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Master of Arts (MA) in sciences and practices of education

GENERAL OUTLINE

Objectives

The Master of Arts in Sciences and Practices of Education is delivered jointly by the University of Lausanne and the University of Teacher Education of the Canton of Vaud (HEP-VD). It offers a balanced combination of the professionalizing approach of the HEP Vaud and the academic approaches of the UNIL.

Moreover, this Master's course offers two possible specialisations:

- Evaluation and Management in Education
- Organizations and Transitions

Career prospects

This Master's degree offers training aiming at the acquisition of a set of qualifications, skills and experience that will enable you to:

- develop, enhance and complete your knowledge of academic and non-academic education;
- identify and describe the characteristics of the main educational systems in Switzerland and at international level;
- analyse the problems facing schools, from the learning process of students to the organisation of the school system and vocational training;

- evaluate educational policies and practices for life-long learning;
- understand the educational process from a multidisciplinary viewpoint;
- lastly, propose alternatives and innovations in the field of education, from early childhood to adulthood.

In addition to these specific skills, studies in higher education institutions allow students to acquire a great many transverse skills such as: oral and written communication, critical, analytical and summarising faculties, abilities in research, and so on.

This panoply of skills is excellent preparation for a wide range of employment opportunities such as:

- Public administration entities responsible for education and training
- Public or private organisations providing education and training
- Institutions active in the educational care of children and adolescents
- Companies with an in-house education and training programme
- Associations active in the educational field
- Research units oriented towards the field of learning and education.

Note that this Master's course is not a teaching diploma.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organiser

Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lausanne, and University of Teacher Education of the Canton of Vaud (HEP-Vaud)

Degree awarded

Master of Arts (MA) in Sciences and Practices of Education

ECTS credits

90 or 120 with specialisation

Duration

3 semesters or 4 semesters with specialisation

Teaching language

French. Recommended level: C1. A good level of English (B2) is advised for reading academic texts.

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<http://candidat.hepl.ch/maspe>
www.unil.ch/ssp/master > Sciences et pratiques de l'éducation

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Description

The Master of Arts in Sciences and Practices of Education offers a very wide range of courses ranging from basic disciplines (philosophy, history, sociology, economics, psychology, social psychology, anthropology, general education) to more specific subjects (management of training systems, evaluation of learning processes, family education, gender and education, life paths, adult training, ICT and education, etc).

You can choose between two degree courses:

- a Master's degree worth 90 ECTS credits
- a Master's degree worth 120 ECTS credits, with specialisation.

The degree course worth 90 ECTS credits consists of three parts: mandatory courses, free-choice courses (including the possibility of an internship) and the Master's thesis.

The degree course worth 120 ECTS includes the three parts of the course worth 90 ECTS credits and, in addition, a specialisation worth 30 ECTS. Each of the two specialisation orientations offers courses taught not only at UNIL and HEP, but also at IDHEAP (Institute of Advanced Studies in Public Administration). It includes a mandatory internship.

The Master's thesis is accompanied by compulsory methodology workshops. These workshops, designed as opportunities for reflection, propose the development of an interdisciplinary methodology specific to educational sciences.

Examinations

The evaluation of knowledge takes diverse forms, for example seminar or research work, continuous assessment, oral or written examination, internship report. Each course is validated either by a pass certificate (seminars, research seminar), or by a mark (course work and Master's dissertation). There are three exam sessions per year (winter, summer, autumn). Conditions for passing the Master's degree are described in the regulations of the Master in Sciences and Practices of Education.

Mobility

You have the possibility of completing a study semester in a HEP-Vaud partner institution. If the study programme completed under the mobility scheme is approved and sanctioned by the passing of examinations, credits acquired will be recognised and validated in your degree course.

SYLLABUS

DEGREE COURSE WORTH 90 ECTS CREDITS

Mandatory Courses

- Sociology of Education
- Analysis of Educational Systems
- General Didactics
- Development of knowledge and research methodology in educational science and practices

24 ECTS credits

Free-Choice Courses

Options worth at least 12 ECTS credits must be chosen at UNIL and at least 12 ECTS credits at HEP-Vaud. The 12 remaining ECTS credits may be obtained in different ways: by attending courses at HEP and/or UNIL, by a course outside of the study plan, by a mobility experience, or by an internship in a work or research environment.

36 ECTS credits

Master's Thesis

- Workshops for Thesis Students
- Thesis Work

30 ECTS credits

DEGREE COURSE WORTH 120 ECTS CREDITS

Subjects taught for the degree course worth 90 ECTS credits

Specialisation to be chosen

- Assessment and Management of Education and Training
- Organisations and Transitions

30 ECTS credits

Each specialisation includes a mandatory internship worth 6 ECTS credits, thus providing additional support to your approach of professional life.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Admission requirements

The following may be admitted to the Master's degree: students meeting the registration and enrolment conditions of the University of Lausanne and the HEP-Vaud who are in possession of a Bachelor's degree related to the study areas «Social and Cultural Anthropology», «Education Sciences», «Sociology», «Political Sciences», «Psychology», a University of Teacher Education degree or a qualification deemed equivalent by the Science Committee.

Students holding another Bachelor's degree awarded by a Swiss university or a qualification deemed equivalent may be admitted with possible course additions specified by the Science Committee.

Enrolment on the programme is via the HEP-Vaud. Formal admission is pronounced by the Management Committee of the HEP-Vaud according to the recommendation of the Scientific Committee.

Enrolment and final dates

Enrolment at the HEP-VD:
candidat.hepl.ch/maspe/admissions
It is possible to start the programme of the Master of Arts in Sciences and Practices of Education degree in either the autumn or the spring semesters.

Autumn semester: 30 April

Spring semester: 30 November

Candidates needing a visa to study in Switzerland must apply for enrolment at least two months prior to the deadline indicated above.

Start of courses

Autumn semester: mid-September

Spring semester: mid-February

Academic calendar: www.unil.ch/central/calendar

Part-time Master's degree

Under certain conditions, a Master programme can be followed part-time. Please refer to the HEP-Vaud for admission requirements.

General information on studies at UNIL, guidance

www.unil.ch/soc

Career prospects

unil.ch/perspectives/unil-et-apres

International

candidat.hepl.ch/maspe/mobilite

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