degree in law or economic and social administration (access in the first year of the master’s degree) or 60 ECTS at master’s level (access in the second year of the master’s degree), in law, ideally with an emphasis in public law.
SKILLS AND EXPERTISES

After the course, students will be able to develop:

- An ability to establish a connection between academic knowledge and the realities of a professional position, practically putting to use the expertise acquired to help local authorities and institutes,
- An ability to analyse a question from various angles (law, economics, management, land use planning), and to summarize and find a solution that takes into account these different perspectives,
- An ability to adapt to the changing competences of local authorities and their groupings.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

PROFESSIONAL PROSPECTS
- Public sector: State service, Local service and Hospital service,
- Private sector: Paraprofessional, bar, judicial authorities, businesses.

PROFESSIONS
Magistrates, business lawyers, senior civil servants, category A employment in authorities and their divisions (EPCI, SEM, associations, etc.), Administrative and legal executives in the armed forces, banking and financial services, consultancy firms, lawyers.

ENTRANCE EXAMS
All entrance exams for public roles open to holders of a master’s degree. Additionally, the focus on research and professionalization enables graduates to continue on to a PhD in law and provides access to research positions.

KEY FIGURES

88.2% of students graduated in 2017.
90.9% of graduates were employed 30 months after completing the Master’s degree.

Source: OVIE (Unîmes Student Life and Employment Observatory) surveys of graduates from 2012, 2013 and 2014
ECTS Credits: 120
Duration: 2 years
Level of studies: BAC +5

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
• Apprenticeship/further education
• Validation of prior experience (VAE)

INTERNSHIP
• 1 month in first year
• 3 months in second year

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