



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 as 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 2022 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for law schools, NUS Law was ranked 11th in the world and top in Asia, and it was ranked 9th in the world in the 2023 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 director of the programme for Academic Year 2022-2023 is Associate Professor Vincent-Joël Proulx. He will be co-director with Associate Professor Gary Bell in Academic Year 2023-2024.

In order to obtain the LLM (IADR), students will have to complete a total of 40-44 course units in two semesters, out of which 24 units (5 or 6 courses) must be in the specialisation field. The remaining units may be chosen from an unrestricted range of electives or 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.

Some of the elective courses of the IADR specialisation include: International Investment Law, Advanced Practicum in International Arbitration, World Trade Law, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in China, 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 courses taught during the mid-semester breaks (September and March) mainly by international visitors. In Academic Year 2023-24, these courses will be taught by Professors Bernard Hanotiau, Gabrielle Kaufmann-Kohler, George Bermann, Kevin Nash and Davinder Singh, SC.

Admission & Tuition Fees:

Graduate online application period is from 15 September to 31 October.

For application details, visit: https://law1.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html.

The admission requirements for the LLM (IADR) are:

1. A good Bachelor's degree in Law
2. Minimum TOEFL iBT Total score: 100*

** Candidates who have obtained a TOEFL iBT Total score of 92-99 or minimum IELTS (Academic) overall band score 7.0 may apply. However, they may be invited to attend an interview or be required to undertake a prescribed intensive English language training course, prior to commencing law studies. NUS only accepts TOEFL iBT scores from a single test date, not MyBest scores. TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test scores may be accepted.*

The tuition fees (per annum) for the full-time LLM (IADR) were S\$39,883.80 + \$251.15 of *Miscellaneous Student Fees* in Academic Year 2023/24. Please refer to updates at <https://law1.nus.edu.sg/admissions/fees.html>

Double Degree Programme - NUS Master of Laws (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution) (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. Students can spend one year at NUS Law and 6 months at the University of Geneva or vice versa.

Students commencing the DDP at NUS Law will pay the tuition fee for the full-year LLM (IADR) to NUS and another fee (lower than the fee for a one-year full-time programme) to University of Geneva while reading the second degree (MIDS). Similarly, a student commencing the DDP at Geneva will pay the tuition fee for the first year to Geneva for the MIDS degree, and a reciprocal discounted fee to NUS Law for the next 6 months when completing the LLM (IADR) at NUS Law.

Admission:

Students who wish to commence in Singapore must be first admitted to NUS Law for the LLM (IADR). Students shall have to fulfil the admission requirements for both the NUS LLM (IADR) and the Geneva MIDS.

For more information:

Check our website: https://law1.nus.edu.sg/admissions/admin_requirements.html

Email our graduate studies admissions officers: lawGRADadm@nus.edu.sg



“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
Director, LLM (IADR) Programme (2022-23)
Co-Director (2023-24)



“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 of the LL.M. (IADR)
Co-Director (2023-24)