Welcome

The main teaching mission of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies is to prepare its students to assume leadership roles in the international community. Our ambition is also to offer young and midcareer professionals the tools and knowledge they need to advance their career and increase their contribution to the many problems of our world and in that regard our partnership with the University of Geneva, particularly its Law Faculty, has proven to be highly instrumental. Between them, our two institutions have more than a dozen professors specializing in public and private international law, an exceptional density of competencies that very few places in the world can match. The LL.M program in International Dispute Settlement is an important illustration of our partnership and we have every reason to be proud of a program that corresponds so well to the role of Geneva as a world place for dispute settlement and the vocation of our Institute as a center of excellence in international studies.

Geneva is a city which numerous international organizations and U.N. Agencies call home; among others: the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Health Organization, the International Organization for Migration and the World Economic Forum. Geneva also has a long tradition in arbitration and dispute resolution that can be traced back to the 19th century, and its Faculty of law currently offers more than thirty classes in international law. It therefore seems particularly fitting that the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and the University of Geneva Faculty of Law would join forces to create the LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement. This program provides participants from around the world a unique opportunity to study this exciting and constantly developing field in a challenging, yet friendly atmosphere. We are proud to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this most successful program!

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The past decades have seen a radical increase in international dispute settlement procedures, especially in the fields of international trade, investment and the protection of the environment. International courts and tribunals, international arbitration and mediation are increasingly taking center-stage in the international legal and economic arena. Positions in the corresponding departments of major law firms and in international dispute settlement institutions consequently have become among the most sought-after jobs in the field of law. To succeed, candidates for these positions must distinguish themselves, which is exactly where this program will be of assistance.

More and more international disputes involve both private and public international law issues. Dispute settlement mechanisms overlap, conflict, and influence each other. The times when specialization in one field was sufficient are gone. Leaders in the field must now have a solid understanding of all the major international dispute settlement tools worldwide.

Now in its 12th edition and celebrating its 11th Anniversary in September 2019, the MIDS program was set up to meet the educational needs that arise from this evolution. It teaches dispute settlement from a holistic perspective covering private and public law aspects.

It is global in terms of format and faculty. Professors include prominent experts in each field worldwide. Its structure combines the multicultural approach to legal studies in Continental Europe with the interactive teaching method of the United States and the small-group tutorial system of Oxford and Cambridge. Class size is kept relatively small (about 35 to 40 students) to ensure maximum interaction between faculty and students.

The MIDS program also reflects the international vocation of Geneva, home to over 200 international organizations and major arbitration hub with a long standing tradition in dispute settlement. The program includes interactions and visits with the WTO, the WIPO Arbitration Centre and the Court of Arbitration for Sport. It offers opportunities for networking at career events. It also includes trips to conferences abroad, to the ICJ and PCA in the Hague and the ICC in Paris.

If you are interested in a legal career with top law firms, international organizations, justice or trade ministries of governments, as member of the judiciary handling international cases, if you have the ambition of working on high-stakes disputes, or if you are interested in gaining a thorough understanding of international dispute settlement and pursue an academic career in this area, then this program is for you.

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The MIDS is a joint venture of the Graduate Institute and the Geneva University Law School and operates under the umbrella of these institutions’ common Centre for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS). The MIDS thus benefits from the unique concentration of expertise in international law and dispute settlement gathered at its two parent institutions.

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) is a private foundation, receiving financial support from the Swiss government and the Canton of Geneva. The Institute’s mission is to provide independent and rigorous analyses of contemporary global issues. At the crossroads of international relations and development studies, it pursues this mission through graduate degree-granting education, research and expertise, executive education, and public debate.

English-French instruction, a cosmopolitan faculty and student body (over 100 nationalities), substantial student financial support (scholarships and part-time jobs) and a worldwide student exchange network are the attributes which make this Institute unique on the international academic scene.

Geneva University Law School

The University of Geneva, founded by Jean Calvin in 1559, is Switzerland’s second-largest university and is a member of the League of European Research Universities, which includes academic institutions such as Amsterdam, Cambridge, Heidelberg, Helsinki and Milan.

The University’s Law School has an ongoing student and professor exchange program with Harvard Law School and is also part of the Strategic Alliance of Research Faculties of Law, together with twelve other prestigious law schools. The Law School offers a wide variety of academic courses covering all areas of law, with a strong focus on international and comparative law.

Benefiting from its strategic location in one of the world’s main arbitration venues with a long tradition in dispute settlement, the Law School has developed a recognized area of expertise in international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution incorporating research projects, conferences and seminars.

The Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) is a one-year full-time graduate degree program providing an opportunity for in-depth and high-profile study of international dispute settlement from a broad range of perspectives. The program covers all current approaches to the subject-matter, including private and public international law, and delves into today’s relevant fields, such as commercial and investment arbitration, WTO dispute resolution and proceedings before the ICJ.

Students are admitted for one academic year of study in residence (September through June), typically followed by up to two months of independent research and writing, leading to the degree of Master of Advanced Study in Law / LL.M. The structure of our largely elective program is such that it offers students sufficient latitude to pursue their specific interests in dispute settlement while acquiring indispensable knowledge in the field within set parameters. A typical curriculum includes:

- Two general courses providing a comprehensive overview of international dispute settlement.
- At least 8 intensive courses from a choice of 14 or 15.
- Two optional courses from a list of 20 to 30 classes relating to international dispute settlement, international law and business law.
- Weekly tutorials held in small groups.
- Clinical workshops in legal writing, advocacy in arbitration (operated by the Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy), financial damage analysis and mediation.
- A two-day academic retreat.
- Site visits to international dispute settlement institutions in Geneva, Paris and The Hague.
- Attendance at two major academic conferences and symposia, one in Switzerland and another one abroad.
- Various high-profile lectures and seminars.
- Two short essays and a 40-50 page master thesis.
- Career events.
The groundwork of the curriculum consists of two general courses, which provide a comprehensive overview of international dispute settlement. The first course, held during the first semester, sets the stage and explains the different mechanisms for resolving international disputes. The second discusses the main procedural issues that arise in international legal proceedings.

1. FIRST GENERAL COURSE: THE ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

   Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes, Professor, University of Geneva
   Prof. Thomas Schultz, Professor, University of Geneva

   What types of situations give rise to disputes in the international arena? How are these different disputes settled? What dispute resolution mechanisms are available? The course will focus on investment and commercial arbitration, ICJ and WTO dispute settlement procedures as well as on certain other contemporary dispute settlement mechanisms. The main characteristics of each dispute settlement institution and procedure will be examined, with emphasis put on the types of disputes that can be brought before each one as well as other relevant issues of jurisdiction.

2. SECOND GENERAL COURSE: INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

   Prof. Marcelo Kohen, Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
   Prof. Zachary Douglas, Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

   This course covers the main procedural issues arising in the international legal proceedings examined in the first general course. As the procedures in the different dispute resolution processes raise similar issues (e.g. jurisdiction, provisional remedies, equal treatment, evidence, enforcement), this course reviews these aspects with an eye to comparisons and contrasts.

Tutorials

Tutorials are intrinsically connected to the general courses. Inspired by the Oxford tutorial system, tutorials are weekly interactions between a tutor and a group of ten students. Tutorials serve two different purposes. On the one hand, they provide an opportunity for a revisit and more detailed exploration and illustration of the key concepts addressed in the general courses. On the other, in every tutorial session a student presents a research paper which is discussed with all participants.

Students are expected to participate actively during tutorials, not only in the discussion of the issues covered by the general courses, but also on the research papers presented by their classmates. Every student must deliver one research paper per semester, one on disputes between States, and one on private or mixed disputes.
Intensive courses, most of which are taught by visiting professors, provide an opportunity to go into the details of various topics in international dispute settlement. Such courses in principle consist of nine hours of class taught over two or three days. Students pick at least eight of the following courses.

1. **THE NEW YORK CONVENTION OF 1958**
   - Prof. Albert Jan van den Berg, Professor Georgetown Law School, Washington DC; Tonghua School of Law, Beijing; Partner, Honoraire 6e van den Berg
   
   The New York Convention of 1958 on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards is the single most important legal text in international commercial arbitration, as it defines the international currency of international arbitration agreements and arbitral awards. Students taking the New York Convention of 1958 obtain a unique insight into the workings of the Convention and into the great challenges it faces to keep current with the world of arbitration as it has evolved since 1958. Indeed, since the publication in 1981 of his classical treatise “The New York Convention of 1958: Towards a Uniform Judicial Interpretation”, Professor Albert Jan van den Berg has been widely recognized as the worldwide expert on the topic. See also his website: www.newyorkconvention.org

2. **ICC ARBITRATION**
   - Prof. Pierre Terrier, Honorary Chairman, ICC International Court of Arbitration; Emeritus Professor, University of Fribourg
   
   The International Court of Arbitration of the ICC is one of the most important and best known institutions of arbitration. Its unique set of procedures has been applied to more than 20,000 disputes since their adoption. Students taking ICC Arbitration are offered a practical overview of the ICC arbitration process and its specificities. This course runs for 18 hours, and culminates in a two-day visit at the premises of the ICC in Paris.

3. **EU LAW AND INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION**
   - Prof. George A. Bermann, Walter Gellhorn Professor and Jean Monnet Professor, Columbia Law School
   
   For some time, it has been assumed in European circles that international commercial arbitration was adequately regulated by the fundamental text, the 1958 New York Convention. But a number of circumstances have come together – a growing awareness that important EU claims are being decided in arbitral rather than judicial fora, a dramatic heightening of EU activity in private international law generally, debate over the use of antisuit injunctions in the international arbitration field, and imperfections of the New York Convention itself – have come together to put international commercial arbitration suddenly in the EU spotlight. This course examines these developments and their prospects.

4. **MULTIPLE PROCEEDINGS**
   - Prof. Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Professor Emerita, University of Geneva; Partner, Levy Kaufmann-Kohler
   
   Multiple proceedings dealing with the same or closely related disputes are increasingly frequent in commercial and investment arbitration. This course reviews the causes for such increase (more legal bases to bring claims, more actors involved in economic transactions, more available fora); whether multiple proceedings are to be favored or discouraged policywise; and the legal tools to manage the multiplicity, both existing and prospective.

5. **ARBITRATION IN THE UNITED STATES**
   - Prof. William W. Park, Boston University; Honorary-Vice President, LCIA
   
   Students taking Arbitration in the United States have the opportunity to participate in analytical discussions of the law and practice of international arbitration from a comparative perspective. Beyond offering a critical insight into the American approach to arbitration, this course will shed new light on broader issues of dispute resolution through engaging in interactions with Professor Park.

6. **THE FRENCH LAW ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION**
   - Prof. Maximin de Fontmichel, Director, Master in International Arbitration and Business Law, University of Versailles - Paris Saclay
   
   The French arbitration law, tradition and culture are not only among the most important frameworks for international commercial arbitration today because Paris is a leading place for international arbitration; they are also among the intellectual factors that most profoundly shaped the world of arbitration as we know it today. As French arbitration law still inspires new legal frameworks and is being used by practitioners throughout the world, this course introduces the students to that French heritage, from the rules governing the arbitral agreement to the rules applicable to the arbitral award, and discusses today’s international commercial arbitration law and practice in France.

7. **THE PCA AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**
   - Mr. Brooks W. Daly, Deputy Secretary-General and Principal Legal Counsel, Permanent Court of Arbitration
   
   While arbitration is most often thought of as an alternative to litigation in national courts, the PCA was founded in 1899 to provide an alternative to war. From its beginnings in the settlement of interstate disputes to its diverse modern activity, this course examines how the PCA has contributed to, and been transformed by, the dispute settlement needs of the international community.
11. INVESTMENT ARBITRATION IN ACTION

Dr. Michele Potesta, Counsel, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler, Senior Researcher, GIDS
Ms. Ann Catherine Kettlewell, Legal Counsel, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

How does an investment arbitration proceeding unfold in practice? This intensive course will walk students through the main steps and phases of an investment arbitration proceeding, seen from the various viewpoints of parties, counsel, tribunal, tribunal secretaries, arbitral institution, and other actors (e.g., non-disputing parties). The course includes a practical exercise centered on an investment mock case, which will allow students to train their writing and oral skills and better understand and anticipate procedural steps in an arbitration.

12. CONTRACT LAW IN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Prof. Laurent Aynes, Professor, University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne

Every dispute giving rise to a commercial arbitration arises out of a contract and calls for the tribunal to apply and interpret such contract. How do arbitrators deal with contract issues? Taught by a foremost contract law academic with significant arbitration experience, this course reviews topics that are recurrent before arbitral tribunals, including interpretation, default and termination, liability, waivers and limitations of liability, force majeure and changed circumstances, and damages.

13. WTO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Prof. Gabrielle Mareceau, Geneva University, Senior Counselor, WTO Legal Affairs Division

Through an examination of the actual process of an authentic WTO dispute, this course focuses on how the dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO operates from a legal, political and diplomatic perspective. By placing the WTO in the broad institutional context of international economic relations, it will consider how WTO panelists, arbitrators, and members of the Appellate Body have propelled the WTO dispute settlement system to become one of the most effective international litigation mechanisms. In reviewing the procedural steps of a dispute, including the use of experts, the retaliation stage, and the eventual mutually agreed solution, the students will be able to experience how States and other international actors can address international economic tensions resulting from societal choices, while pursuing the WTO goals of both fighting against illegitimate protectionism and protecting legitimate public policy objectives.

14. PUBLIC POLICY IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Prof. Jan Kleinheisterkamp, Associate Professor of Law, London School of Economics

Whether arbitration is understood as a mere creature of contract or part of international justice, the notion of public policy is crucial for arbitration's efficiency and legitimacy as a safeguard of public interests in private dispute settlement. This course focuses on how arbitrability, internationally mandatory rules and public policy exceptions fit together both in theory and practice and explores concepts such as transnational public policy as a limit to parties' autonomy.

15. SPORTS ARBITRATION

Prof. Antonio Rigozzi, University of Neuchâtel, Partner, Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler

Switzerland hosts most major international sports federations and organizations, including the International Olympic Committee and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), which acts as the world's highest sports tribunal for most kinds of disputes between athletes/clubs and sports governing bodies. CAS also administers commercial arbitrations in sports matters and a specific arbitration procedure for the Olympic Games. Students taking Sports Arbitration are introduced to these different procedures and have the opportunity to discuss their specificity, including the impact on the rights of athletes.
In addition to the general and intensive courses, students take a choice of at least two semester-long weekly optional courses drawn from a list of 20 to 30 classes relating to international dispute settlement or in neighboring fields. These classes are drawn from the regular curricula of the Graduate Institute and the Law School.

In English* 

**Comparative Methodology:**
- Contract Law
  - Prof. Thomas Kadner and Gian Paolo Romano (Law Faculty)

**A Discourse Analysis of International Law**
- Prof. Faad Zaribiye (Institute)

**European Competition Law**
- Prof. Christian Bovet (Law Faculty)

**International Commercial Arbitration**
- Prof. Thomas Schultz (Law Faculty)

**Social Analysis of Transnational Law and Arbitration**
- Prof. Faad Zaribiye (Institute)

**Law without the State**
- Prof. Thomas Schultz (Institute)

**International Trade Law**
- Mr. Jan Bohanes (Institute)

**International Investment Law**
- Prof. Joost Pauwelyn (Institute)

**International Economic Law Clinic**
- Prof. Joost Pauwelyn and Faad Zaribiye (Institute)

**WTO Law and Practice**
- Prof. Gabriele Marceau (Law Faculty)

**Current Issues of International Law**
- Prof. G. Gaggioli (Law Faculty)

**WIPO and International Intellectual Property Law**
- Prof. Edward K. Kwakwa (Institute)

**The Theory and Practice of Treaty Interpretation**
- Prof. Faad Zaribiye (Institute)

**International Intellectual Property Law**
- Prof. Yaniv Benhamou (Law Faculty)

**Fundamental Principles of International Law**
- Prof. Marcelo Kohen (Institute)

**Transnational Legal Processes**
- Prof. Faad Zaribiye (Institute)

**International Commercial Litigation**
- Prof. G. Romano (Law Faculty)

**Corporate Responsibility in Transnational and International Law**
- Prof. Zachary Douglas (Institute)

In French* 

**Organisation internationale**
- Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Law Faculty)

**Règlement des différends internationaux : problèmes choisis**
- Prof. Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Law Faculty)

**Droit international des investissements**
- Prof. Makane Mbengue (Law Faculty)

**Les différends territoriaux en droit international**
- Prof. Marcelo Kohen

*Optional courses offered for 2018-2019 academic year (indicative list for 2019-2020).
The MIDS curriculum includes a series of clinical workshops designed to improve skills required in international dispute settlement, such as written and oral advocacy, expertise in damage quantification, and settlement techniques.

**FINANCIAL DAMAGE ANALYSIS**

Mr. Geoffrey Senogles, Partner, Senogles & Co, Chartered Accountants, Switzerland

Any lawyer working in arbitration, whether as counsel, arbitrator or arbitral secretary, will undoubtedly be faced with quantum issues. The goal of this series of workshops is to provide an insight into financial damage expertise and methodologies from the perspective of a practicing forensic accountant who frequently testifies as financial expert witness in international proceedings and previously dealt with financial aspects of mass claims while on staff at the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC).

**MEDIATION**

Ms. Birgit Sambeth Glasner, Partner, Altenburger Ltd legal+tax

A respected international commercial mediator will take students through the nuts and bolts of mediation. When should parties settle? When are they ready to do so? How to bring them to a settlement through a facilitated interest based negotiation? What is the context and how does the mediation process unfold? These are some of the key questions in mediation: they require special skills, which are too often ignored by counsel and arbitrators alike, much to the detriment of the parties.

**LEGAL WRITING ADVOCACY**

Mr. David Roney and Ms. Tanya Landon, Partners, Sidley Austin

Taught by two experienced practitioners, this workshop covers the legal drafting process in international arbitration with a special emphasis on written advocacy and persuasion. In addition to theoretical underpinnings, it includes practical exercises and individualized feedback on legal submissions drafted as part of the workshop.

**WITNESS EXAMINATION IN INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION**

FIAA - Foundation for International Arbitration Advocacy

FIAA is a Geneva-based foundation which is generally recognized to provide the world’s best clinical training in arbitration advocacy. Thanks to the existing partnership, FIAA instructors offer MIDS students a two-day workshop on witness examination in international arbitration, which is specifically designed to meet the needs of MIDS students.

Following an introductory lecture, participants are taken through practical exercises in small groups, which have repeatedly proven to dramatically improve the oral advocacy skills each and every student.

**ACADEMIC RETREAT**

Château de Bossey

The MIDS academic retreat is a two-day outing in a picturesque country setting. In addition to providing an opportunity to socialize and network among students and faculty, it is mainly devoted to a moot court exercise in international arbitration.

The purpose is to develop skills in analyzing facts and evidence, building a strategy, construing legal arguments, practicing oral advocacy, and improving teamwork skills, all within limited time and with pressure evocative of reality. The retreat concludes with a series of hearings conducted before tribunals composed of experienced arbitration practitioners.

**Q&A SESSIONS FOR STAR ARBITRATORS**

The Q&A Sessions with Star Arbitrators are organized yearly with different top arbitrators. So far, sessions have been conducted with Professors Jan Paulsson, Brigitte Stern and Pierre Mayer. The arbitrators give insights into their views on the evolution of dispute settlement, sharing their vast and diverse experience with the MIDS students.
Public lectures with distinguished guest lecturers, international conferences in Switzerland and abroad, seminars on new developments in international dispute settlement and study visits to Paris and The Hague are an important component of the MIDS curriculum.

Lectures

The MIDS organizes public lectures where well known academics and practitioners address a larger audience on current dispute resolution issues.

In these ten years, speakers at MIDS lectures have included, among others, Alexis Mourre, Judge Xue Hanqin, Prof. José Alvarez, the late Prof. David D. Caron, Judge Christopher Greenwood, Meg Kinnear, Lucy Reed, Salim Moollan, Judge Peter Tomka, Toby Landau QC, Donald Donovan, Prof. Andrea Bjorklund, Prof. Pierre-Marie Dupuy, VV. Veecher QC, Prof. Pierre Mayer, Prof. Michael Reisman, Judge Bruno Simma, Prof. George A. Bermann, Prof. William W. Park, Prof. Emmanuel Gaillard, the late Prof. Pierre Lalive, Prof. James Crawford, Hon. Ian Binnie CC QC and Lucinda Low.

Conferences

In 2019-2020, as part of the MIDS curriculum, students will attend two international conferences of their choice, one in Switzerland and one abroad. The offer varies from year to year. In Switzerland, students are typically attending the ASA annual conference or the University of Neuchâtel conference on new developments in international commercial arbitration. Abroad, MIDS students regularly attend the Investment Treaty Forum organized by the BIICL in London, the annual conference of the Chamber of Arbitration of Milan and the ICC annual conference in Paris.

Study visits

During their MIDS year, students visit international dispute settlement institutions in Switzerland and abroad. In the first semester, the students visit the ICC in Paris where they meet with and hear presentations by ICC officials and practitioners of leading law firms. The visit also serves as the second part of the intensive course with Prof. Pierre Tercier on ICC arbitration.

In the second semester, MIDS students travel to The Hague where they visit the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal.

In Geneva, MIDS students visit the World Trade Organization, where they meet with the Legal Affairs Division and the Appellate Body Secretariat, and the Arbitration and Mediation Center at the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Seminars

Each year the MIDS organizes a number of seminars reserved to MIDS students on issues of particular interest and new developments. For example, seminar speakers in recent years have included Prof. Bernard Hanotiau (on complex arbitrations), Judge Charles Brower (on the Iran – US Claims Tribunal), Doak Bishop (on the settlement of energy disputes), David Rivkin (on arbitration at the Olympics), Dr. Yas Banifatemi (on umbrella clauses in investment treaties), Dr. Michael Schneider (on construction arbitration), Prof. John Gotanda (on late interest in arbitration), Prof. Campbell McLachalan (on lis pendens), Secretary-General Meg Kinnear (on ICSID), Deputy Secretary-General Brooks Daly (on the PCA), and Prof. Armand de Mestral (on ISDS between the EU and Canada, and the US). Seminars are generally organized on short notice. For 2019-2020, the following seminar is already scheduled:

International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea

Prof. Tullio Treves, University of Milan; Senior International Consultant, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle
CAREER SERVICES
Life after the MIDS

Career services and coaching is provided during the MIDS academic year. Career events are organized with partners and law firms specialized in international arbitration or international law, arbitral institutions, international organizations and companies throughout the program.

Career services

Our individualized career services start from day one. At any time during the first semester, an individual meeting can be scheduled with the MIDS Career Advisor, to work on drafting one’s CV and application letter, the aim being to improve how to introduce oneself and be effective in drawing up the documents required for an application.

The next stage entails preparing a strategy to apply for a position. Once the student has been invited for a job interview, a mock interview is conducted at the MIDS based on the features of the forthcoming real interview. Video recordings allow to discuss the student’s performance and thus to improve effective communication. Finally, following the real interview, a feedback session allows to draw the lessons with the student.

The MIDS career services also aim at improving the students’ networking skills and professional presence at the different events and conferences attended.

Life after the MIDS

MIDS graduates have found positions with government divisions in charge of disputes involving the State in various countries such as Armenia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Georgia, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine; in law firms, including Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (Geneva), Allen & Overy (Frankfurt, Madrid, Paris), ArbLit (Milan), Archipel (Geneva), Arnold & Porter (Washington), Bae Kim and Lee (Seoul), Bofill Mir & Alvarez Jana (Chile), Baker & McKenzie (Frankfurt), Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (Milan, Paris, Rome), Clifford Chance (Frankfurt, Zurich, Warsaw), Convington & Burling (London); Cuatrecasas (Madrid), Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle (Geneva, Istanbul, Mexico, New York, Paris), Debevoise & Plimpton (London), Dechert (Paris), Dentons (Brussels, Paris, Warsaw), Derains & Gharavi (Paris), Egorov Puginsky Afanasiev & Partners (Kiev, Moscow), Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Dubai, Frankfurt, London, New York, Paris, Vienna), Fronep (Geneva), Gomm & Smith (Miami), FTPA (Paris), Hanotiau & van den Berg (Brussels), Hughes Hubbard and Reed (Paris), Jones Day (Paris), King & Spalding (Houston, Paris), Knoetzel (Vienna), K&L Gates (Paris), Lalive (Geneva, Zurich), Latham & Watkins (Paris), Lazareff Le Bars (Paris), Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler (Geneva), Luther (Hamburg), Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy (Munich), Norton Rose Fullbright (Frankfurt), Pyhnon & Peter (Geneva), Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (Paris), Schellenberg Wittmer (Geneva, Zurich), Shearman & Sterling (Paris), Skadden (London), Three Crowns (London, Paris), White&Case (Frankfurt, Paris, Washington), WilmerHale (London, New York), Winston & Strawn (London, Paris), in international courts and tribunals and arbitral institutions, including the ICC Court of International Arbitration, the ICJ, the PCA, ICSID, the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal, the AAA, the Dubai International Arbitration Centre, the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration, the Hong Kong Arbitration Center, and the Swiss Chambers’ Arbitration Institution; in international organizations, including UNCTAD, the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre, and the WTO Legal Affairs Division and Appellate Body Secretariat, as well as in academic institutions, including in Geneva, Jimma (Ethiopia), Mexico City, Neuchâtel, Quito, Santiago de Chile, Tehran and Tbilisi.

MIDS Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration

By virtue of an agreement between the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the MIDS, a student of the 2019-2020 Class will have the opportunity to join the PCA’s Secretariat, participating for a period of twelve-months in the work of the PCA’s International Bureau.

The PCA is an intergovernmental organization with 117 member states. Established in 1899 to facilitate arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution between States, the PCA has developed into a modern, multifaceted institution meeting the dispute resolution needs of the international community.
Application information

**Academic and language requirements**
To be considered for the program, applicants must have received, or expect to receive by the summer of 2019, a first complete law degree (such as a Bologna Master's degree, a J.D. or an LL.B.) or another academic qualification deemed equivalent by the Program Directors.

Applicants whose primary language is not English and who did not receive their university education in the English language must take a language proficiency test (i.e. TOEFL, IELTS). The admissions committee looks for at least a TOEFL score of 90, or an IELTS of 6.5, or other equivalent certificate. Applicants with at least two years of professional experience in English may request a waiver of this requirement. A passive understanding of French is an asset, though not a requirement.

In order to keep our faculty-student ratio low, we seek to enroll no more than 35 to 40 students each year, based on the strength of their record of academic or professional achievements.

**Academic cooperation**
Since 2015-2016, the MIDS also has a Double Degree Agreement with the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Since 2016-2017, the MIDS also has a Double Degree Agreement with the International Arbitration Program of Tsinghua University Law School, one of the best in China.

Application materials
To apply to the program, applicants must submit the online application form, available on the MIDS website, as well as send a complete application file by email, containing:
- A copy of the completed application form;
- A photocopy of the passport;
- A curriculum vitae;
- A personal statement (essay) demonstrating the applicant's interest in the field of dispute settlement, including concrete examples if possible;
- At least two recent letters of recommendation from academic and/or professional lecturers/supervisors;
- Copies of relevant degrees and diplomas, with an officially certified translation if they are not in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish;
- Copies of official records of university examinations taken and grades obtained (transcripts), with the same need for translation as above;
- Official language proficiency scores if applicable.
- Optional: A table of contents and a 10-page excerpt of the most important paper written by the candidate in the course of his/her university studies, and when available in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish;

We accept requested documents for application by e-mail (info@mids.ch) or mail to our standard contact address.
Please do not staple or bind the pages of your application and do not send original documents, as all submitted materials become the property of the LL.M. program upon receipt and will be neither returned to the applicant nor forwarded to other schools or agencies.

Application deadline
For the 2019-2020 program, the application deadline is 20 December 2018. It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain that all items are delivered to our offices on or before the application deadline.

Confirmation from the Admissions Office
After completing your application via our Campus online platform, you will receive a confirmation that your application has been received.

TUITION, EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL AID
Tuition fees for the 2019-2020 MIDS LL.M. program are set at CHF 25'000.

We estimate that an average single student needs CHF 15'000 to CHF 20'000 to meet living expenses for the academic year.

Financial aid, based on the applicant’s demonstrated financial need, is limited but may be available.

We therefore ask students wishing to apply for financial aid to first make timely efforts to obtain financial aid from other sources.

We only entertain requests from students demonstrating to have made best efforts to obtain scholarships in their home country or in Switzerland.

Students may be offered accommodation at a reduced price in student residences in Geneva.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO CONSIDER FOR THE 2019-2020 PROGRAM

2018
October
Applications open
20 December
Application deadline

2019
1 March
Decision on admissions
9 September
First day of class

2020
15 June
Last day of class
2 August
Master thesis submission deadline

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Ndanga Kamau, a MIDS ’10 alumna from Kenya, former Registrar at the Mauritius International Arbitration Centre (LCIA-MIAC); after the MIDS Ndanga practiced with Lalive (Geneva), King & Spalding (Houston) and Oxfam (Nairobi).

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