

Master of Laws in International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution [LLM (IADR)]

About the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law (NUS Law)

NUS Law is widely regarded to be one of the premier global law schools and Asia's leading law school. Staffed by an outstanding permanent faculty diverse in origin and qualifications, NUS Law is dedicated to building a vibrant community and creating an environment that facilitates critical thinking and reflection on the fundamental legal issues confronting our interconnected world. In the 2025 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for law schools, NUS Law was ranked 10th in the world and top in Asia, and it was ranked 12th in the world in the 2025 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

About the LLM (IADR)

The LLM (IADR), which was launched in August 2016, seeks to nurture lawyers and scholars to conduct rigorous and independent inquiries into relevant dispute resolution issues, to promote transnational approaches to arbitration, to articulate critical and impactful insights, and to propose solutions beneficial to the local and global communities. This specialised LLM programme enables a student to acquire an in-depth understanding of the laws and practices of international arbitration and dispute resolution. It has the advantage of being located in Singapore which is one of the preferred locations for arbitration in the world, and where many top arbitrators and academics often converge. As a hub for international dispute resolution, Singapore is also a leader in mediation, having fostered the Singapore Convention on Mediation. Singapore has also created the Singapore International Commercial Court on which foreign judges sit. The co-directors of the programme are Associate Professor Gary F. Bell and Associate Professor Vincent-Joël Proulx.

To be awarded the LLM (IADR), students must complete a total of 40-44 course units in two semesters, out of which 24 units (7 courses) must be in the specialisation field. The remaining units may be chosen from an unrestricted range of electives including from the specialisation field.

About the Courses

NUS Law offers a broad and diverse range of over 120 elective courses. Students enrolled in the LLM (IADR) are eligible to choose up to 16 units of unrestricted elective courses from clusters such as Asian Legal Studies, Corporate & Financial Services Law, Intellectual Property & Technology Law, International & Comparative Law, and Maritime Law. The compulsory IADR courses (totalling 11 course units) are International Commercial Arbitration, International Dispute Settlement, and Topics in International Arbitration and Dispute Settlement. Students must also select two super-intensive courses (2.5 units each).

Some of the elective courses of the IADR specialisation include Advanced Practicum in International Arbitration, Comparative Evidence in International Arbitration, Conflict of Laws in International Commercial Arbitration, Energy Arbitration, SIAC and Institutional Arbitration, International Arbitration & the New York Convention, Current Challenges to Investment Arbitration, Complex Arbitration: Multiparty – Multicontract, International Investment Law & Arbitration, Intellectual Property Arbitration, Negotiation, Mediation, Strategies for Asian Disputes – A Comparative Analysis, and International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution Research. The programme offers a selection of carefully curated "super-intensive" 18-hour 2.5-unit courses taught during the mid-semester breaks (September and March) mainly by international visitors such as Professors Bernard Hanotiau, Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, Erica Stein, Vivekananda Neelakantan and Davinder Singh, SC.

Admission & Tuition Fees

Graduate online applications open on 1 September and close on 15 October. Admission requirements include:

1. A good Bachelor's degree in Law
2. Minimum TOEFL iBT Total score of 100* or minimum IELTS (Academic) overall band score of 7.5.

** NUS only accepts TOEFL iBT scores from a single test date, not MyBest scores. TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test scores may be accepted.*

Please refer to <https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/fees.html> for the latest on tuition and other fees. For more information on application procedures, visit https://law1a.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html. For additional queries regarding admission and application, please write to the NUS Law Office of Admissions at lawGRADadm@nus.edu.sg.

Double Degree Programme – LLM (IADR) & University of Geneva LLM in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)

About the Double Degree Programme

The Geneva LLM in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) is a one-year full-time graduate degree programme providing the opportunity for an in-depth and high-profile study of international dispute settlement from a broad range of perspectives. It is one of the most highly regarded LLM degrees in the specialised field of international arbitration and dispute resolution.

This Double Degree Programme (DDP) has the special advantage of giving students the “best of both worlds” – students will learn different approaches to dispute resolution, gain practical skills and have exposure to practitioners and institutions in Asia as well as in Europe, as well as in common law (Singapore) and civil law (Geneva) jurisdictions.

Students may obtain two LLM degrees in 18 months upon successful completion by spending one year at NUS Law and 6 months at the University of Geneva, or vice versa. They will pay full tuition fees for the one-year programme and a discounted rate for the other programme, and any other fees that may be levied by the respective institutions.

Admission

Students who wish to commence in Singapore must first be admitted to NUS Law for the LLM (IADR) and apply for admission to MIDS towards the end of their first semester in NUS. For more information, visit <https://law.nus.edu.sg/global-programmes/other-programmes/>.



“Singapore is known as a very important and international hub for arbitration, and this allows NUS Law to attract the best professors and the best arbitrators to come here and teach. Our location in Asia provides a valuable perspective in our global programme.”

Associate Professor Vincent-Joël Proulx
Co-Director



“Singapore is where East meets West. This is particularly true in arbitration and dispute resolution. Parties, mediators, arbitrators, lawyers and even judges from all over Asia and the world come to Singapore. And so do our students and our professors.”

Associate Professor Gary F. Bell
Founding Director and Co-Director