

Certificate of Advance Studies in Trade and Supply Chain Compliance

29 June – 24 July 2026

Goals and Content

The organization of international trade and global supply chains is undergoing profound transformation. Trade is no longer driven solely by efficiency and liberalization, but increasingly influenced by strategic, political, and compliance considerations. As a result, companies operating internationally face growing legal, operational, and strategic challenges in managing supply chains that remain resilient, compliant, and competitive in an evolving global environment.

The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Trade and Supply Chain Management provides an interdisciplinary and practice-oriented education addressing these developments. The program combines trade compliance fundamentals with geopolitical analysis and regional trade relations. Participants gain a comprehensive understanding of customs law, export controls, sanctions regimes, and trade-related sustainability regulations, with a strong focus on how legal requirements are implemented in corporate operations. Through applied case studies and critical analysis, the CAS equips professionals with the analytical tools and practical insights needed to navigate regulatory complexity, manage risks, and strategically position organizations within global supply chains.



The **World Trade Institute (WTI)** at the **University of Bern** is a leading academic institution dedicated to teaching and research focused on 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 inter-connections between the fields of law, economics and political science.

Structure and Courses

The CAS Trade and Supply Chain Compliance is structured around three one-week courses and a research paper that students write under the supervision of one of the lecturers.

Week 1: Trade Compliance

This course is aimed to provide an overview of customs, trade compliance, export controls & sanctions, and certain trade-related sustainability regulations and their impact on international supply chains. You will learn the principles of trade regulations, as well as how corporates are operationalizing the legal requirements.

Lecturers: Hevin Demir, Deloitte Switzerland; Philippe Weber-Lortsch, Deloitte Switzerland.

29 June – 03 July 2026 [20 hours, 3 ECTS]

Week 2: Geopolitics and the Securitization of Global Trade

This course addresses two overlapping trends in trade and investment policy. First, the increasing geopolitical tensions. Second, the growing use of trade policy to address security concerns or objectives. It provides a comprehensive overview of current trends and challenges and critically reflects on how governments and firms may need to strategically position themselves going forward.

Lecturers: Manfred Elsig, World Trade Institute; Fernando Martin Espejo, Global Trade Alert; Isabelle Van Damme, World Trade Institute; Leandro Urbano, Boston Consulting Group; Cristian Rodriguez-Chiffelle; Boston Consulting Group.

13 July – 17 July 2026 [20 hours, 3 ECTS]

Week 3: EU and China Trade and Investment Relations

This course explores the economic relations between the EU and China regarding their bilateral trade and investment. It critically assesses opportunities and challenges within these relations.

Lecturers: Peter Van Den Bossche; Xi'an Jiaotong University, China; Ming Du, Durham University, UK

20 July – 24 July 2026 [20 hours, 3 ECTS]

Organization

This CAS in Trade and Supply Chain Compliance is aimed at professionals and decision-makers involved in international trade, supply chain management, and regulatory compliance, as well as early-career professionals and graduate students in international relations, law, economic, business, finance or related social sciences seeking to specialize in this field. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent.

The CAS Trade and Supply Chain Compliance grants 13 ECTS. Students need to complete three one-week courses (3 ECTS each of them). After that, students write a research paper (4 ECTS).

For further information, please send an email to info.wti@unibe.ch.

Timetable

Class hours are typically from 10:00pm-16:30pm, Monday – Thursday.

Place: WTI, University of Bern, Switzerland. Some sessions may be online, via Zoom. A limited number of students may take the CAS Trade and Supply Chain Compliance fully online.

Available course outlines and reading material can be found under the course listing on the [WTI website](https://www.wti.unibe.ch). Students are allowed to spread the program over two years.

Registration

The tuition fee is **CHF 5200**.

Send your application to:
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