

Study Plan for

Joint LL.M. in Trade and Investment Law and DAS in International Law, Economics and Politics (TRAIL+)

18. August 2025

I. General Requirements

Scope	<p>Art. 1 This Study Plan applies to all students enrolled in the joint LL.M./DAS program at the World Trade Institute. This program, which is also referred to as the Trade and Investment Law (TRAIL+) program, is interdisciplinary and focuses on the rules, regulations, and institutions, both domestic and international, that govern foreign trade, investment, the operations of multinational enterprises, and the interests and role of other stakeholders.</p>
Regulations	<p>Art. 2 ¹The requirements for the LL.M. are set out in the <i>Reglement für das Weiterbildungsprogramm in Rechtswissenschaft (DAS; LL.M.)</i> of the Faculty Law of the University of Bern from 22 March 2012.</p> <p>²The requirements for the DAS are set out in the <i>Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law, Economics and Politics</i> of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with following amendments.</p> <p>³ To be admitted to the LL.M./DAS joint program students must meet the admission requirements under the regulations governing both LL.M. studies at the Faculty of Law and DAS studies at the WTI, with the exception of Article 13(2)(g) of the <i>Reglement für das Weiterbildungsprogramm in Rechtswissenschaft (DAS; LL.M.)</i>. In lieu of Article 13(2) (g), proof of sufficient proficiency in English is required for students whose native language is not English.</p>
Study Program	<p>Art. 3 This Study Plan governs the following program of the World Trade Institute: Joint LL.M./DAS program (TRAIL+ program) or LL.M. in Trade and Investment Law with a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS) in International Law, Economics and Politics.</p>
Title	<p>Art. 4 Students who successfully fulfil the requirements of the LL.M./DAS joint program are awarded the following titles: <i>a</i> Legum Magister/Legum Magistra, Universität Bern (LL.M. Unibe); <i>b</i> Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics, University of Bern (DAS ILE Unibe).</p>

Study Design	<p>Art. 5 ¹ The LL.M. program is composed of compulsory and elective courses and seminars listed in the Annex. In addition, students may also take courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern, which are not listed in the Annex, but were selected by the Academic Program Committee of the WTI, in consultation with the Faculty of Law, prior to the commencement of each academic semester. All LL.M. courses and seminars are conducted in English.</p> <p>² The DAS program is composed of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars listed in the Annex. In addition, TRAIL+ students may also take courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, which are not listed in the Annex, but were selected by the Academic Program Committee of the WTI, in consultation with the relevant Faculty, prior to the commencement of each academic semester. All DAS courses and seminars are conducted in English.</p> <p>³ Successful completion of the joint LL.M./DAS program requires the completion of both the LL.M. and DAS program.</p> <p>⁴ Students have 3 years to complete the joint LL.M./DAS program. Students who fail to complete the program may be awarded a certificate of participation, and either the LL.M. or DAS if the relevant requirements have been met. Students must have no outstanding balance in tuition or other university fees in order to graduate.</p>
Course Content	<p>Art. 6 The availability, scheduling, and content of courses and seminars are published by the WTI prior to the beginning of each academic semester. In addition to the courses and seminars offered by the WTI, the LL.M. program also includes courses and seminars offered by the Law Faculty of the University of Bern, while the DAS program includes courses and seminars offered by the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern.</p>
ECTS-Credit Points	<p>Art. 7 ¹ One ECTS-credit point generally corresponds to a study effort of 25 to 30 dedicated hours.</p> <p>² For courses and seminars taken at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, TRAIL+ students receive the amount of ECTS credit points that are provided for by the Faculty offering these courses or seminars.</p>

II. Assessments

Subject	<p>Art. 8 Student knowledge of the subject matter of each course and seminar is examined in the form of an assessment.</p>
Form	<p>Art. 9 Assessments of any given course or seminar are subject to the <i>Reglement für das Weiterbildungsprogramm in Rechtswissenschaft (DAS; LL.M.)</i> of the Faculty Law of the University of Bern from 22 March 2012 and the <i>Regulations governing the CAS and DAS Study Programs in International Law, Economics and Politics</i> of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with following amendments. Assessments can be conducted in the form of seminar papers, oral assessments, written</p>

assessments, or some combination thereof.

Language **Art. 10** The language of study is English, and assessments are to be conducted entirely in English.

III. LL.M./DAS TRAIL Program Study Plan Overview

Structure **Art. 11** ¹ The joint LL.M./DAS program (TRAIL+ program) includes 50 ECTS coursework for the LL.M., 22 ECTS coursework for the DAS, 10 ECTS for the master's thesis, and 8 ECTS for the DAS paper. The programme includes compulsory and elective courses as listed in the Annex. The Director of Studies may, in exceptional circumstances, decide to replace a compulsory course by one or more of the elective courses listed in the Annex. Compulsory law courses which are part of the coursework for the LL.M. can only be replaced by law courses.

² Eligible courses for the LL.M. are courses and seminars offered by the Faculty of Law, as provided for in Article 4¹ of this Study Plan.

³ Eligible courses for the DAS are courses and seminars offered by the WTI and the Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences, as provided for in Article 4² of this Study Plan.

IV. Adoption

Adoption **Art. 12** The present Study Plan was adopted by the Faculty of Law, University of Bern on 20 November 2025

Entry into Force **Art. 13** ¹ The present Study Plan entered into force upon its adoption by the Faculty of Law.

Transitional Provisions **Art. 14** ¹ Students who begin their studies at the World Trade Institute in the fall semester of 2025 are subject to this study plan.

² Students who began their studies before the fall semester 2025, they will complete their studies according to the study plan existing prior to that date.

³ Students referred to in paragraph 2 may transfer to the current study plan upon request.

Bern, 20 November 2025

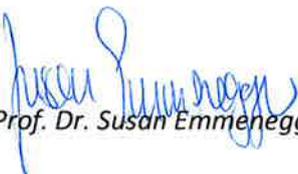
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On behalf of the Faculty of Law:

On behalf of the World Trade Institute:

The Dean:

The Director of Studies:


Prof. Dr. Susan Emmenegger


Professor Dr. Isabelle Van Damme

Annex

Compulsory Courses	ECTS
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
Foundations of Economics ¹	8
International Investment Law ²	5
International Trade Regulation ³	10
Global Political Economy	5
International Economic Dispute Resolution	5
<i>Winter Academy</i> ⁴	
The Law on Border Measures and Trade Facilitation	3
The Law on Policy of Trade in Services	3
The Law on Anti-Dumping and Safeguard Measures	3
The Law on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	3
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
International Economics	7
Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	3 or 5

¹ TRAIL+ students with a background in economics can replace this course with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences or the Faculty of Law, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

² TRAIL+ students with a background in international investment law can replace this course with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Law, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

³ TRAIL+ students with a background in international trade law can replace this course with a course or courses offered at the Faculty of Law, subject to approval by the Director of Studies.

⁴ All Winter Academy courses are compulsory for TRAIL+ Students

Elective Courses at the WTI	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
EU and China Trade and Investment Relations	3
Digital and AI Regulation	3
Geopolitics and the Securitization of Global Trade	3
Trade Compliance	3
General Equilibrium Modelling of Trade Policy	3
Econometrics Analysis of Trade Policy	3
Introduction to Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models	3
<i>Other Courses</i>	
Econometrics	3
John H. Jackson Moot Court Competition on WTO Law ⁵	10 or 15
International Trade/Investment Law and Policy Internship ⁶	3
Elective Courses and Seminars at the University of Bern Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences, or any other courses at the WTI.	3, 5 or 6

⁵ The assessment of this course will be based on a report prepared by the students, which will be assessed by the Director of Studies. 10 ECTS are awarded for the written phase of the competition and the regional round. An additional 5 ECTS are awarded if the team makes it to the final round.

⁶ The Director of Studies must approve the internship. The ECTS awarded for the internship do not count for the minimum ECTS to obtain the LL.M. or the DAS.