

Applying to the TRAIL+ Programme

For admission to graduate study on the TRAIL+ programme starting in September, the required documents need to be submitted by the deadline indicated on our website (generally **31 January** of the year of commencement). Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered only in the event that places remain available (rolling admission).

Early applications will be given priority and first consideration for financial aid. (Deadline for early applications: **15 December**. Date of notification of early decision: **22 December**). To apply, and for details of our requirements please click on the TRAIL+ programme application form on our website: www.wti.org/education/trail

Tuition and Registration Fees

The tuition fee for the TRAIL+ programme is **27,000 Swiss francs** for both full and part-time studies. Applicants will be considered for scholarships upon request.

Tuition covers all courses, Master's thesis supervision, a range of extracurricular activities and several 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 expenditures incurred during your stay in Switzerland.

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

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*“I have been lecturing at the WTI for many years and each time it is a real intellectual pleasure. What makes the WTI's offering unique is the interdisciplinary approach to the study of international economic governance. Students get to study not just the law, or economics, or politics of international economic relations, but the law **and** economics **and** politics of international economic relations. This prepares them well for a career as a practising lawyer or for a career in academia.”*

Professor Gabrielle Marceau
Senior Counsellor in the Legal Affairs Division of the WTO

“The knowledge and inspiration that I have gained from WTI students since 2004 is irreplaceable.”



Dr Arthur E. Appleton
Founding Member,
Appleton Luff International Lawyers,
WTI Board Member



“I have had the privilege of being part of the WTI's faculty since the 2002 Academic Year. The WTI is simply a great place; I wish it existed when I was a student. Expect vibrant discussions and the chance to find a fulfilling job in the international trade arena. My firm keeps hiring young lawyers from the WTI and we have never been disappointed!”

Mr Paolo Vergano
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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 and 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.



Blaze a TRAIL for your career!

TRAIL+ Programme
LLM in International Trade and Investment Law &
Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law
and Economics

Are you a law graduate looking to take the next step in your career or in academia?

If so, you are on the right path.

The newly-launched TRAIL+ programme at the WTI targets students and professionals with a legal background who are interested in specialising in international economic law with cross-disciplinary study of the global economy and trade and investment agreements. The TRAIL+ programme includes more law courses, but has fewer courses on economics and political science than our MILE programme. It may therefore be more suitable if you wish to pursue a career in private practice or a PhD in law.

The TRAIL+ programme is right for you if you have:

- A JD, Bachelor or Master of Law
- A strong command of English



What we offer

- A one-year, intensive graduate programme (can also be taken part-time)
- Teaching and guidance from leading scholars and practitioners
- The latest research developments in international trade and investment regulation, and economics
- The opportunity to join a vibrant WTI alumni network with over 500 members worldwide
- Strong networks and mentoring programmes to help students secure internships and entry-level positions
- Hands-on training in communicating to a wide variety of audiences

What you bring

- You are a student or a professional with a law degree wishing to further your legal career as a practising lawyer, or to pursue a PhD in international economic law.



Programme Structure

The TRAIL+ programme is a non-consecutive joint LLM in Trade and Investment Law and Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics. Successful completion of the full programme includes both the LLM and DAS components. Students who successfully fulfil the requirements of the TRAIL+ programme are awarded a *Legum Magister / Legum Magistra* and a *Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics*. The TRAIL+ programme awards 90 European Credit Transfer System Points (ECTS) – 60 points for the LLM and 30 points for the DAS. Studies begin in the autumn (September) semester.

The TRAIL+ programme is designed for full-time completion in 12 to 15 months. The programme can also be followed on a part-time basis, with completion in 2 to 3 years. In addition to the courses offered during the autumn and spring semesters, students taking the TRAIL+ programme are able to take advantage of WTI Summer Academy courses, as well as a limited set of courses from our MILE programme.



Courses à la carte

Designed for government officials and professionals from the private and civil society sectors, our à la carte courses offer a convenient way to enhance your knowledge in selected areas of international trade and investment: join one or more weeks of the TRAIL+ programme, while taking minimal time off from your job and without needing a specific academic background or degree.

You will attend the lectures alongside students from our TRAIL+ programme. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate of attendance. With some exceptions, the price for one week is **1,800 Swiss francs**.

Modules from the TRAIL+ programme can also lead to a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) or a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) with a specialisation in International Economic Law. A DAS can be awarded after obtaining 30 ECTS (around 8 weeks of course work plus a scientific research paper) and a CAS after obtaining 12 ECTS (around 3 weeks of course work plus a scientific research paper). With some exceptions, the tuition fee for courses leading to a DAS is **12,000 Swiss francs** and for courses leading to a CAS it is **5,000 Swiss francs**.

