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## Application to Graduate Study on the Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) Programme at the World Trade Institute (WTI)

For admission to the MILE Programme starting in September, please submit **by 31 January**:

- (1) a completed version of this application form,
- (2) a detailed CV [[optional template](#)],
- (3) a letter of motivation,
- (4) a two-page essay in English,
- (5) transcripts and degrees of all completed college/university courses,
- (6) evidence of English proficiency for non-native speaker,
- (7) two letters of recommendation,

[[more information about the requirements can be found here](#)]

by mail or email to:

Programme Administrator:  
World Trade Institute, University of Bern  
Hallerstrasse 6  
CH-3012 Bern, Switzerland

[inquire@wti.org](mailto:inquire@wti.org)

Subject line: Application Master of International Law and Economics

## Section I: Personal data

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### 1. Select MILE Programme

I wish to apply for admission to graduate studies for the academic year starting in September:

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### 2. Name

Last name

First name

Middle name

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### 3. Private Address

Street address

ZIP Code

City

Country

Telephone

Fax

Email

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### 4. Business address (if applicable)

Name of institution/company

Street address

Zip Code

City

Country

Telephone

Fax

Email

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### 5. Date of birth /citizenship / gender

Day

Month

Year

Citizenship

Male   Female

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## 6. Person to be notified in case of emergency

Last name

First name

Street address

ZIP Code

City

Country

Telephone

Fax

Email

## 7. How did you learn about the MILE Programm?

mile graduate

work colleague

poster/flyer at university

lecturer of the mile

professor at university

moot court

google advertisement

llm-guide.com

masterstudies.com

postgraduate.ch

worldtradelaw.net

tradelawguide.com

Internet search (Google, Yahoo, Others)

Email

Other, please specify:

## Section II: Education and Work Experience

### 8. Academic Background

(e.g. law, economics, international relations, political science, business administration)

## 9. List of colleges/universities

Please list all colleges and/or universities you have attended, beginning with the most recent and including current studies.

Indicate your class rank (e.g., 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 100 students, top 10 percentile) if available.

Indicate any honours received in your studies (e.g., 'Cum Laude' in the United States or Switzerland, the class of degree in the United Kingdom, or 'Mention' in France).

Please do not include information concerning primary or secondary education (grade school or high school level).

1:

Name of institution

Street address

ZIP Code

City

Country

Dates attended from

until

Actual name of degree or examination (do not translate)

Date granted or expected

Honours (do not translate)

Class rank (if available)

2:

Name of institution

Street address

ZIP Code

City

Country

Dates attended from

until

Actual name of degree or examination (do not translate)

Date granted or expected

Honours (do not translate)

Class rank (if available)

3:

Name of institution

Street address

ZIP Code

City

Country

Dates attended from

until

Actual name of degree or examination (do not translate)

Date granted or expected

Honours (do not translate)

Class rank (if available)

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### 10. List of scholarships/fellowships (if applicable)

Please list scholarships or fellowships held at present or in the past along with source/sponsor, approximate amount in CHF, dates and indicate which part of your studies they were dedicated to.

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### 11. List of honours/prizes (if applicable)

Please list any academic honours or prizes you may have received along with dates.

## 12. List of published articles (if applicable)

Please list any books, articles, or theses you have published and include title, date of publication, and name of publisher.

Publication title

Publication date

Name of publisher

## 13. List of professional positions held

Please list any professional positions you have held beginning with your current employer (if applicable).

1:

Name of Institution

Street address

Zip Code

City

Country

Job title

Dates worked from      until

Main responsibilities

Main responsibilities

2:

Name of Institution

Street address

Zip Code

City

Country

Job title

Dates worked from      until

Main responsibilities

Main responsibilities

3:

Name of Institution

Street address

Zip Code

City

Country

Job title

Dates worked from      until

Main responsibilities

Main responsibilities

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#### 14. List of academic courses taught (if applicable)

Please list any academic courses you have taught.

## Section III: Language

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### 15. Native language(s)

What is/are your native/first language(s)?

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### 16. Foreign language skills (if applicable)

Please indicate what (other) language(s) you speak and the level of proficiency by ticking the appropriate boxes.

Language	Spoken	Written
	Basic Knowledge	Basic Knowledge
	Working knowledge	Working knowledge
	Excellent knowledge	Excellent knowledge
	Fluent/ bi-lingual	Fluent/ bi-lingual

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## 17. Language of instruction

What is/was the language of instruction at your university?

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## 18. English as a foreign language/English lessons in school (if applicable)

If you are a non-native English speaker, please indicate how many years of English language training you received during the course of your education.

Primary school	Number of years	from	until
Secondary school	Number of years	from	until
University	Number of years	from	until
Extracurricular	Number of years	from	until

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## 19. Living abroad (if applicable)

Have you lived, studied and/or worked in a country where English is the native language? (e.g., United Kingdom, USA, Canada, Australia)

Yes    No

If you answered yes, what was the purpose and length of your stay and when did it occur?

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## 20. English as a second language (if applicable)

If you answered yes to question 19, please indicate below how many years of your education or professional life abroad were in English.

Primary school	Number of years	from	until
Secondary school	Number of years	from	until
University	Number of years	from	until
Extracurricular	Number of years	from	until

## 21. University exams in English (if applicable)

If you are a non-native English speaker, were your exams at tertiary level in English?

Yes    No

## 22. Oral/written university exams in English (if applicable)

If you are a non-native English speaker, were your english-language exams at tertiary level oral or written?

Oral    In writing    Both

## 23. English presentation skills (if applicable)

Do you have any experience with giving presentations in English? Please provide details.

## 24. Proficiency of English as a foreign language (if applicable)

If you are a non-native English speaker and not otherwise exempt (see our website or below), please provide results and also submit evidence of any objective English language testing you have taken in the previous two years (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, MELAB, or Cambridge).

Test result

If you are not exempt from submitting test scores (see our website or below) and have not yet taken an objective English language test, please indicate when you plan to do so. You should submit your application and it will be processed pending your test results.

Expected date

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## Section IV: Letters of recommendation/signature

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### 25. Letters of recommendation

Please list the people from whom you have requested letters of recommendation (two required).

Name	Title	Employer
Name	Title	Employer
Name	Title	Employer

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### 26. Accuracy and completeness of information

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application form and any supplemental materials is accurate and complete and I will notify the WTI if any of this information changes.

Date and place

Signature

Name printed

## Section V: Letters of motivation and academic essay

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### 27. Letter of motivation

The letter of motivation is one of the most important elements of your application: try to be brief and to the point. In a separate document, please introduce yourself, write about your academic and professional accomplishments, and explain why you believe the MILE will benefit you and your career. More tips can be found [here](#).

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### 28. Academic essay in English

In a separate document, please respond to one of the three questions below in a two-page (maximum 1000 words) academic essay in English. Try to structure your essay deductively and correctly reference any sources you cite. The World Trade Institute – like any graduate school – employs plagiarism detection software.

Formal requirements:

- Font: Times New Roman / Arial
- Fontsize: 12pt
- Line spacing: 1.5 Lines

Essay questions:

- Describe the benefits and costs of globalisation from your country's perspective and the role that trade policy can play in integrating your country more strongly into the global economy.
- or
- Describe what you consider to be some of the key challenges confronting the World Trade Organization as its members strive to conclude the Doha Development Agenda.
- or
- How does, in your opinion, international trade benefit your country?
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## Appendix 1: English Language requirements

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The MILE Programme is taught exclusively in English and you need to arrive at the WTI with a level of English that allows you to fully benefit from the courses. In particular, your level of English needs to allow you to express yourself effectively in and outside the classroom, deliver on weekly writing assignments and adequately cover a weekly reading load of up to 200 pages.

When evaluating your application, the Selection Committee pays close attention to evidence of your proficiency in English. As is common for graduate programmes, you are required to submit objective test scores of one of the accepted tests listed below:

Test:	Minimum Score:	Website:
TOEFL iBT	100 points or above	<a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a>
TOEFL Paper	600 points or above	<a href="http://www.ets.org/toefl">www.ets.org/toefl</a>
ILTS	7.0 or above	<a href="http://www.ielts.org">www.ielts.org</a>
Cambridge CAE	A	<a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams">www.cambridgeesol.org/exams</a>
Cambridge CPE	C or higher	<a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams">www.cambridgeesol.org/exams</a>

The following applicants are exempt from submitting test scores:

- Native English speakers
- A student with an undergraduate and/or graduate degree from an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction and the degree was awarded no longer than five years ago.
- Students who have completed at least one year of study in an English speaking country and at an institution in which English is the primary language of instruction immediately prior to coming to the WTI.
- Students with a university degree major in the English language, i.e. at least a BA in English.

### Important:

All applicants (including native English speakers) are required to complete the section on languages in this form and submit the two-page academic essay in English.

More details are available in the English language requirements section on our website.

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## Appendix 2: Registration Fees

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Upon admission to the MILE Programme, we kindly ask you transfer a one-time, non-refundable registration fee of CHF 200. You will receive the WTI's bank details along with the confirmation of admission.

Please note that you will only receive further details about the MILE once you have transferred the registration fee. We will apply the registration against your tuition fees, unless you receive a WTI Scholarship covering your entire tuition.

Please note that any charges incurred during the transfer of the registration fee must be borne by the applicant.

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## Appendix 3: Tuition, Scholarships and Financial aid

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The tuition fee for one year of graduate studies on the MILE Programme is CHF 30'000. A limited number of scholarships and a limited amount of financial aid are available. Please consult the information on scholarships and financial aid on our website if you are in need of support.

Tuition covers all courses, the supervision of your master's thesis, a trip to Geneva with visits to international organisations as well as a range of extracurricular activities.

Tuition does not cover airfares, costs of accommodation/living, health insurance, books or any other expenditure incurred during your stay in Switzerland.

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