



SORBONNE
UNIVERSITY
ABU DHABI

Bachelor in Law



The Bachelor in Law degree is awarded by Paris Cité University in Paris and delivered by world-class academics in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The programme is an exclusive three-year programme taught in French and provides students with a high level theoretical knowledge and methodologies. Students can pursue further studies at the Master and Doctorate levels.

The objective of the programme is to enhance understanding of modern society by studying political, sociological, historical and philosophical perspectives and therefore prepare students for rewarding careers in the law field.

Throughout this programme, students comprehensively study French private and public laws, which has served as a major source of inspiration for the establishment of several laws in different regions of the world, particularly in the Middle East.

Students are empowered with the fundamental skills to perform meticulous research. They will develop structured thought processes and strong analytical tools, helping them to adopt a sound approach for reasoning. During the first two years, students study the following law disciplines: constitutional law, civil law, international relations, penal law, administrative law and business law. The third year programme focuses on intellectual property law, fundamental freedoms, labour law, European law and fiscal law.

Some courses are taught in English to strengthen linguistic skills and students are also offered language classes.

Talks and off campus visits to judiciary or administrative institutions are organised to bring students closer to the field.

The programme faculty are internationally renowned professors whose teaching methodology goes beyond the traditional forms of teaching to ensure a balanced and well-rounded learning experience. Non French speaking students can benefit from the “longer system” which allows them to complete the first year over two years. At the beginning of the year, a test exam helps students choose between the regular curriculum and the “longer system”. Individual or group tutoring is available based on the strengths and weaknesses of each student.

The curriculum follows the European ECTS system and the degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité.

First Year

- Methodology
- General introduction to law
- Constitutional law (1 and 2)
- Historical introduction to Law
- Contemporary economic and social issues (taught in English)
- Jurisdictional institutions
- Civil Law (family law)
- History of institutions
- International Relation (taught in English)
- Administrative institutions
- Comparative Law (taught in English)
- UAE Judicial and Legal System (taught in English)
- UAE Family Law (taught in English)
- Language*
- L1 : Legal French (for non-francophone students)

Second Year

- Civil law of contracts
- Administrative law (1 and 2)
- Criminal law
- Public finance law
- History of criminal law
- Political Sciences (taught in English)
- Torts
- Business law
- Criminal procedure
- International Relations
- American government law and culture (taught in English)
- UAE Contract Law (taught in English)
- UAE Constitutional Law and Culture (taught in English)
- Supervised professional project
- Language*
- Sports (optional)
- L2 : Legal French (for non-francophone students)
- L2: European Union Institutions

Third Year

- Administrative property law
- International public law (1 and 2)
- Fundamental rights law
- Social law
- Property civil law
- Civil and commercial contracts law
- Theory of Law
- Civil procedure
- Corporate law
- Securities law
- European and international protection of human rights
- General taxation law
- European Union law
- Legal Clinic (optional)
- UAE Commercial Law (taught in English - Optional)
- Common Law (optional)
- Sports (optional)
- Language*
- Language 2 - Langue vivante 2 (optional)
- IT

* Students must choose a compulsory language from the following: French (for non francophone students), English, Arabic, German, Spanish, Italian or Chinese.



Admission requirements

To be eligible for this Bachelor's degree, students must have the following:

- French Baccalaureate with a minimum final average of 12/20 or High School Diploma with a minimum 80% average (or equivalent)*.
- French Aptitude Certificate: minimum score of B2 level (accepted certificates: DU issued by Sorbonne University, DELF, TEF, TCF and SELFEE). Students with a French Baccalaureate are exempted from the language proficiency exam**.

*Students not meeting this requirement may be accepted following a review of high school subject results, supporting exams scores and a student's personal statement.

**Students not meeting the required French Aptitude Certificate will be admitted conditionally in the programme, subject to passing a Foundation Programme in the French Language (French Intensive Course).

Career prospects

There are abundant opportunities with a Bachelor's degree in Law and students can launch successful careers including judges, solicitors, barristers, commercial lawyers, civil servants or advisors/officials of international organisations.

Additionally, career prospects include access to public and private sectors as consultants and legal representatives to a spectrum of fields including banking, health, trade, communications, FMCG firms and industries.

Following the Bachelor's degree, students can pursue a Master in Law (taught in English) at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi or at University of Paris with the following specialisations: Banking and Finance; International Business Law or International Law, International Relations and Diplomacy. The Masters degree also leads to a Doctorate degree. All students can apply for "le Barreau de Paris". The courses of the Institute of Judicial Studies (IEJ) are now also given in a dematerialized way and can thus be followed in addition to the completion of first year of master.

Tuition Fees

(Including admin. fees - over 3 years)

AED 215,100 (approximately US\$ 58,615)

Scholarship options*:

- Emirati citizens receive the H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan scholarship grant covering tuition fees for the programme and a foundation year (if any).
- For non-Emirati students, academic excellence scholarships are offered, covering up to 75% of the tuition fee.

*Conditions apply

Visit our website for more information.

Why Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi?

In today's fast-paced and globalised economies, knowledge and languages both serve an important role in creating progressive and vibrant societies. The French education system is known for its high level of rigorous critical thinking and debating skills, which play a significant role in developing future pioneers and leaders.

Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is a globally recognised education institution that serves as a bridge between civilisations by offering a multicultural environment, which promotes and develops a strong culture of tolerance, curiosity, harmony and cultural awareness for today's modern economy. Students have access to internationally acclaimed faculty, world-class facilities and internationally certified degrees, which places them firmly on the right path in preparation for a successful career.

This degree is awarded by Université Paris Cité and officially accredited by the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation (www.caa.ae).

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