

Study Plan for

Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law, Economics and Politics (MILE)

22. April 2025

I. General Requirements

Scope	Art. 1 This Study Plan applies to all students enrolled in the Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law, Economics and Politics (MILE) program at the World Trade Institute of the University of Bern. The MILE program is an interdisciplinary MAS, focusing on the law, economics and politics of international trade, investment, and sustainable development.
Regulations	Art. 2 The requirements for the MILE are set out in the Regulations governing the Master of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics (MILE) of the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern from 26 May 2016 with amendments from 13 December 2018 and from 22 Mai 2025.
Study Program	Art. 3 This Study Plan governs the following program of the World Trade Institute: Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) in International Law, Economics and Politics (MILE) (90 ECTS)
Title	Art. 4 Students who successfully fulfil the requirements of the MILE program are awarded the following title: Master of Advanced Studies in International Law, Economics and Politics, World Trade Institute, University of Bern (MILE Unibe).
Study Design	Art. 5 ¹ The MILE program is composed of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars listed in the Annex. In addition, MILE 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 MILE courses and seminars are conducted in English. ² Students must submit and receive a passing grade for the master's thesis worth 15 ECTS credit points.
Course Content	Art. 6 The availability, scheduling and content of the compulsory and elective courses and seminars are announced and published by the WTI prior to the commencement 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.

ECTS-Credit Points **Art. 7** ¹One ECTS-credit point generally corresponds to a study effort of 25 to 30 dedicated hours.
²For courses and seminars taken place at the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Bern, MILE students receive the amount of ECTS credits that are provided by the Faculty offering these courses or seminars.

II. Assessments

Subject **Art. 8** Student knowledge of the subject matter of each course and seminar is examined in the form of an assessment.

Form **Art. 9** Assessments of any given course are subject to the Regulations governing the Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (MILE) dated 26 May 2016 with amendments dated 13 December 2018 and 22 Mai 2025 Assessments can be conducted in the form of seminar papers, oral assessments, written assessments, or some combination thereof.

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

III. MILE Program Study Plan Overview

Structure **Art. 11** ¹The MILE program includes 75 ECTS of coursework, with compulsory and elective courses and seminars as detailed in the Annex; and 15 ECTS for the master's thesis. Eligible courses for the MILE are courses offered by the WTI as well as courses and seminars offered at the Faculty of Law or at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, as provided for in Article 4 of this Study Plan. The program includes compulsory and elective courses as listed in the Annex. The Director of Studies may, in exceptional circumstances, decide to replace a compulsory course with one or more of the elective courses listed in the Annex.

²Students have 3 years to complete the MILE program. Students who fail to complete the program may be awarded a DAS if the relevant requirements have been met. Students must have no outstanding balance in tuition bills or other university fees in order to graduate.

IV. Adoption

Adoption **Art. 12** The present Study Plan was adopted by the Faculty of Law, University of Bern, on 22 Mai 2025.

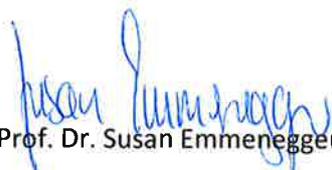
Entry into Force

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

Adopted by the Faculty of Law:

Bern, 22 May 2025

The Dean:



Prof. Dr. Susan Emmenegger

Adopted by the Academic Programme Committee:

Bern, 22 April, 2025

The Director of Studies:



Prof. Dr. Isabelle Van Damme

Annex

Compulsory Courses	ECTS
<i>Fall Semester</i>	
Foundations of Economics ¹	8
Econometrics	3
International Investment Law ²	5
International Trade Regulation ³	10
Global Political Economy	5
International Economic Dispute Resolution	5
Political Science Course at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences ⁴	3 or 6
<i>Winter Academy</i> ⁵	
The Law on Border Measures and Trade Facilitation	3
The Law and 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 ⁶	7
Technical Barriers to Trade and Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	3 or 5

¹ MILE 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 MILE 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 MILE 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 The selection of one of these courses is mandatory for MILE students during either the Fall or Spring semester.

⁵ Two out of the four Winter Academy courses are compulsory for the MILE; students are free to choose which two they wish to attend.

⁶ MILE 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.

Development Economics and Environmental Sustainability ⁷	3
Political Science Course at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences ⁸	3 or 6
Elective Courses	
<i>Spring Semester</i>	
Seminar: International Courts and Tribunals: International Economic Dispute Resolution in Times of Geopolitical Confrontation	5
Seminar on International Economic Law: International Trade and National Security	5
Advanced International Investment Law	5
Introduction to International Negotiation and Conflict Management	3
Digital Trade Law	2
The Law and Policy of Artificial Intelligence Regulation	2
Intellectual Property Law and Human Rights	2
WTI Seminar on Political Science / Economics	5
Summer Academy	
Space Law: International and National Dimensions	3
International Law and Litigation to Tackle Climate Change	3
Sustainable Development and Industrial Policy: Non-tariff Measures in the WTO and PTAs	3
International Contracts Regarding Cross-Border Trade and Investment	3
Geopolitics and the Securitization of Global Trade	3
Trade Compliance	3
General Equilibrium Modelling of Trade Policy	3
Econometrics of Trade Policy	3
Introduction to Input-Output and Applied General Equilibrium Models	3
<i>Other Courses</i>	

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⁸ The selection of one of these courses is mandatory for MILE students either at the Fall or Spring semester.

Model WTO Simulation ⁹	3
International Trade/Investment Law and Policy Internship ¹⁰	5
Elective Courses and Seminars at the Unibe University of Bern, Faculties of Law and Business, Economics and Social Sciences, or any other courses at the WTI	3, 5 or 6

⁹ 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 The internship must be approved by the Director of Studies. The ECTS awarded for the internship does not count for the minimum 90 ECTS to obtain the MILE degree.