

**Master of Advanced Studies (LL.M.) in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)
Program Regulations**

Art. 1	Object and Purpose
	<p>1. Under the auspices of the Center for International Dispute Settlement (CIDS), the Geneva University Faculty of Law and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (<i>the Institute</i>) shall jointly award the title of « Master of Advanced Studies (LL.M.) in International Dispute Settlement ».</p> <p>2. Collaborations may be established with other Swiss or foreign Universities in the framework of programs dealing with the same subject matter and whose quality is judged equivalent. If applicable, ad hoc conventions, study regulations and/or study plans will regulate these partnerships.</p>
Art. 2	Organization
	<p>1. The program shall be under the responsibility of the CIDS Council (<i>the Council</i>) which delegates the organization and management of the program to the MIDS Committee (<i>the Committee</i>). The composition of the Council and the Committee is in accordance with the Convention between the Geneva University and the Institute establishing the CIDS.</p> <p>2. The Committee shall in particular ensure the implementation of the program of study, define the curriculum and the methods used to evaluate the students' academic performance.</p> <p>3. The Committee shall appoint among its members the Program Director who must be a member of the faculty of either the Geneva University or the Institute. The Program Director must, in principle, be a full Professor.</p> <p>4. The Director of the Program shall be responsible for the running and general supervision of the program and shall exercise the powers and functions vested to her/him under the present Regulations as well as under complementary rules and instruments governing the internal functioning of the LL.M. S/he shall be assisted by an Executive Director.</p> <p>5. In the event of a tied vote, the Director of the Program shall have a casting vote.</p>
Art. 3	Admission Requirements
	<p>1. May be considered for admission, applicants who</p> <p>a) hold a bachelor degree in Law, a master degree in Law or a degree deemed equivalent by the Council;</p> <p>b) are fluent in oral and written English. In addition, it is desirable that applicants have some knowledge of French.</p> <p>2. The elements that constitute the application file, as well as the application deadline, shall be determined by the Committee.</p> <p>3. The Committee shall be entitled, upon examination of an application file, to accept candidates who do not meet the requirements stipulated in sub-paragraph 1a. Those candidates must demonstrate professional competences in the field of study and aptitudes to attend the program. In such cases, an interview may complete the admission process.</p> <p>4. Admission decisions shall be made by the Committee.</p> <p>5. In principle, the LL.M. program starts every year. The Committee may decide otherwise if, in particular, the number of registered students is too low.</p>

Art. 4	Registration and Tuition fees
	<p>1. Admitted students are registered at the University of Geneva and enrolled at the Institute as well as the LL.M. once they have paid the fees within the prescribed time limits.</p> <p>2. The cost of tuition for the two-semester program is between CHF 25'000 and CHF 30'000. The exact amount is fixed each year by the Council. This amount covers the minimum duration of studies specified in Article 5 of the present Regulations. In case the duration of studies is extended, additional fees shall apply. The amount of those fees shall be fixed every year by the Committee.</p>
Art. 5	Duration of Studies
	<p>1. The duration of studies shall be of two semesters minimum and four semesters maximum.</p> <p>2. The Committee, on the recommendation of the Program Director, may grant a derogation to the duration of studies if legitimate reasons exist, such as an ongoing internship related to the field of study. The maximum possible extension cannot exceed two semesters.</p>
Art. 6	Program of Studies
	<p>1. The Program of Studies shall consist of compulsory general courses, optional courses, intensive courses, workshops as well as research papers and a LL.M. thesis. The Program is equivalent to 90 ECTS credits. These credits shall be specified in the curriculum (<i>Plan d'études</i>), which is adopted by the Participatory Council of the Geneva University Faculty of Law on notice from the College of Professors of the Faculty of Law and the College of Professors of the Institute.</p> <p>2. General courses shall be taught in English. Optional courses and intensive courses may be taught either in French or in English. Research papers and the LL.M. thesis shall be written in English. The LL.M. thesis may also be written in French. The writing of the LL.M. thesis in a language other than English or French shall be subject to approval by the Program Director.</p>
Art. 7	Evaluation and Grading System
	<p>1. Each course, tutorial, research paper as well as the LL.M. thesis shall require an evaluation.</p> <p>2. At the beginning of each course, the responsible professor shall inform the students of the applicable evaluation method.</p> <p>3. Each evaluation/examination shall be graded according to a numeric scale from 1 to 6, in 0.25 increments. A grade of 0 shall be given for unjustified absences from the examination, in the cases of fraud or attempted fraud, or if the deadline for submitting research papers or the LL.M. thesis is missed. Successful completion of the program is subject to the condition of the student obtaining a general weighted average of minimum 4 based on all attributed grades. The weight of the various grades (weighting) in the calculation of this average is specified in the curriculum.</p> <p>4. When a student gets a grade under 4 on the evaluations of courses, tutorials (overall evaluation) and research papers, s/he may repeat the failed evaluation a second and last time. When a student obtains a grade under 4 in the LL.M. thesis, s/he can make changes and, if applicable, the thesis supervisor may grant an additional period of one month in relation to the date limit of article 8, para. 3 of the present Regulations. The LL.M. thesis shall thereafter be evaluated a second and last time.</p> <p>5. A student who does not appear for an evaluation for which s/he is registered is considered to have failed that evaluation unless due cause can be demonstrated. In particular, cases of illness and accidents are considered as valid reasons. The student must notify immediately the Committee in writing, in principle within 3 days at most following the no-show. The Committee decides whether there is just cause and may ask the student to produce a medical certificate as well as any other information deemed useful.</p>

Art. 8	LL.M. Thesis
	<p>1. The LL.M. thesis shall be written under the supervision of a professor member of the Committee or a professor approved by the Program Director.</p> <p>2. The topic of the thesis shall be determined in consultation with the LL.M. thesis supervisor.</p> <p>3. The deadline for submitting the LL.M. thesis shall be set every year by the Program Director.</p> <p>For the rest, terms and conditions are governed by the guidelines on the LL.M. thesis adopted by the Committee.</p>
Art. 9	Graduation
	<p>1. The successful completion of all program requirements, as defined in the previous provisions, shall confer the right to obtain 90 credits ECTS (en bloc) as well as to the award of the diploma as defined in Article 1, titled «Master of Advanced Studies (LL.M.) in International Dispute Settlement».</p> <p>2. The Committee shall decide on the award of the diploma when the conditions referred to in Articles 7 and 8 are met.</p> <p>3. The degree shall be conferred jointly by the University of Geneva Faculty of Law and by the Institute. The logos of the two partner institutions appear on the diploma, which is signed by the Rector of the University of Geneva, the Director of the Institute and the Director of the Program.</p>
Art. 10	Fraud and Plagiarism
	<p>1. Any fraud, plagiarism, attempted fraud or plagiarism shall result in a failure of the relevant evaluation/examination.</p> <p>2. In addition, the Committee, upon prior notice from the Program Director, may invalidate all of the students' exams for the same exam session. Invalidating the session results in the student failing that session.</p> <p>3. The Committee, upon prior notice from the Program Director, may also consider the failure of the relevant evaluation to be final.</p> <p>When the failure of the relevant evaluation is final and results in the student's elimination, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, upon prior notice from the Committee, refers the matter to the Disciplinary Council of the University of Geneva.</p>
Art. 11	Failure
	<p>1. A student shall fail the Program if:</p> <p>a) her/his cumulative grade point average is inferior to 4 after having exhausted all the possibilities offered by Article 7 al. 4; or</p> <p>b) S/he does not complete the program within the time limit referred to in Article 5.</p> <p>2. Failures shall be pronounced by the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva on prior notice from the Committee.</p> <p>3. A certificate may be given to the failed student attesting the courses s/he attended.</p> <p>4. Cases of fraud, plagiarism and attempted fraud or plagiarism are also subject to separate provisions.</p> <p>5. Failure to complete the program shall not modify the fees owed nor create any right to reimbursement, regardless of when it is pronounced.</p> <p>6. In the event of abandonment of the program, the student shall notify the program director immediately and in writing, in principle within three days of non-attendance.</p>

	<p>The abandonment of the program shall not modify the fees owed nor create any right to reimbursement, regardless of the moment when the student decides to stop the program, unless the abandonment is due to a just cause within the meaning of article 7.5.</p>
Art. 12	Appeal
	<p>1. Any decision made by application of the current Regulation may be subject to objections. The appeal procedure is governed by the regulation relating to the opposition procedure within the University of Geneva (RIO-UNIGE)" of 16 March 2009.</p> <p>2. The decision relative to an objection may be subject to an appeal before the competent body within the time limits and following the procedures set by that same regulation (RIO-UNIGE).</p>
Art. 13	Scope and Entry into Force
	<p>1. The present Program regulations shall come into force with effect from the 2018-2019 academic year.</p> <p>2. It shall apply to new students.</p> <p>It abrogates the Program Regulations of 14 September 2015, except for students studying for the 2017-2018 academic year, who remain subject to the previous regulation.</p>

