

PhD Program
Santé, Médecine et Société
Health, Medicine and Society



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PhD Program Santé, Médecine et Société Health, Medicine and Society

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Organized by the Institute of Health Law at the University of Neuchâtel, the program aims to broaden the methodological skills of doctoral students (mainly in law, and others fields such as natural and social sciences) who participate in it and integrate an interdisciplinary and interprofessional perspective on “Health, Medicine and Society” to understand contemporary health problems and challenges.

The program's objective is to introduce participants to different legal theories and extra-legal tools, methods and theories of the social sciences and humanities. The theme chosen for the 2023/2024 academic year is the **One Health Approach**. One Health is an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems. It recognizes that the health of humans, domestic and wild animals, plants, and the wider environment (including ecosystems) are closely linked and interdependent.

The interdisciplinary emphasis is the signature strength of the program and constitutes an original and unique offer. The program is designed to train participants to diversify their research focuses and skills and realize original contributions in their disciplinary fields as well as in the broad area of public health and medicine.

The different seminars take place on November 23, 2023, December 07, 2023, and March 07, 2024.

- The first seminar on November 23 will be dedicated to **introducing the One Health Approach**. Initially, it will be presented a historical and global overview of the development of this approach. Subsequently, it will be explored the chances and challenges of projects related to the theme.
- The second seminar on December 07 will be **an interactive session**. This exercise will allow the participants to apply the methods / approaches discussed during the first seminar. It will be directed by the two co-directors of the program, Professors Mélanie Levy and Sandra Hotz.
- The last seminar, on March 07, will focus on the **practical implementation of the One Health approach within public policy**. Through a legal lens, this session will examine the application of the One Health Approach in policy-making and regulatory frameworks.

This call for applications is open to Ph.D. students from different disciplinary backgrounds in the social sciences and humanities, who tackle questions related to health and medicine in their research, and doctoral students in medicine, nursing sciences, or public health.

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