

Master Programme in Investment Treaty Arbitration 2018/2019



60 CREDITS
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CAMPUS 100%

The objective of the Master Programme in Investment Treaty Arbitration is to give you advanced and detailed knowledge of international arbitration concerning disputes between investors and host States. This field has grown exponentially during the last few years and continues to do so. Lawyers with special knowledge in investment law and arbitration are needed in many different organisations, including law firms, governments, banks, large companies, the European Union and NGOs.

The Faculty of Law at Uppsala University is the oldest law department in Sweden with one of Scandinavia's most popular education programmes. Our model of teaching is based on a foundation of high quality of research carried out at the faculty and extensive international cooperation with other universities.

WHY THIS PROGRAMME?

The Master Programme in International Investment Treaty Arbitration is a one-year full-time postgraduate programme for students with a three-year (or more) law degree. The programme covers 60 credits, 45 credits for course modules and 15 credits for a Master's thesis. The purpose of the programme is to provide the students with advanced and detailed knowledge about international investment arbitration.

The programme consists of four modules, each covering 15 credits.

After successfully completing the programme, you shall have:

- advanced and detailed knowledge of public international law and international investment treaty arbitration
- advanced and detailed knowledge of relevant arbitral jurisprudence and legal doctrine
- in-depth knowledge of the analytical, scientific and methodological foundations of investment treaty arbitration
- the ability to structure and present – orally and in written form – complex scientific problems to a well-informed audience

DEGREE

The programme leads to a Master of Laws (60 credits) LLM with Legal Science as the main field of study.

Programme

The programme is divided into four modules.

Module 1

The first module is a general introduction to international arbitration. This module covers all the basic principles and rules of international arbitration. You will discuss and analyse, inter alia, the arbitration agreement, the appointment of arbitrators, procedural issues, applicable law and enforcement of arbitral awards.

Module 2

The second module will focus on the protection of foreign investments under international law. This will be done on the basis of treaty law – i.e. bilateral and multilateral investment protection treaties – as well as customary international law. Key concepts such as expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, state responsibility and attribution will be addressed. Another important aspect of this module is treaty interpretation based on the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

Module 3-4

The third module will address procedural issues in connection with investment treaty arbitration. The focus will be on jurisdictional issues – e.g. the applicability of MFN clauses to procedural issues – confidentiality and transparency, immunity, and enforcement of investment awards.

The fourth module is the preparation of a thesis, the topic of which you will select together with the course director.

In parallel with modules three and four you will participate in a "moot arbitration"; organised by and under the supervision of the course director. The moot will start in January and finish towards the end of May with a final oral hearing. You and your classmates will be divided into teams with different tasks, such as writing briefs, expert opinions and other submissions.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The programme is offered in Uppsala. All classes are held in English. As a student in the programme you are expected to participate actively in discussions and other classroom activities.

The teaching is based on the problem-based methodology. As a consequence there are very few lectures, and instead you will partake in different forms of seminars. At the seminars problems are discussed and analysed, as well as possible solutions to problems. You and your classmates will be divided into smaller groups which are expected to meet and prepare for each classroom session. The problem based teaching method is founded on active student participation. Therefore attendance is mandatory in every session. You will be required to produce one or several papers during the courses. At the end of each course there will be a written examination.

The programme director is Professor Kaj Hobér.

Career

During the last decade we have seen an explosion of investment treaty arbitrations. With almost 3000 bilateral investment protection treaties and two major multilateral investment protection treaties, there is every reason to assume that this development will continue. In addition the EU will become more and more involved in investment protection matters, including investment treaty arbitration. This means there will be a growing demand for lawyers with in-depth knowledge of international investment law. Almost every kind of participant in international investment and trade will require lawyers with such knowledge, including law firms, government agencies, banks, corporation and NGOs.

This Master's programme, which is the first of its kind, is well positioned to fulfil this demand.

Admissions

MASTER PROGRAMME IN INVESTMENT TREATY ARBITRATION

60 credits

Autumn 2018 - 100 % - Campus

Location: Uppsala

Application Deadline: 2018-01-15

Enrolment Code: UU-M2812

Language of Instruction: English

Requirements:

Academic requirements

A Bachelor's degree, equivalent to a Swedish

Kandidatexamen, from an internationally recognised university. The main field of study must be Law or Legal Science.

Language requirements

All applicants need to verify English language proficiency. This is normally attested by an internationally recognised test such as TOEFL or IELTS with the following minimum scores:

- IELTS: an overall mark of 6.5 and no section below 5.5
- TOEFL: Paper-based: Score of 4.5 (scale 1–6) in written test and a total score of 575. Internet-based: Score of 20 (scale 0–30) in written test and a total score of 90
- Cambridge: CAE, CPE

Exemptions for students from certain countries.

Selection: Students are selected based on:

- a total appraisal of quantity and quality of previous university studies;
- CV;
- a statement of purpose; and
- two letters of recommendation.

Fees: If you are not a citizen of a European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) country, or Switzerland, you are required to pay application and tuition fees. Read more about fees.

Application Fee: SEK 900

Tuition fee, first semester: SEK 50000

Tuition fee, total: SEK 100000

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