

Study Plan for

Joint LL.M. in Trade and Investment Law and DAS in International Law and Economics (TRAIL+)

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I. General Requirements

Scope	<p>Art. 1 This Study Plan applies to all students enrolled in the joint LL.M./DAS programme at the World Trade Institute. This programme, which is also referred to as the TRAIL+ programme, is interdisciplinary and focusses on the rules, regulations, and institutions, both domestic and international, that govern foreign trade, investment, the operations of multinational enterprises, and the interests and role of other stakeholders.</p>
Regulations	<p>Art. 2 ¹ The requirements for the LL.M. are set out in the <i>Reglement für das Weiterbildungsprogramm in Rechtswissenschaft (DAS; LL.M.)</i> of the Faculty Law of the University of Bern from 22 March 2012.</p> <p>² The requirements for the DAS are set out in the <i>Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics</i> of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with amendments from 13 December 2018.</p> <p>³ To be admitted to the LL.M./DAS joint programme students must meet the admission requirements under the regulations governing both LL.M. studies at the Faculty of Law and DAS studies at the WTI, with the exception of Article 13(2)(g) of the <i>Reglement für das Weiterbildungsprogramm in Rechtswissenschaft (DAS; LL.M.)</i>. In lieu of Article 13(2) (g), proof of sufficient proficiency in English is required for student whose native language is not English.</p>
Title	<p>Art. 3 Students who successfully fulfil the requirements of the LL.M./DAS joint programme are awarded the following titles:</p> <p><i>a</i> Legum Magister/Legum Magistra, Universität Bern (LL.M. Unibe);</p> <p><i>b</i> Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics University of Bern (DAS ILE Unibe).</p>

Study Design

Art. 4¹ The LL.M. programme is composed of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern and listed in the Annex. In addition, students may also take courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law, which are not listed in the Annex, but were selected by the Academic Programme Committee of the WTI, in consultation with the Faculty of Law, prior to the commencement of each academic semester. All LL.M. courses and seminars are conducted in English.

² The DAS programme is composed of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars listed in the Annex. In addition, TRAIL+students may also take courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, which are not listed in the Annex, but were selected by the Academic Programme Committee of the WTI, in consultation with the relevant Faculty, prior to the commencement of each academic semester. All DAS courses and seminars are conducted in English.

³ Successful completion of the joint LL.M./DAS programme requires the completion of both the LL.M. and DAS programme.

⁴ Students have 3 years to complete the joint LL.M./DAS programme. Students who fail to complete the programme may be awarded a certificate of participation, and either the LL.M. or DAS if the relevant requirements have been met. Students must have no outstanding balance in tuition or other university fees in order to graduate.

Course Content

Art. 5 The availability, scheduling and content of courses and seminars are published in the WTI's *Study Guidelines and Policies for LL.M./DAS Students* prior to the beginning of each academic semester. For the LL.M., the list of courses and seminars is prepared jointly with the Department of Economic Law of the Faculty of Law, while for the DAS, courses are drawn from the MILE curriculum.

ECTS-Credit Points

Art. 6¹ One ECTS-credit point generally corresponds to a study effort of 25 to 30 dedicated hours.

² For courses and seminars taken at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, students receive the amount of ECTS credit points that are provided for by the Faculty offering these courses or seminars.

II. Assessments

Subject

Art. 7 Student knowledge of the subject matter of each course and seminar is examined in the form of an assessment.

Form

Art. 8 Assessments of any given course or seminar are subject to the *Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics* of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with amendments from 13 December 2018. Assessments can be conducted in the form of seminar papers, oral assessments, written assessments, or some combination thereof.

Language **Art. 9** The language of study is English, and assessments are to be conducted entirely in English.

III. LL.M./DAS TRAIL Programme Study Plan Overview

Structure **Art. 10** ¹ The joint LL.M./DAS programme (TRAIL+ programme) includes 50 ECTS coursework for the LL.M., 22 ECTS coursework for the DAS, 10 ECTS for the master's thesis, and 8 ECTS for the DAS paper. The programme includes compulsory and elective courses as listed in the Annex. The Director of Studies may, in exceptional circumstances, decide to replace a compulsory course by one or more of the elective courses listed in the Annex. Compulsory law courses which are part of the coursework for the LL.M. can only be replaced by law courses.

² Eligible courses for the LL.M. are courses and seminars offered by the Faculty of Law, as provided for in Article 4¹ of this Study Plan.

³ Eligible courses for the DAS are courses and seminars offered by the WTI and the Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences, as provided for in Article 4² of this Study Plan.

IV. Adoption

Adoption **Art. 11** The present Study Plan was adopted by the Faculty of Law, University of Bern on 22 February 2024.

Entry into Force **Art. 12** ¹ The present Study Plan entered into force on upon its adoption by the Faculty of Law

Annex

Compulsory Courses	ECTS
Fall Semester	
Foundations of Economics* ¹	8
International Investment Law ²	5
International Trade Regulation ³	10
Global Political Economy	5
Global Economic Governance Seminar Series	1
Winter Academy⁴	
WTO Law on Border Measures and Trade Facilitation	3
WTO The Law on Policy of Trade in Services	3
WTO Law on Anti-Dumping and Safeguard Measures	3
WTO Law on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	3
Spring Semester	
International Economics*	7
International Economic Dispute Resolution	5
International Economic Law and the Pursuit of Sustainable Development Goals	5
Global Economic Governance Seminar Series	1
Moot Court ⁵	5

¹ TRAIL+ students with a background in economics can replace this course with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Law, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

² TRAIL+ students can replace this course with *International Investment Law & Dispute Settlement: Current Developments*, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

³ TRAIL+ students with a background in international trade law can replace this course with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Law, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

⁴ All Winter Academy courses are compulsory for TRAIL+ Students

⁵ Participation in the Moot Court is compulsory. However, this exercise can be replaced by participation in the John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition, or with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Law, subject to

Elective Courses at the WTI	
<i>Summer Academy</i>	
Technical Barriers to Trade in Pursuit of Sustainable Development	3
International Climate Governance	3
Circular Economy, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Action	3
International Contracts Regarding Cross-Border Trade and Investment	3
Climate Change: Intellectual Property Law and Technology Transfer	3
International Investment Law and Sustainable Development	3
<i>Other Elective Courses at the WTI</i>	
Introduction to International Negotiations	3
Digital Trade Law	2
Trade Policy Making and the WTO	1
Government Procurement Regulation in the WTO	2
International Trade/Investment Law and Policy Internship ⁶	3
Elective Courses and Seminars at the Unibe Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences	3, 5 or 6

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⁶ The Director of Studies must approve the internship. The ECTS awarded for the internship do not count for the minimum ECTS to obtain the LL.M. or the DAS.