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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 additional 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 an equivalent degree which entitles you to sit for the bar exam
- 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 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](https://global-impact-association.org)**.



## Programme Structure

The TRAIL+ programme combines an **LL.M. in Trade and Investment Law** and a **Diploma of Advanced Studies (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. The TRAIL+ has one intake in September. Exceptionally, students may start the programme in mid-January subject to review of their academic background.

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.



## Week-long Courses: 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 Economic Law**. 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 10,000 Swiss francs and for courses leading to a CAS it is 4,000 Swiss francs.



## Applying to the Programme

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 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, please click on the TRAIL+ programme application form on our website:  
**[wti.org/education/master/trail/](http://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 living expenses.

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.



*“ 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 at the Research 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



*“ 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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