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## TRAIL+ Programme

LL.M. in International Trade and Investment Law  
& Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law  
and Economics

**Blaze a TRAIL for  
your career!**



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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## 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 Trade and Investment Law (TRAIL+) programme at the WTI targets students and professionals with a legal background who are interested in specialising in international economic law and global economic governance from an interdisciplinary perspective. The TRAIL+ programme is centred on law courses to obtain a Master of Laws (LL.M), with in addition courses in economics and political science to obtain a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law and Economics.

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

- A Master of Law or JD or another degree in law (e.g. a Bachelor) that entitles you to sit for the bar exam (or equivalent) in your country of origin and;
- A strong command of English



## What we offer:

- A one-year, intensive graduate programme (which can also be taken part time up to three years)
- 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

## Programme

The TRAIL+ programme combines an LL.M. in Trade and Investment Law and a DAS in International Law and Economics. Successful completion of the full programme includes both the LL.M. and DAS components. Students who successfully fulfil the



requirements of the TRAIL+ programme are awarded a Legum Magister / Legum Magistra (LL.M.) and a Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics. The TRAIL+ programme counts for 90 European Credit Transfer System Points (ECTS) – 60 points for the LL.M. and 30 points for the DAS. Students may start the TRAIL+ programme in September (regular admission) or in January (if they have prior knowledge of international economic law).

TRAIL+ course offerings draw on a global, highly experienced faculty. For a list of lecturers, please see the in-house and external faculty lists on the WTI People page and visit the University of Bern Faculty of Law page:

[https://www.rechtswissenschaft.unibe.ch/studies/study\\_programs/master\\_s\\_in\\_law/index\\_eng.html](https://www.rechtswissenschaft.unibe.ch/studies/study_programs/master_s_in_law/index_eng.html)

The TRAIL+ programme is designed for full-time completion in 12 to 15 months. In addition to the courses offered during the autumn and spring semesters, students taking the TRAIL+ programme are able to take, as part of their programme, WTI Winter and Summer Academy courses, as well as other courses from the WTI's MILE programme.



## Applying to the TRAIL+ Programme

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

For admission starting in January, the required documents must be submitted by the deadline indicated on our website (generally 30 June). We will consider applications received after the deadline if space is still available. To apply, please click on the TRAIL+ programme application form on our website: [www.wti.org/education/master/trail](http://www.wti.org/education/master/trail)

## Tuition and Registration Fees

The tuition fee for the TRAIL+ 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, including 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.

## Week-long Courses at the WTI

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: 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. 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 Economic Law. A DAS can be awarded after earning 30 ECTS (around 8 weeks of course work plus a scientific research paper) and a CAS after earning 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 **10,000 Swiss francs** and for courses leading to a CAS it is **4,000 Swiss francs**.

## Financial Aid and Internships

The WTI is able to offer limited financial aid (fee reduction) to qualified students. TRAIL+ applicants will be considered for such aid upon request. Highly competitive internship opportunities are also available to qualified students upon completion of studies. To learn more about financial aid and internship opportunities at the WTI, please visit the TRAIL+ section of our website.



“ 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, WTO Legal Affairs Division

“ 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



“ 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**  
Partner, FratiniVergano European Lawyers