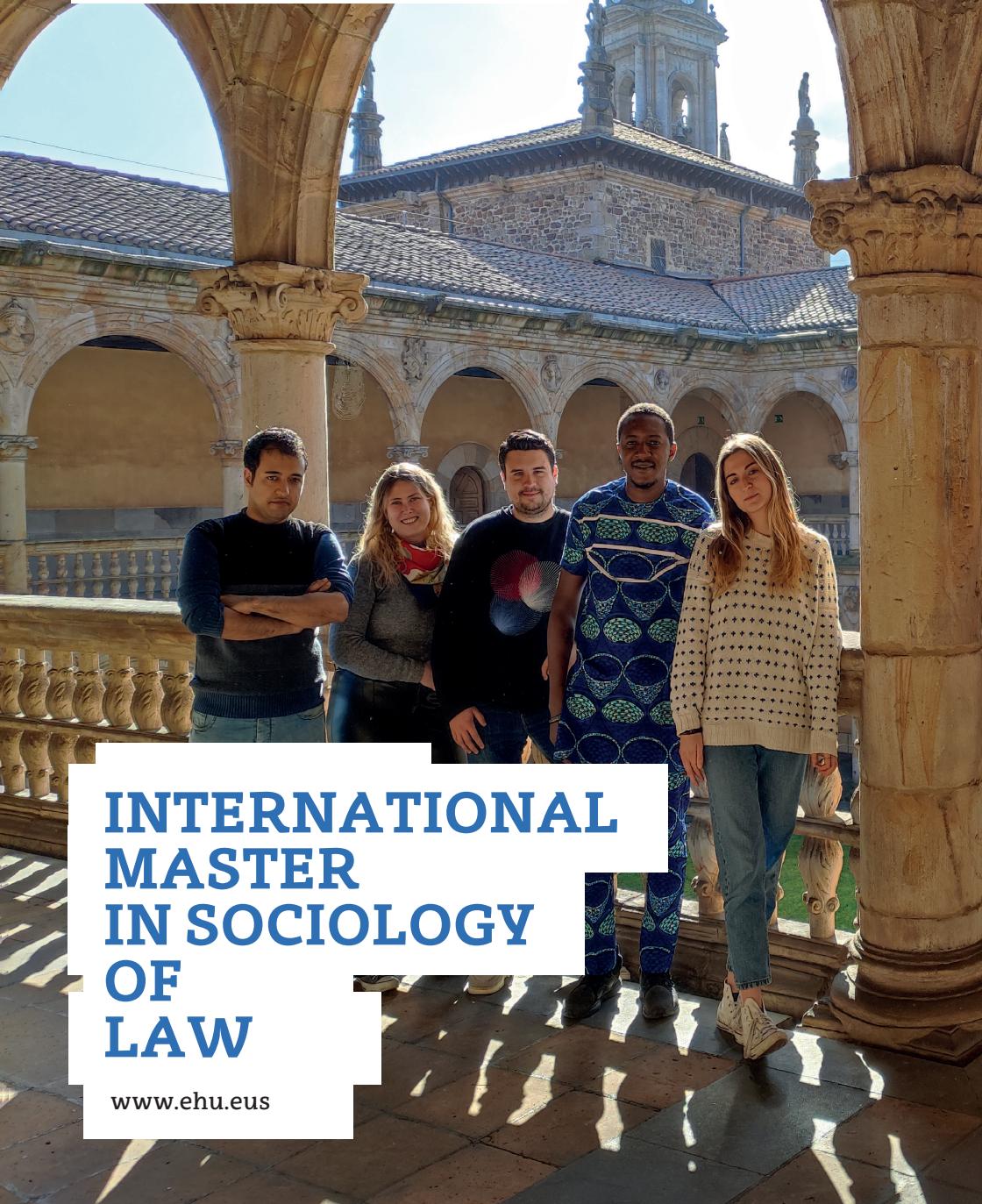




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INTERNATIONAL MASTER IN SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

The International Master in Sociology of Law gives a broad overview of the field of socio-legal studies and covers the main subject areas in the sociology of law. It is a research-oriented programme, which provides the students with the conceptual foundations and methodological skills to engage in socio-legal research projects on their own.

A particular feature of this international Master's programme is that it is not confined to specific national or regional contexts, but takes the comparative, international and global dimensions of socio-legal problems seriously.

The programme draws on a wide range of perspectives from the sociology of law, legal anthropology and socio-legal scholarship, which also includes inputs from history, political science, economics, and psychology. These approaches and viewpoints are applied to classic subject matters of the field, such as crime and deviance, public and private law, legal professions, litigation and dispute resolution, as well as to more cross-cutting issues, such as law and gender, human rights, legal pluralism, law and sustainability.

The programme includes a specific module on socio-legal research, which prepares the students for their Master's thesis projects.

This module introduces into the principles and methods of empirical social research, provides ample illustration of their application in the socio-legal field, promotes the planning and design of the students' thesis projects, and aims to ensure ethical research and writing practices.

After completing the programme, students will:

- be familiar with central concepts and theoretical debates in the sociology of law and the socio-legal field more generally and be able to apply them to relevant problems in their own fields of interest.
- be aware of the alternative methods of empirical social research, be able to assess their respective merits in the socio-legal field, and to design empirical research projects on their own.
- have developed expertise in a broad array of topics relevant to law's role in society, acquired an international mindset, and be sensitised for applications of socio-legal knowledge in specific local contexts.
- have gained orientation in the social and cultural sciences more generally, beyond their own areas of specialisation, and developed the research skills needed for entering relevant doctoral programmes.

ENTRY PROFILE

Candidates must have a university degree in sociology, law, social sciences and/or in another discipline related to sociology of law. Undergraduates in their final year may be admitted on the basis of their anticipated results, but they must already have been awarded their first degree

diploma by the time the Master's course begins.

Applicants must have a very good working knowledge of English, reading and writing as well as spoken. The ability to use social-science literature published in other languages is useful.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Teaching place:	International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati).
Teaching type:	On-site.
Teaching language:	English.
Approximate fees:	4.250 €
Calendar:	September-September.

TEACHING LOAD

Compulsory subject courses	Research Projects	Total
40 Credits ECTS	20 Credits ECTS	60 Credits ECTS

The programme has two major components: intensive seminars from September to March (40 ECTS credits), and an individual Master's thesis research project (20 ECTS credits) to be defended in the

following September. From April to September, students have the option of remaining in Oñati, visiting another university, or going back to their countries of origin.

TRAINING SYLLABUS

COMPULSORY COURSES

Two-week courses (between September and March)

- Law and Social Theory (3 ECTS)
- Sociology of Crime and Deviance (3 ECTS)
- Anthropology of Law (3 ECTS)
- Sociology of Public Law and Private Law (3 ECTS)
- Legal Cultures and Non-Western Law in a Comparative Framework (3 ECTS)
- Legal Professions, Theory and Practice (3 ECTS)
- Main Issues in Contemporary Sociology of Law (3 ECTS)
- Sociology of Litigation and Dispute Resolution (3 ECTS)
- New Issues in Socio-Legal Studies (3 ECTS)
- Globalisation, the Economy and Sociology of Law (2 courses, 6 ECTS)
- Socio-Legal Research and Thesis Seminar (September to March, 7 ECTS)

RESEARCH PROJECT

Master's Thesis Project and Defense (April to September, 20 ECTS)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

By specializing in the sociology of law, graduates of this programme gain access to professions in the public sector linked with the design and implementation of public policies. Their profile is also of interest to corporations and consultancies concerned with increasing liabilities regarding the social and ecological dimensions of economic activities. The international focus

of the programme qualifies the students for jobs in international governmental and non-governmental organizations, which require technical expertise as much as cultural sensitivity. Moreover, graduates will have acquired academic writing and research skills that further a smooth transition to doctoral studies in Spain or abroad.

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