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## Master of Advanced Studies in International Law and Economics (MILE)

**Be a MILE ahead!**



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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Established in 1999, the **Master of International Law and Economics (MILE)** is the flagship programme of the World Trade Institute. The MILE programme is designed for students and young professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge of international trade and investment in the fields of law, economics and political science.

## The MILE is the right programme for you if you have:

- A Bachelor or Master of Laws or J.D.;
- A Bachelor or Master in Economics;
- A Bachelor or Master in Political Science or International Relations;
- A Bachelor or Master in an unrelated field, plus relevant working experience on trade, business or investment and;
- A strong command of English



## What we offer:

- A one-year, intensive graduate programme (which can also be taken part time over three years)
- Teaching and guidance from over 50 world-class scholars and practitioners recruited from leading universities, international organisations, think tanks and global law firms
- Highly applicable real-world knowledge and the latest research developments in international trade and investment regulation, economics and the global political economy
- A vibrant alumni network with over 500 members worldwide
- Strong networks and mentoring programmes to help students secure internships and entry-level positions



“What makes the MILE programme unique is the interdisciplinary approach to the study of international economic governance”

Professor Peter Van den Bossche  
WTI Director of Studies

## Programme

The MILE is a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) conferred by the World Trade Institute, University of Bern. The MILE programme consists of 90 European Credit Transfer System Points (ECTS). Course work accounts for 75 ECTS and the mandatory master's thesis for 15 ECTS.

Regular course attendance is required from September until mid-July, with the master's thesis being researched and written during the second part of the academic year.

The MILE begins with a foundational semester during which students are given a solid basis in international economic law, international economics and global political economy. The second semester consists of semester-long lectures as well as weekly courses that deliver an in-depth analysis of relevant topics in international trade, investment and economics, as well as other related topics.

## Applying to the MILE

For admission to the MILE programme starting in September, 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 in the event that places remain available (rolling admission).

To apply, please click on the MILE application form at [www.wti.org/education/master/mile](http://www.wti.org/education/master/mile).

## Tuition and Registration Fees

Tuition for the MILE programme is **18,000 Swiss francs** for both full and part-time studies.

Tuition covers all courses, master's thesis supervision and 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 expenditures incurred during your stay in Switzerland.

Application for the MILE programme is free. A one-time, non-refundable registration fee of **200 Swiss francs** is required upon admission to the programme.

## Week-long Courses at the WTI

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 job 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 Law and Economics. 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**.

## Financial Aid and Internships

The newly launched **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 and internship opportunities at the WTI, please visit the MILE section of our website.

“MILE was a watershed in my life.”



**Thalís Andrade**

Lawyer, Lecturer and Analyst at  
Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Trade,  
MILE 14 graduate

“The WTI is second to none as a place to study international trade.”

**Iryna Polovets**

Dispute Settlement Lawyer at  
the WTO Appellate Body Secretariat,  
MILE 12 graduate



“The MILEs contribution undoubtedly is unique... it has significantly enhanced my career profile.”



**Santanu Mukherjee**

Senior Attorney with Qualcomm's  
Legal & Government Affairs  
Department, MILE 1 graduate

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