

Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law, Economics and Politics (ILE) (Änderung)



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Die Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät der Universität Bern,
nach Anhörung der Weiterbildungskommission der Universität Bern,
beschliesst:

I.

Die Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics vom 26. Mai 2016 werden wie folgt geändert:

1. General

Subject

Art. 1 ¹ These regulations govern the Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics with or without special qualification (DAS ILE), and the Certificate of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics with or without special qualification (CAS ILE) within the framework of the general study program in international law and economics at the World Trade Institute (WTI).

² Unverändert

Degree

Art. 16 ¹ Unverändert

² Unverändert:

a Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics (DAS ILE Unibe). The certificate shall note the special qualification, as spelled out in the study plan.

b Certificate of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics with special qualification, University of Berne (CAS ILE Unibe). The certificate shall note the special qualification, as spelled out in the study plan.

^{3 bis 6} Unverändert

Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law, Economics and Politics

vom 26. Mai 2016, mit Änderungen (Stand am 20. November 2025)

The Faculty of Law at the University of Bern,

in application of Art. 2 (1) (d) and Art. 29 (a) of the Act governing the University of Bern of 5 September 1996 (Universitätsgesetz, UniG), and in addition to Art. 4, 43 and 77 to 80 of the Statute of the University of Bern of 7 June 2011 (Universitätsstatut, UniSt); the Weiterbildungsreglement der Universität Bern of 10 December 2013 (Weiterbildungsreglement, WBR);

after consideration by the Weiterbildungskommission;

adopts:

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[Fassung vom 20. November 2025]

² The program is interdisciplinary and emphasizes the rules, regulations, and institutions, both domestic and international, that govern foreign trade, investment, and the operations of multinational enterprises and other stakeholders in the global economy.

Governing Body

Art. 2 The continuing education programs of the CAS and DAS in international law and economics are carried out by the Academic Program Committee under the responsibility of the WTI. The structure of the program itself is subject to periodic and at least annual review by the Academic Program Committee of the WTI. The Academic Program Committee includes inter alia the WTI Managing Director, the Director of Studies, the CAS and DAS academic program coordinator, and academic program coordinators for other WTI programs.

Cooperation

Art. 3 Cooperation with institutions outside of the University of Bern is subject to separate cooperation agreements entered into by the Board of Directors (Universitätsleitung) of the University of Bern.

2. Study Program *[Eingefügt am 13. Dezember 2018]*

WTI with a different focus of study for each CAS completed. *[Fassung vom 20. Februar 2025]*

- d The special qualification comprises coursework worth at least 4 ECTS credits. *[Eingefügt am 20. Februar 2025]*

³ The objectives of the special qualifications are defined in the study plan. *[Eingefügt am 20. Februar 2025]*

Content

Art. 7 ¹ DAS ILE

- a Students acquire, specialized knowledge in international law and economics with emphasis on the topics identified in Art. 1.
- b Approved courses of study are defined in the DAS ILE study plan.
- c With prior approval from the DAS academic program coordinator, the student may substitute related courses from other faculties pertaining to the program. In all cases, prior to commencing studies, the student must obtain approval for the planned selection of courses from the DAS academic program coordinator.
- d Courses that were already taken for a previous degree or title may not be part of the selection.

² CAS ILE

- a Students acquire specialized knowledge in one specific area of international economic regulation with an interdisciplinary focus.
- b The CAS ILE is awarded with a special qualification, and approved courses of study, also known as special qualification modules, are defined in the CAS ILE study plan. *[Fassung vom 20. Februar 2025]*
- c With prior approval from the CAS academic program coordinator, the student may substitute related courses from other faculties pertaining to the program. In all cases, prior to commencing studies for a particular module, the student must obtain approval for the planned selection of courses from the CAS academic program coordinator.
- d Courses that were already taken for a previous degree or title may not be part of the selection.

³ The objectives of the special qualifications are defined in the study plan. *[Eingefügt am 20. Februar 2025]*

Teaching

Art. 8 ¹ The teaching staff is comprised of leading international experts from academia, private practice, international organisations, government and civil society organizations, as well as WTI staff with relevant experience and knowledge of the subject matter.

² The course work shall involve attendance and participation in courses, individual reading and studies, regular written and/or oral submissions and the preparation and submission of a written piece of research (diploma/certificate paper).

Language

Art. 9 ¹ The language of instruction as well as the language of all written work is English, including all assessments and the diploma/certificate paper. Written assignments will be monitored to ensure academic integrity.

³ Should a student receive a failing grade for his/her course assessment the student will be given the opportunity to take the exam again one time only.

⁴ In cases where a CAS certificate paper or DAS diploma paper is awarded an insufficient grade, the student will be granted only one additional attempt to submit another paper focusing on a different subject.

⁵ Declaration of Authorship: All final certificate and diploma papers must include the following statement at the end of the paper along with the date and personal signature of the student:

„I declare herewith that I wrote this thesis/examination on my own, without the help of others and without using any unpermitted sources of information (internet, books, etc.). Wherever I have used permitted sources of information, I have made this explicitly clear within my text and I have listed the referenced sources. I understand that if I do not follow these rules my thesis/examination will be assigned the mark 1, and that the Senate of the University of Bern is authorized to revoke the title awarded on the basis of this examination/thesis. For the purposes of evaluation and verification of compliance with the declaration of originality and the regulations governing plagiarism, I hereby grant the University of Bern the right to process my personal data and to perform the acts of use this requires, in particular, to reproduce the written thesis and to store it permanently in a database, and to use said database, or to make said database available, to enable comparison with theses submitted by others.” [Fassung vom 20. Februar 2025]

⁶ The Academic Program Committee may adjust the Declaration of Authorship as stated in subsection 5 in regards to the use of artificial intelligence. [Fassung vom 20. Februar 2025]

⁷ In cases where academic fraud is committed, the assessment shall be graded with a grade of 0. The highest academic standards apply to the CAS and DAS ILE programs, as set down in the Regulations concerning scientific integrity of 27 March 2007 / 30 April 2007 of the University of Bern; the Factsheet concerning Plagiarism, June 2012; the Guidelines of the University Board of Directors concerning the procedure for dealing with plagiarism, 28 August 2007 / 3 July 2012, as subsequently amended. In the event of more than one instance of academic fraud by a student, he or she will be expelled from the program. The Academic Program Committee may take further measures.

⁸ All weekly modules, seminars and the certificate or diploma paper, including the amount of ECTS points awarded, are listed in the CAS/DAS Study Plan.

Grading

Art. 14 ¹ The courses and seminars in the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law and Economics are graded on a scale from 1-6, rated as follows: [Fassung vom 13. Dezember 2018]

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| 6 | excellent |
| 5.5 | very good |
| 5 | good |
| 4.5 | satisfactory |
| 4 | adequate |
| 3.5 | inadequate |
| 3 | inadequate |
| 2.5 | inadequate |
| 2 | inadequate |

⁶ Participants who do not fulfil the DAS or CAS requirements as detailed in these regulations can be given a confirmation of participation in place of the certificate or diploma.

Status **Art. 17** ¹ Students in the CAS and DAS programs shall be registered at the University of Bern. [*Fassung vom 13. Dezember 2018*]

² The registration fees are included in the tuition fees and shall be paid by the World Trade Institute directly to University of Bern. [*Fassung vom 13. Dezember 2018*]

Funding **Art. 18** ¹ The programs are funded with student fees. Other financial contributions are possible.

² The income from the programs is subject to the overhead fee for further education programs at the University of Bern, subject to any agreement between the University of Bern and the WTI governing such overheads.

Fees **Art. 19** ¹ The cost of tuition is subject to amendment by decision of the WTI and is to be set at:

DAS CHF 9'000 – 12'000

CAS CHF 4'000 – 8'000

² The WTI may adjust the tuition fees to ensure that the continuing education programs can be carried out while covering costs and remaining economically competitive.

³ The tuition fees cover all teaching fees, assessment fees, supervision fees as well as the costs of the required course material but does not include the cost of books or additional photocopies.

⁴ Where the student is to receive financial aid, the cost of tuition may be subject to reduction at the discretion of the WTI.

⁵ No diplomas or certificates, or any accompanying supplements will be provided to a student with outstanding fees.

⁶ In the event that a registered DAS or CAS student withdraws from the program prior to the beginning of the program, he or she shall be required to pay a forfeiture fee of 50% of the program's tuition.

⁷ In the event that a registered DAS or CAS student withdraws from the program after the beginning of the program, he or she shall be required to pay the full tuition fee of the program.

Organisation **Art. 20** ¹ The WTI's Academic Program Committee is responsible for planning the program curricula, while the CAS and DAS academic program coordinator is responsible for the supervision of the programs and students and the liaison with visiting professors. The Office of Administration of the WTI is responsible for the enrolment of new students, assistance with immigration and housing, the procedural modalities regarding the allocation of scholarships and financial aid, the operational implementation and planning of the program such as scheduling, as well as the formalities related to the collection of fees and student graduation.

² The WTI's Academic Program Committee is responsible for developing and conceptualizing the academic program as a whole, the curricula, and the course contents, as well as for reviewing the program on an annual basis. The office of administration of the WTI is responsible

Änderungen

Inkrafttreten

Änderungen vom 13. Dezember 2018, in Kraft am 1. März 2019

Änderungen vom 20. Februar 2025, in Kraft am 26. März 2025

Änderungen vom 20. November 2025, in Kraft am 10. Dezember 2025

Übergangsbestimmung zur Änderung vom 20. November 2025

Für die Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer, die ihre Weiterbildung zum Zeitpunkt des Inkrafttretens der Änderungen bereits begonnen haben, gilt bis zum Abschluss ihrer Weiterbildung das bisherige Studienreglement.

Studierende gemäss Absatz 1 können auf Antrag in das vorliegende Reglement übertreten.