

Master's Degree in Access to the Legal Profession

- To possess, understand and develop skills enabling the application of the specialist academic knowledge acquired in the degree to the changing reality lawyers face in order to avoid situations of harm, risk or conflict relating to the interests under their charge or to the exercise of their profession before courts or public bodies and in advisory roles.
- To know the techniques pertaining to ascertaining and establishing the facts in different types of cases, especially the production of documents, examination of witnesses and expert evidence.
- To know and able to integrate the defence of client rights within the framework of national and international systems of legal protection.
- To understand the different techniques for reconciling interests and to know how to solve problems by other means than the judicial process.
- To know and be able to apply the profession's ethical rights and duties in relations between the lawyer and the client, the other parties, the court or public body, and other lawyers. relations.
- To know and to evaluate the distinct responsibilities involved in the exercise of the profession, including the basics of free legal aid and the promotion of the lawyer's social accountability.
- To know how to identify conflicts of interest and to know techniques for resolving them; to determine the scope of professional secrecy and confidentiality; and to preserve independence of judgement.
- To know how to identify the reporting and organisational requirements key to legal advice.
- To know and be able to apply in practice the organisational, managerial and commercial side of the lawyer's profession, as well as its legal frameworks regarding partnerships, tax, employment and personal data.
- To develop skills for choosing the right strategy for defending clients' rights, bearing in mind the requirements of the different fields of professional practice.
- To be able to develop skills to enhance efficiency at work and the global performance of the team or institution one works for by means of access to sources of information, knowledge of languages, knowledge management, and the handling of applied tools and techniques.
- To know, to organise and to plan the individual and collective resources available for professional exercise in the distinct kinds of organisation of the lawyer's profession.
- To be able to present facts orally and in writing and to give logical formulation to legal consequences with an eye to the context and the addressee and, where applicable, in conformity with the forms proper to each procedural area.
- To know how to perform professional labours in specialist and interdisciplinary teams.
- To know how to develop interpersonal skills facilitating the exercise of the lawyer's profession in relation to members of the public, fellow professionals, and institutions.

- The practical part of the programme will have the following additional goals:
 - To deal with issues of professional ethics.
 - To become familiar with how bodies which have dealings with lawyers and attorneys-at-law work and with problems associated with them.
 - To know the activity of other legal practitioners and related professionals.
 - To receive up-to-date information about career development and possible areas of activity, as well as the means for developing them.

- Generally, to develop the competences and skills required in the exercise of the professions of lawyer and attorney-at-law.

For additional information, see the [Memorandum](#)