



# LL.M. in International Law

Study at the heart of international legal affairs in Geneva

The LL.M. in International Law is a one-year postgraduate degree programme that provides advanced, broad-ranging and practice-oriented training in international law. It allows students to tailor their studies according to their particular interests by choosing one of the three concentration streams offered: International Economic Law, International Environmental Law and Governance, and The Protection of the Individual in International Law.

Students in the LL.M. Programme gain exposure to world-renowned faculty, benefit from being at the heart of international legal affairs in Geneva, and share ideas with other participants from different legal backgrounds and perspectives.

## Key outcomes

- Acquire a well-rounded knowledge of international law and learn from an unparalleled variety of world-renowned faculty and leading practitioners
- Explore some of the most pressing questions in the field
- Concentrate in a particular area of international law (economics, environment, protection)
- Develop the transferable skills you will need to succeed in the professional world by engaging in clinical projects with international organisations, NGOs, private sector firms and governments
- Build professional networks

## INFORMATION

**FEE** CHF 28'000

**DATES** September to September annually.  
Applications open until 15 January 2027

**FORMAT** Full-time. 12 months

## DEGREE AWARDED

→ **LL.M. in International Law (60 ECTS)**

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

To be eligible for the LL.M. programme, applicants must possess a full legal education which entitles them to sit for the bar exam in their country of law studies.

## LL.M TOP 5 RANKING

The LL.M. has become one of the top degree-granting programmes in international law globally, consistently ranking in the world's top 5 best LL.M in international law programmes.

(See LL.M Guide <https://llm-guide.com/lists/top-llm-programs-for-public-international-law>)



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## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

### Foundations of International Law

- International Law Making
- Participants in International Legal Processes
- The International Law of Responsibility
- International Dispute Settlement
- International Institutional Law

### Selected Topics in International Law

- Treaty Interpretation
- The Law of the Sea
- International Law in Domestic Courts
- Optional Courses

### Concentrations

- The Protection of the Individual in International Law
- International Economic Law
- International Environmental Law and Governance

### Professional Development and Immersion

- Legal clinics
- Workshops on legal research and writing, advocacy and legal counselling
- Guest lectures and institution visits
- Internship opportunities

## LL.M Director

### Joost Pauwelyn

Director, LL.M. in International Law  
Professor, International Law  
Director of the Centre for Trade and Economic  
Integration



“The LL.M. in international law programme covers exactly what aspiring international lawyers need in terms of training.”

### Judge Yusuf, at the commencement speech to the LL.M. graduating class of 2020

Former President of the International Court of Justice and an alumnus of the Graduate Institute

“ Doing the LL.M. was one of the best decisions I have made in my academic and professional life. I definitely recommend this programme to those seeking to enrich their knowledge and practical application of international law. ”

### Anjali Aeri '15,

Counsellor, World Intellectual Property Organization

## Geneva Graduate Institute

### A well-established reputation

Founded in 1927, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is the first institution in the world to be entirely devoted to the study of international affairs. Our International Law Faculty has a distinguished tradition of academic excellence and has been at the forefront of international legal research, teaching and practice since the 1930s.

### International Geneva

The Geneva Graduate Institute is located at the heart of international legal affairs. Not only does Geneva lay claim to hosting the European headquarters of the United Nations, but it is also the seat of numerous international and non-governmental organisations, multinational companies, a variety of dispute settlement fora and global law firms.

### A unique approach

LL.M. students at the Graduate Institute benefit from an unrivalled student-faculty ratio and one of the world's broadest course-offerings in international law. Small classes and seminars offer pedagogical instruction and stimulating intellectual fora, while the interdisciplinary approach and multicultural environment at the Geneva Graduate Institute equip students to meet the global challenges of our time.