



Study Plan for

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

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.

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.

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 *Study Guidelines* 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 university regulations. 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. 10 ¹ 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.

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 February 24 2022.

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 Core Societal Values and Interests	5
Sustainable Development and Environment Economics*	3
Moot Court or Applied Economic Analysis Exercise⁵	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 mandatory. 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 approval by the Director of Studies

Global Economic Governance Seminar Series	1
Elective courses at the WTI	
Summer Academy	
Foundations of Trade Policy and Trade Policy Data	3
Econometric Analysis of Trade Policy with a Focus on Trade Remedies	3
Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models	3
Challenges to International Climate Governance	3
International Contracts Regarding Cross-Borders Trade and Investment	3
International Law and Policy Options for Climate Mitigation	3
International Energy Law and Governance	3
Technical Barriers to Trade in Pursuit of Sustainable Development	3
Non-Trade Concerns in International Trade: Public Health and Labour Standards	3
International Investment Law and Sustainable Development	3
Intellectual Property Law and Technology Transfer	3
Other Elective courses at the WTI	
Introduction to International Negotiations	3
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

^{*} 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.

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⁶ The internship must be approved by the Director of Studies. The ECTS awarded for the internshipdo not count for the minimum 90 ECTS to obtain the MILE degree.