

Study Plan for

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) and Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law, Economics and Politics (ILE)

The requirements for the ILE are set out in the Regulations governing the Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) and Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics (ILE) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016.

I. General Requirements

Scope	<p>Art. 1 ¹ This Study Plan governs the following programs of the World Trade Institute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in International Law and Economics with or without special qualification (12 ECTS).- Diploma of Advance Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics with or without special qualification (30 ECTS). <p>These interdisciplinary programs focus on the law, economics and politics of international trade, investment and sustainable development. The language of study is English.</p> <p>² This Study Plan applies to all students enrolled in these programs.</p>
Title	<p>Art. 2 ¹ Students, who successfully fulfil the requirements of the CAS program, are awarded the following title:</p> <p>Certificate of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics [with special qualification in ...], University of Bern (CAS ILE Unibe).</p> <p>When applicable, the designation of the special qualifications is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trade and Supply Chain Compliance- Applied Trade Policy Modeling <p>² Students, who successfully fulfil the requirements of the DAS program are awarded the following title:</p> <p>Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics [with special qualification in...], University of Bern (DAS ILE Unibe).</p> <p>When applicable, the designation of the special qualifications is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Trade and Supply Chain Compliance- Applied Trade Policy Modeling
Study Design	<p>Art. 3 ¹ The CAS and DAS programs are composed of elective courses listed in the Annex. In addition, CAS and DAS students may also take other courses offered at the WTI, 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 are selected by the student and approved by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator, in consultation with the WTI Director of Studies and</p>

the relevant Faculty. There are no compulsory courses in the CAS and DAS programs.

² CAS and DAS students must submit, respectively, a CAS ILE certificate paper (4 ECTS) and a DAS ILE diploma paper (8 ECTS), following the guidelines communicated by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator. In order to obtain ECTS credit points for the certificate or diploma paper, students must receive a passing grade.

Special qualifications

Art. 4 ¹ Students may choose between an area of special qualifications listed above in Art. 2. Special qualifications of the CAS program comprise at least 4 ECTS credits. Special qualifications of the DAS program comprise at least 10 ECTS credits.

² The objectives of the special qualifications are as follows:

- a* For the Special qualification in Trade and Supply Chain Compliance: Acquire detailed knowledge of the legal framework and challenges of international trade, as well as the effects of geopolitics in supply chains.
- b* For the Special qualification in Applied Trade Modeling: Gain an in-depth understanding of the study of trade policy and trade policy data and their economic analysis using input-output and applied general equilibrium models.

³ The content of the special qualifications is as follows:

Special qualification in Trade and Supply Chain Compliance :

- a* Geopolitics and the Securitization of Global Trade
- b* EU and China Trade and Investment Relations
- c* Trade Compliance
- d* Any other climate change-related course offered at the WTI, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, which is not listed in the Annex, but is selected by the student and approved by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator, in consultation with the WTI Director of Studies and the relevant Faculty.

Special qualification in Applied Trade Policy Modeling:

- a* Foundations of Trade Policy and Trade Policy Data
- b* Econometric Analysis of Trade Policy with a Focus on Trade Remedies
- c* Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models
- d* Any other course on trade policy modelling offered at the WTI, or the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, which is not listed in the Annex, but is selected by the student and approved by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator, in consultation with the WTI Director of Studies and the relevant Faculty.

Course Content

Art. 5 The availability, scheduling and content of the elective courses are announced and published on the WTI's website prior to the commencement of each academic semester. ECTS-Credit Points **Art. 6** ¹ One ECTS-credit point generally corresponds to a study effort of 25 to 30 dedicated hours.

² For courses taking place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, CAS and DAS students receive the amount of ECTS credits that are provided by the Faculty offering these courses.

II. Assessments

Subject	Art. 7 A student's knowledge of the subject matter of each course and seminar is assessed. The assessment of any given course or seminar is subject to university regulations.
Form	Art. 8 Assessments of any given course are subject to the Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics (ILE) dated 26 May 2016 with amendments dated 13 December 2018 and 20 February 2025. The assessment can be conducted in the form of research papers, oral assessments, written assessments, or some combination thereof. It may factor in class participation.
Language	Art. 9 The assessment is conducted in English.

III. CAS/DAS Program Study Plan Overview

Structure	<p>Art. 10¹ The CAS ILE program includes 8 ECTS of coursework, with elective courses as detailed in the Annex; and 4 ECTS for the CAS ILE certificate paper. Eligible courses for the CAS 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 3 of this Study Plan.</p> <p>² The DAS ILE program includes 22 ECTS of coursework, with elective courses as detailed in the Annex; and 8 ECTS for the DAS ILE diploma paper. Eligible courses for the DAS 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 3 of this Study Plan.</p> <p>³ Students have up to 2 years to complete the CAS program, and up to 3 years to complete the DAS program. An extension may be granted by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator. Failure to complete the CAS or DAS program without extension may result in exclusion from the program. Students who are not able to complete the course for which they had originally registered, may replace that course with another in the same area of special qualification, subject to prior approval by the WTI Academic Program Coordinator, in consultation with the WTI Director of Studies.</p> <p>⁴ Students must have no outstanding balance in tuition bills or other university fees in order to graduate. Adoption</p>
Adoption	Art. 11 The present Study Plan was adopted by the Faculty of Law, University of Bern on November 20, 2025.
Entry into Force	Art. 12 The present Study Plan entered into force upon its adoption by the Faculty of Law.
Transitional Provisions	<p>Art. 13¹ Students who begin their studies at the World Trade Institute in the fall semester of 2025 are subject to this study plan.</p> <p>² Students who began their studies before the fall semester 2025, they will complete their studies according to the study plan existing prior to that date.</p> <p>³ Students referred to in paragraph 2 may transfer to the current study plan upon request.</p>

Adopted by the Academic Program Committee:

Bern, 18 August 2025

The Chair:



Prof. Dr. Isabelle van Damme

Adopted by the Faculty of Law:

Bern, 20 November 2025

The Dean:



Prof. Dr. Susan Emmenegger

Annex I: CAS/DAS List of Courses

Courses	ECTS
<i>Winter Academy</i>	
The Law on Border Measures and Trade Facilitation	3
The Law and Policy of Trade in Services	3
The Law on Anti-Dumping and Safeguard Measures	3
The Law on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	3
<i>Summer Academy</i>	
Space Law: International and National Dimensions	3
EU and China Trade and Investment Relations	3
Digital and AI Regulation	3
Geopolitics and the Securitization of Global Trade	3
Trade Compliance	3
General Equilibrium Modelling of Trade Policy	3
Econometrics Analysis of Trade Policy	3
Introduction to Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models	3
<i>Other Elective courses at the WTI</i>	
Introduction to International Negotiation and Conflict Management	3
Digital Trade Law	2
Intellectual Property Law and Human Rights	2
The International Regulation of Government Procurement	2
The Law and Policy of Artificial Intelligence Regulation	2
Elective Courses and Seminars at the University of Bern - Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences	3, 5 or 6