



Inhouse Counsel

Certificate of Advanced Studies

Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich
Europa Institut at the University of Zurich

Certificate of Advanced Studies Inhouse Counsel

10 ECTS Credits

The course provides present and future in-house counsels with an introduction to relevant areas of the working methods of people working in the position of in-house counsel. This includes in particular areas such as legal strategy, compliance, risk management, corporate governance, contract drafting, litigation and dispute management and other important areas of

law. In addition, participants will acquire knowledge and skills in the areas of personnel and leader effectiveness, project management, people management, etc., which are necessary for successful in-house counsel. The program combines academic teaching and research with practice and at the same time promotes professional, methodological and social skills.



This program is organized and run by Europa Institut at the University of Zurich on behalf of the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich.

Aim of the course

The program is a part-time university course with the aim of providing current and future in-house counsels with an introduction to relevant areas and the working methods of people in the role of a corporate lawyer, tailored to their function. In particular, this includes topics such as legal strategy, compliance, risk management, corporate governance, M&A, contract drafting, litigation and dispute management. In addition, participants are taught knowledge and skills in the areas of personal and leader effectiveness.

Target group

This course is recommended to lawyers who are already working as in-house counsel in a company or who would like to prepare for a move to the legal department or legal service of a company. The CAS Inhouse Counsel is also of interest to professionals who want to better understand the challenges faced by an in-house counsel and be able to advise them more efficiently.

Key Data

Teaching mode

In-person classes on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Time period

The study programme lasts 20 half-days over a period of 10 weekends. The programme starts in March 2026 and ends in June 2026 (not including examination days). The course days are scheduled taking into account public holidays and Zurich's school vacation.

Language

The course is held in English.

Costs

Early bird: CHF 8'000.– if you register by 30 November.

Regular price: CHF 8'500.– if you register by 31 January.

The course fee includes the costs for the digital course materials, the examination fees and the graduation ceremony. Costs for any excursions and special literature are not included.

Mandatory attendance

At least 80% of the course must be attended in order to pass the course.

Degree

The Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich awards successful graduates of the programme the title: Certificate of Advanced Studies UZH in Inhouse Counsel with 10 ECTS Credits.

Lecturers

The lecturers on the course are either experienced in-house counsels or lawyers who have extensive expertise in their respective area of law.

Academic Advisory Board

- Patrick Büchi, General Counsel, Bruker BioSpin Group
- James Bellerjeau, Former General Counsel, Mettler-Toledo International, Inc

Application and Contact

Application

31 January via the application form on the website.

Depending on capacity, registrations submitted after the deadline may also be considered.

The course will only be held if there is a sufficient number of participants.

Location

Pädagogische Hochschule Zürich
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