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master of medicine (MMed)

GENERAL OUTLINE

The undergraduate course in medicine comprises six years' study at two levels; the Master of Medicine (3 years, 180 ECTS credits) is the second level and the logical follow-on from the Bachelor of Medicine (3 years, 180 ECTS credits).

This Master's degree is required for admission to the Swiss Federal Examination in Medicine, which is common to all Swiss faculties of Medicine.

Objectives

The Master's course enables students to develop the necessary skills at the right level of knowledge, know-how and behavioural skills to deal with all common medical situations from their first day of practice (according to the requirements indicated in PROFILES, the national reference framework for undergraduate medical teaching).

The university is not responsible for specialist training; the Diploma in Specialist Medical Practice falls under the remit of the Swiss Institute for Postgraduate and Continuing Medical Education (ISFM, which is independent of the FMH).

Career prospects

- Clinical Physician (hospital or practice)
- Research Physician (universities, pharmaceutical industry, etc.)
- Public administrations, international or humanitarian organisations, insurance companies, etc.

Testimonial and other information:
unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

School of Medicine, Faculty of Biology and Medicine
www.unil.ch/ecoledemedecine

Degree awarded

Master of Medicine (MMed)

ECTS credits

180

Duration

6 semesters

Teaching language

French. Recommended level: C1

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EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The course includes periods of clinical immersion (teaching with patients, block courses, internships) as well as theoretical courses.

A research project (Master's dissertation) is carried out and written up at the same time, and examined in a viva.

Examinations

Students' knowledge is assessed using Multiple Choice Questions (QCM), Clinical Reasoning Questions (QRC), Open Answer and Short Questions (QROC) and Script Concordance Tests (TCS).

Clinical aptitudes and skills are assessed mainly through a Structured Objective Clinical Examination (ECOS) during the second year.

Reports and presentations of personal work, including the Master's dissertation, are required on a more ad hoc basis.

Mobility

The exchange programme in the first year of the Master of Medicine at the School of Medicine provides access to about 40 universities in around 15 European countries. The mobility programme offered in Lausanne is very popular among students and allows around a third of each year's cohort to gain international experience.

SYLLABUS

1st year

Modules:

- Joint pain
- Mothers and children
- ENT [Ear, Nose and Throat], Dermatology, Ophthalmology
- General Medicine I
- Concepts and methods in scientific research and Master's Dissertation
- Block Courses: Clinical immersion for several months based on rotations in various clinical departments.
- Clinical Skills: Announcing Bad News, Clinical and Technical Aptitudes (HCT), etc.
- Community Health and Medicine

Optional courses:

On clinical, scientific or public health subjects.

2nd year

Modules:

- Master's Dissertation
- Interdisciplinary Oncology, Acute Medicine
- Complex chronic diseases and ethics
- Infectious Diseases, Haematology, Immunology
- Vascular medicine, forensic medicine, pharmacology and addiction
- General Medicine II
- Clinical Skills: Motivational Interviewing, TeamSTEPPS, Ultrasound Scans, Clinical immersion for 2 to 3 weeks
- Pathology, Radiology

3rd year

Clinical Internships

The third year comprises a series of internships (10 months in total, including 1 month's placement in a primary care practice).

Defense of the Master's dissertation

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admission requirements

The candidate must be a holder of a Bachelor of Medicine from the UNIL or have passed the conversion course to transfer from biology/life sciences to medicine.

The holder of a Bachelor of Medicine from another Swiss university may apply for registration.

Enrolment and final date

Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office before 30 avril:
www.unil.ch/immat

Start of courses

20 September 2022
Academic calendar:
www.unil.ch/central/calendar

Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time.
www.unil.ch/formations/master-temps-partiel

General information on studies, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Career prospects

www.unil.ch/perspectives

Accommodation and financial assistance

www.unil.ch/sasme

International

www.unil.ch/international

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