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## The MILE Program Linking international law and economics

Joint center of the Universities of Berne, Fribourg, and Neuchâtel, Switzerland

In September 2002 join a select group of young professionals and academics now working or studying in government, non governmental organizations, international law and consulting firms, the legal and trade departments of multinational corporations, or preparing for a career in research.

- You will learn to deal with the leading legal and economic issues in international trade – and to interpret the WTO's new rules and policies.
- You will learn to address these issues in the context of new global challenges: regional integration, sustainable development, human rights, and democratic governance and decision-making.
- You will receive indispensable training from a global faculty of specialists in international law and economics.
- You will develop your research and writing skills in international law and economics.
- You will receive the degree of Master of International Law and Economics, awarded by the Universities of Berne, Fribourg, and Neuchâtel.

In June 2003 you'll be a **MILE** ahead of your competition.

**The MILE Program runs from October through June and is set up as follows:**

### **Crash introduction**

30 September to 18 October

The introductory part of the program, which consists of crash courses in economics and the principles of law, prepares students for interdisciplinary work.

Microeconomics (50 hours)

Introduction to legal thinking (25 hours)

Mastering international trade regulation

21 October to 20 December

The emphasis in the first term is on understanding basic problems and concepts and on mastering the current body of international regulation.

Industrial organization (20 hours)

International economics (40 hours)

Introduction to public international law (20 hours)

Introduction to international trade regulation (20 hours)

Non-discrimination in international economic law (20 hours)

History of trade relations (20 hours)

Public Choice/Decision-making in the US and the EU (20 hours)

Strategic trade policy with emphasis on East-Asia (20 hours)

Understanding international economic law

13 January to 21 March

The focus in the second term is on important aspects of international economic law, from both the legal and economic perspectives

Tariffs, quotas and voluntary export restraints (20 hours)

Regional integration (20 hours)

Agriculture (20 hours)

Dispute settlement (20 hours)

International negotiations (20 hours)

Competition 1: Cartels, mergers and dominance (20 hours)

Competition 2: International antitrust (20 hours)

Trade Remedies 1: Antidumping and safeguards (20 hours)

Trade Remedies 2: Subsidies and state aids (20 hours)

Trade and monetary issues (20 hours)

Integrating law and economics

7 April to 27 June

Most of the third term will be devoted to integrating different aspects of international economic law in several core areas.

Intellectual property (20 hours)

Trade in services (20 hours)

Telecommunications/Financial services (20 hours)

Investment (20 hours)

Public procurement (20 hours)

Trade and environment/Energy (20 hours)

Developing countries (20 hours)

Labor standards/Human rights/Cultural diversity (20 hours)

Technical standards (20 hours)

Multilateral governance and national constitutions (20 hours)

Moot court (20 hours)

### Other activities of the WTI

**The World Trade Institute** is a center of advanced studies and a forum for interdisciplinary research and teaching in international trade law and economics, fostering interaction between students and professionals, and allowing researchers and practitioners to pool their expertise. It is administered by the World Trade Institute Foundation in association with the Universities of Berne, Fribourg and Neuchâtel. Privately and publicly funded, it shares its premises with the Institute for European and International Economic Law of the University of Berne Law Faculty.

**International symposia.** The Institute sponsors international workshops and conferences, such as the World Trade Forum, on current issues in world trade regulation. The World Trade Forum is an annual conference of some 40 to 60 speakers and commentators, many of them international faculty members of the MILE program, who discuss salient topics of the world trading system. Mostly lawyers and economists, these speakers meet to discuss theories and insights in world trade. Papers, comments, and conclusions of the conferences are published in the World Trade Forum Series. The Forum conferences are organized and the volumes edited by Professors Thomas Cottier and Petros C. Mavroidis, both board members of the Institute. Over the next two to three years, the WTI plans to hold various symposia, both in Switzerland and abroad on the most pertinent issues in international economic law and economics.

**Research.** Institute faculty members serve on editorial and advisory boards of such journals as *The Journal of World Trade*, *The Journal of International Economic Law*, and *The International Journal of Industrial Organization*. The Institute is also developing a program of interdisciplinary research. It will build strong links with the private sector, particularly in applied research on the legal and economic framework for technology development.

**Executive Programs.** The Institute offers weekly specialization courses on international trade regulation to a limited number of professionals from the private sector, government, non-governmental organizations, academia and legal practice.

**Internship and placement programs.** The Institute has had a great deal of success in placing its graduates as interns at international organizations such as the WTO, the UNCTAD, and the European Commission, as well as various NGOs and international law firms in some of the most important international trade capitals. The WTI fully appreciates the importance of such efforts and is dedicated to doing all it can to aid its graduates find positions in the institutions – public and private, international and domestic – they wish to work for.

**Advanced training.** Building on the MILE program, the Institute plans to develop a Ph. D. program. At present, outstanding students who have completed the MILE program and wish to pursue further studies can write doctoral dissertations under the supervision of board members of the Institute with academic affiliations in their capacity as faculty members of their home institutions. The WTI pursues an active policy of recruiting the most

outstanding students of the MILE Program to work as research fellows after they have completed their studies on the MILE Program. Research fellows recruited in this manner will ideally work for the WTI for up to three years whilst writing a Ph.D. and have the possibility, during this period, to build upon the impressive range of contacts they would already have made as MILE students, publish scientific articles with members of the WTI Board or MILE International Faculty and spend several months on academic exchange with one of the Institute's numerous partner institutions both in Switzerland and abroad. The WTI's partner institutions include the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, the Korean Development Institute in Seoul, the Center of International Economic Law at Georgetown University Washington DC, the Centre for International Economic Studies in Adelaide. The list of similarly-orientated institutions the WTI is building contacts with is growing constantly.

**Accession Training Courses.** The WTI was recently awarded a contract by the State Secretariat of Economic Affairs of the Swiss Federal Government to carry out a training program consisting of courses for government officials in accession countries. The program, organized on an annual basis, will consist of a six-week intensive course on the law and economics of the world trading system and be complemented with three specialization courses lasting one week each. Teaching will take place at the World Trade Institute in Berne and the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

**Sponsors.** The World Trade Institute and the MILE Program are mainly sponsored in its inception by the Canton of Berne, the Silva Casa Foundation, Berne, the Ecoscientia Foundation, Zug, and the Universities of Berne, Fribourg, and Neuchâtel.

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