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Vrije
Universiteit
Brussel



International Business Arbitration Postgraduate



Programme: International Business Arbitration¹

Courses	ECTS ²	SEM ³
International Commercial Arbitration	6	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of Arbitration Concept of Dispute Procedural Law Substantive Law Types of Arbitration Recognition and enforcement of awards 		
Arbitration: Special Institutions and Cases	6	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Institutions ICC Procedural rules The UNCITRAL model Law 		
International Business Law	3	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of international business Law Conflict Law rules and standards 		
International Economic Law	3	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History and Principles of International Economic Law Organizations The main agreements Dispute Settlement Trends and Developments 		
International Trade and Investment	6	2
Dispute Settlement		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of trade and Investment Dispute settlement Institutional and regulatory framework ICSID WTO NAFTA ICC Multilateral and bilateral treaties Case studies 		
Comparative Commercial and Arbitration Law	6	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arbitration and other ADR mechanisms and institutions in UK, India, USA, Latin America and China 		
Alternative Dispute Resolution	3	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms 		
Arbitration: Negotiation	3	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of negotiation Types of negotiation Negotiation and ADR Negotiation Workshop 		
Moot Arbitration Exercise and practical organization of the arbitration procedure	6	1-2
Thesis	18	1-2
TOTAL	60	

¹ VUB and AIA cannot be held responsible for changes in the programme due to unexpected circumstances

² ECTS: European Credit Transfer and accumulation System

³ SEM: Semester

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ARBITRATION POSTGRADUATE

The postgraduate programme in International Business Arbitration provides all its students, whether experienced legal professionals or otherwise, with a strong grounding in both the theoretical and practical aspects of International Arbitration within a commercial context. Students will be taught on all major institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules thus preparing them thoroughly for a practice specializing in International Arbitration by participation of some of the most esteemed academics and practitioners in the field.

This intellectually challenging programme will focus on all the different dimensions of International Arbitration through a comparative study. It will enable students to critically consider present arbitration practices and make novel propositions for change.

Target groups

Masters (or equivalent) who wish to acquire a profound knowledge on international arbitration.

Added value

Due to the versatile programme, graduates will be able to:

- understand procedural and substantive rules of International Arbitration
- communicate effectively among involved parties in International Arbitration
- understand the commonly accepted usages of International Arbitration terms and practices
- harness the skills required of an arbitrator
- harness the skills required of counsel in arbitration proceedings
- draft thorough and precise arbitration agreements
- carry out research on arbitration globally
- discuss practical issues of international arbitration with bankers, entrepreneurs, lawyers, and judges



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Job prospects

The increasing importance of International Arbitration in today's business world is challenging for legal professionals worldwide.

This postgraduate programme will grant to all successful students a certificate in International Business Arbitration that will be of the highest professional standard.

The quality of the classes delivered, the networking events and field work opportunities provided will ensure that graduates, of this degree, securely and successfully access high calibre jobs.

Students will have developed and enhanced skills to work as arbitrators, arbitration counsel, in-house dispute resolution specialists, and legal counsel within Government.

Programme schedule

The postgraduate consists of two semesters and is completed in one academic year.

Classes take place:

- from Monday through Friday
- for an average of 11 hours a week
- during the day

A detailed time schedule will be given to the participants.

Language

All courses are taught in English.

Location

Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Campus Etterbeek
Pleinlaan 2
B-1050 Brussels
Belgium
Europe

Route description and a map of the campus are available at:
www.vub.ac.be/campuses





Admission requirements

- University degree (master or equivalent)
- Students should be fluent in English (see application form)
- **Procedure for Chinese students:** All students from the P.R. China must obtain a certificate of academic screening issued by the Academic Evaluation Centre (APS) of the German Embassy in Beijing before being allowed to enroll in any institution of higher education, language course or other preparatory course in Flanders (Belgium).

Please note that the APS certificate is also required for obtaining a student visa to Belgium. Students planning to study in Flanders are advised to contact the Academic Evaluation Centre in Beijing, [E]: info@aps.org.cn, as soon as possible in order to make the necessary appointments required before applying for a visa. More information on APS can be found at their website www.aps.org.cn.

Price

Fulltime programme

Price: 4.800 EUR.

Separate courses

Price: 100 EUR per ECTS.

Certification

A post-academic certificate, bearing the name of the postgraduate programme and stating the cooperation with the Association for International Arbitration, will be granted by the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, after successfully finishing the complete programme.

Enrolment

You can register by filling out the enrolment form which can be downloaded from our website at www.vub.ac.be.

The completed form should be sent to:
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Alexandra Koutoglidou is a qualified lawyer under Greek law and she has been involved in international arbitration cases before the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes. She is currently employed as a legal adviser to the Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the

Greek Embassy in Brussels, while from September 2010 onwards she will work as a trade negotiator for the Services and Investment Unit of European Commission's DG Trade in Brussels.

{International Trade and Investment Dispute Settlement}



William O'Brian has been an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Warwick since 2001 following seventeen years of practicing law in the United States, specializing in commercial litigation. He teaches Tort Law and International Economic Law and has researched private international

law, evidence, torts, and legal theory.

{International Business Law}



Denis Philippe is a Professor of Law at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL) and a visiting professor at the University of Paris X Nanterre. He is the founding partner of Philippe & Partners and Counsel to the Bars of Brussels and Luxembourg. He has over 30 years of experience in civil and commercial law, particularly

in the drafting, review, and negotiation of international contracts.

{Comparative Commercial and Arbitration Law}



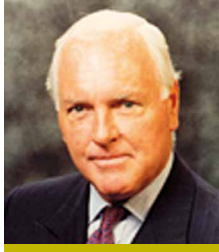
Kim Van der Borght is a professor of International Economic Law at the Centre for Economic Law & Governance at VUB in Brussels. He is Reader in Law at Westminster University and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Georgia (USA) He is also the President of the Belgian Branch of the International

Law Association. Kim Van der Borght is an accredited arbitrator as well as legal advisor to UNCTAD.

{International Economic Law, Thesis}

Leading guest speakers will also be included and high level networking events will be organized.

Faculty



John W. Barnum is a partner at McGuireWoods LLP in Brussels and a Managing Partner at McGuireWoods Kazakhstan LLP. He is admitted to the Connecticut, New York, and District of Columbia bars as well as the Brussels Foreign Lawyers List. His specialties are arbitration, antitrust, administrative law, international trade, product liability, and transportation.
{Arbitration: Special Institutions and Cases}



Edouard Bertrand is a lawyer at the Paris bar with expertise in commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has arbitrated numerous cases for the ICC, including some as President. He has published several articles in international business journals and has a personal blog on international arbitration and business litigation.
{International Commercial Arbitration}



Johan Billiet is a lawyer at the Brussels Bar as well as Deputy Judge at the Court of First Instance in Brussels. He is experienced in both ad hoc and institutional arbitration with different arbitration centers. Johan Billiet is also a recognized civil and commercial mediator in Belgium. He is member of the board of Directors of the European Arbitration Chamber and chairman of the International Commercial Arbitration Court under the European Arbitration Chamber. He is also the President of the Association for International Arbitration.
{Alternative Dispute Resolution}



Philippe Billiet holds a LLM in International Economic Law from Warwick University and has experience working in corporate restructuring, competition, arbitration, and general contract law. He has lectured at VUB Brussels on Dispute Resolution in China and the University of Antwerp on Arbitration Commitments in Merger Review.
{Moot Arbitration Exercise and practical organization of the arbitration procedure}



Frank Fleerackers is a Professor of Law and Conflict Analysis at the Brussels University KUB and Dean of the Law School. He publishes on law, dispute resolution and legal theory, authored/edited eleven books, and directs an interdisciplinary center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution Enhancement. His current research focuses on conflict analysis as a context for enhancing legal interpretation and education.
{Arbitration and Negotiation}



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