

## Combining specialisations of Master of Laws Degree

It is possible to follow two study specialisations simultaneously. To combine two specialisations, you are required to pass the following components:

- The compulsory modules of both programmes.
- One integration module from each programme, so two in total.
- One restricted elective module from each programme, so two in total.
- Two Master theses of 12 credits each.

The following rules and exceptions apply:

- If a module occurs in both specialisations, you are required to choose a different module from the relevant category for one of the two specialisations. Only when an integration module is included in both specialisations in the integration modules category, will one integration module be sufficient for both specialisations.

Example 1: Module A is a compulsory module of specialisation 1 and a restricted elective module of specialisation 2. In this case, you must choose another module from the category restricted electives for specialisation 2.

Example 2: Module B is an integration module of specialisation 1 and a restricted elective module of specialisation 2. Here, you can either choose another module from the category integration modules for specialisation 1 or choose another module from the category restricted electives for specialisation 2.

Example 3: Module C is an integration module of specialisation 1 and is also an integration module of specialisation 2. You need only pass Module C, it will be considered the integration module for both specialisations.

- The module Legal Methodology only has to be passed once, it can be submitted for both specialisations. You are not required to substitute a different module in its place.
- If the modules that you have passed from the categories Compulsory modules, Integration modules, Restricted elective modules and Theses for both specialisations, yield a total of minimally 84 ECTS, the free electives for both specialisations will lapse. If you do not reach 84 ECTS, you are still required to pass one or more free electives until you reach a total of at least 84 ECTS. \*

\* Please note: since 1 September 2015, the option of writing a combined thesis (18 ec) no longer exists. Students who have enrolled before this date and are still engaged in writing a combined thesis (18 ec) must obtain a minimum of 78 ECTS for both specialisations combined.

If you have questions regarding the above, please contact the academic adviser.

## **Registration via VUnet**

After you have registered for the Master of Laws via *Studielink*, you can indicate your two chosen specialisations via Vunet. You can do so during registration or at a later time during the course.

## **Fees Second Degree?**

Both programmes are part of the Master of Laws.

Please keep in mind that if the requirements for graduation have been met, in accordance with Article 7.10 paragraph 2 and Article 7.11 paragraph 2 of the Higher Education Act, the Vrije University is obliged to issue the degree certificate. More information about a possible postponement arrangement is available on VUnet.

Information about fees for a second degree can be found on the [website](#).

## **Extra specialisation after graduation**

In addition to combined graduation (the simultaneous completion of two or more specializations), it is also possible to pursue an extra specialisation after you have graduated. Please note that if you already have a master's degree, you have to pay the institutional fee for pursuing a second specialisation.

You will not receive a new certificate of graduation, but you can request an authorized supplement which includes the extra completed specialisation.

## **Compile your own programme**

You can also choose to compile your own programme instead of following a predetermined specialisation. However, you are required to have this programme approved well in advance by the Examination Board of the Faculty of Law. The programme must meet the exit qualifications of the Master. If you wish to compile your own programme, please contact the academic advisers.