

Study Plan for

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law and Economics (MILE)

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I. General Requirements

Scope	Art. 1 This Study Plan applies to all students enrolled in the Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law and Economics (MILE) programme at the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern. The MILE programme is an interdisciplinary MAS, focusing on the law, economics and politics of international trade, investment, and sustainable development.
Regulations	The requirements for the MILE are set out in the Regulations governing the Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (MILE) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with amendments from 13 December 2018.
Study Programme	Art. 2 This Study Plan governs the following programme of the World Trade Institute: Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law and Economics (MILE) (90 ECTS)
Title	Art. 3 Students who successfully fulfil the requirements of the MILE programme are awarded the following title: Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics, World Trade Institute, University of Bern (MILE Unibe).
Study Design	Art. 4 ¹ The MILE programme is composed of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars listed in the Annex. In addition, MILE 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 MILE courses and seminars are conducted in English. ² Students must submit and receive a passing grade for the master's thesis worth 15 ECTS credit points.
Course Content	Art. 5 The availability, scheduling and content of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars are announced and published in the <i>Study Guidelines</i>

and Policies for MILE Students prior to the commencement of each academic semester.

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 place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, MILE students receive the amount of ECTS credits that are provided 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 are subject to the Regulations governing the Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (MILE) dated 26 May 2016 with amendments dated 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. MILE Programme Study Plan Overview

Structure **Art. 10¹** The MILE programme includes 75 ECTS of coursework, with compulsory and elective courses and seminars as detailed in the Annex; and 15 ECTS for the master's thesis. Eligible courses for the MILE are courses offered by the WTI as well as courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law or at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, as provided for in Article 4 of this Study Plan. 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.

² Students have 3 years to complete the MILE programme. Students who fail to complete the programme may be awarded a DAS if the relevant requirements have been met. Students must have no outstanding balance in tuition bills or other university fees in order to graduate.

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 The present Study Plan entered into force 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 Law and 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
Sustainable Development and Environment Economics*	3
Moot Court or Applied Economic Analysis Exercise ⁵	5

¹ MILE 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 MILE students can replace this course with *International Investment Law & Dispute Settlement: Current Developments*, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

³ MILE 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 Two out of the four Winter Academy courses are compulsory; students are free to choose which two they wish to attend.

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 prior

Global Economic Governance Seminar Series	1
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	5
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 internship must be approved by the Director of Studies. The ECTS awarded for the internship do not count for the minimum 90 ECTS to obtain the MILE degree.