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## Admissions, Teaching Methods and Grading for the MILE Program

### Admissions

The application indicates your motivation and level of commitment to the MILE Program. The application consists of the enclosed application form, two letters of recommendation and a curriculum vitae. Applications must be received by December 31, 2001. Applications submitted thereafter can be considered only if places on the Program are still available.

The selection of students will be prepared by a select committee of the Board, and approved by the full Board on a rolling-admissions basis. We may accept up to 50 applicants.

The selection will be non-discriminatory as to country of origin, nationality and gender. We shall, however, seek to include students from developing and transitional countries, possibly with scholarships provided by donor organizations. We shall also seek a good mix of different professional and academic backgrounds.

### Teaching Methods

Teaching methods will reflect preferences of individual members of the faculty. There will be lectures, case studies, classroom discussions, group work shops and individual research in the various fields taught. The Program pays special attention to integrating international trade regulation and international economics - the core idea of the MILE program. You will be taught each subject within the same unit by a legal practitioner and an economist. Sometimes, both professors will teach jointly - sometimes in parallel and different rooms with alternating groups. Sometimes they will teach back to back with one professor starting the week and the other finishing.

Students will be required to actively participate in the classroom experience, making presentations and discussing cases.

### Grading

Students are graded by the professors on the basis of the following work:

- **Classroom participation:** Excellent contributions are considered in grading written papers.
- **Written papers:** Each main subject is tested with a short piece of open book research, for which students will have approximately one day. These papers usually comprise a case study. In other areas, essays may be prepared.

- **Masters thesis:** A topic for a final paper involving independent research (40-60 pages) is chosen after discussions with professors and the Director of Studies. The selection of topics may take place at an early stage. We do not foresee any formal time limits except October 1 of the following year, so that students can work on their research over the summer, either in Berne or back at home.

The weekly assessment papers are graded by the professors teaching the respective courses, normally two persons, who may divide their grading tasks, coordinated by the Director of Studies.

The masters thesis is graded by the supervising professor. It is also equally read and graded either by the Director of Studies or an acting member of the Board. Diverging grades are informally discussed. Failing consensus, a decision is taken by the Board.

The grades will be:

- **A:** Excellent
- **B:** Good
- **C:** Pass
- **D:** Failed

Graded papers are returned to students with comments from the marking professor and a model answer provided by the same. Results are discussed in a general debriefing session with a WTI research fellow or the Director of Studies. Individuals may discuss the paper with faculty via e-mail or through correspondence.

The diploma of Master of International Law and Economics is awarded if the student attains, on average, a grade of C or better. The grade will be indicated on the diploma with an appropriate qualification: summa cum laude (A), magna cum laude (B), cum laude (C).

The diploma of Master of International Law and Economics will be conferred jointly by the Universities of Berne, Neuchâtel and Fribourg.

## **Complaints**

Problems should be generally discussed with the supervisor, the Director of Studies, or the Managing Director - all of whom have an open-door policy.

Formal complaints are to be lodged within 10 days of notification of grades with the Managing Director of the WTI, who will submit the complaint to the member of faculty concerned for comments and provide a report to the Board. The Board will have the final say.

***For further information on the Universities recognizing the MILE program and the title of Master of International Law and Economics:***

*University of Berne: <http://www.unibe.ch>*

*University of Neuchâtel: <http://www.unine.ch>*

*University of Fribourg: <http://www.unifr.ch>*