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

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The World Trade Institute (WTI) is a leading academic institution dedicated to studies, teaching and research in international trade and investment regulation, economic globalisation and sustainability.

As a centre of excellence at the University of Bern with an international, interdisciplinary focus, we explore the interconnections between the fields of law, economics and political science.



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Established in 1999, the **Master of International Law and Economics (MILE)** is the flagship programme of the World Trade Institute. The MILE programme is designed for students and professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge of international trade and investment in the fields of law, economics and political science.

## The MILE is the right programme for you if you have:

- A Bachelor or Master of Laws or J.D.
- A Bachelor or Master in Economics
- A Bachelor or Master in Political Science or International Relations
- A Bachelor or Master in another field, plus relevant working experience in the topics of the program
- A strong command of English



## What we offer:

- A **one-year, intensive** graduate programme (which can also be taken part time over three years)
- Teaching and guidance from over 50 **world-class scholars** and practitioners recruited from leading universities, international organisations, think tanks and global law firms
- Highly **applicable real-world knowledge** and the latest research developments in international trade and investment regulation, economics and the global political economy
- A vibrant **alumni network** with over 600 members worldwide
- Strong **networks and mentoring** programmes to help students secure internships and entry-level positions

## Scholarships and Internships

The **Global Impact Association (GIA)** offers scholarships to talented students from least-developed and developing countries, who wish to pursue advanced master studies in international economic law and policy. Highly competitive internship opportunities upon completion of studies are also available to qualified students. To learn more about financial aid, please visit [global-impact-association.org](http://global-impact-association.org)



“What makes the MILE programme unique is the interdisciplinary approach to the study of international economic governance”

Prof. **Peter Van den Bossche**  
WTI Director of Studies

## Programme Structure

The MILE is a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) conferred by the World Trade Institute, University of Bern. The MILE programme awards **90 European Credit Transfer System Points (ECTS)**. Course work accounts for 75 ECTS and the mandatory master's thesis for 15 ECTS.

Regular course attendance is **required from mid-September until the end of June**, with the master's thesis being researched and written over the summer. The programme can also be taken on a part-time basis within three years.

The MILE begins with a foundational semester during which students are given a solid basis in international economic law, international economics and global political economy. The second semester consists of lectures and seminars that deliver an in-depth analysis of relevant topics in international trade, investment and economics.

In addition to the courses offered during the autumn and spring semesters, students are able to take, as part of their programme, WTI Winter and Summer Academy courses.

## Applying to the MILE

The Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (MILE) has one **intake in September**.

The required documents need to be submitted by the deadline indicated on our website (**31 January**). Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered only if places remain available (rolling admission).

Early applications will be given priority. Deadline for early applications: **1 December**. Date of notification of early decision: **22 December**.

To apply, and for details of our requirements please click on the MILE application form on our website: [wti.org/education/master/mile](https://wti.org/education/master/mile)

## Tuition and Registration Fees

Tuition for the MILE programme is **21,000 Swiss francs** for both full and part-time studies.

Tuition covers all courses, master's thesis supervision, a range of extracurricular activities, trips to Geneva with visits to the WTO and other international and non-governmental organisations.

Tuition does not cover travel costs, accommodation, health insurance, or any other living expenses.

Applying to the MILE programme is free. A one-time, non-refundable registration fee of **200 Swiss francs** is required upon admission to the programme.

## Winter and Summer Academy

Designed for government officials, professionals from the private and civil society sectors, and advanced master and PhD students, our Winter and Summer Academy courses offer a convenient way to enhance your knowledge in selected areas of international trade and investment, while **taking minimal time off from your work** and without needing a specific academic background or degree. Upon completion, you will receive a **certificate of attendance**. With some exceptions, the price for one week is 1,200 Swiss francs.

Participants taking courses offered in the Winter and/or Summer Academies can obtain a **Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS)** or a **Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in International Law and Economics**. A DAS can be awarded after earning 30 ECTS (8 weeks of course work plus a scientific research paper) and a CAS after earning 12 ECTS (3 weeks of course work plus a scientific research paper). With some exceptions, the tuition fee for courses leading to a DAS is 12,500 Swiss francs and for courses leading to a CAS it is 5,200 Swiss francs.



“*MILE was a watershed in my life.*”



**Thalís Andrade**

Lawyer, Lecturer and Analyst at  
Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Trade,  
MILE 14 graduate

“*The WTI is second to none as a place  
to study international trade.*”



**Iryna Polovets**

Advisor to the Deputy Director  
General at the WTO, MILE 12  
graduate

“*The MILEs contribution undoubtedly  
is unique... it has significantly  
enhanced my career profile.*”



**Dr. iur. Santanu Mukherjee**

Founder and Head of Ex Lege  
Chambers, Advocates, Mediators  
and Policy Advisors in India,  
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