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LL.M. A.W.AR.D.S (ASSAS WORLD ARBITRATION AND DISPUTES SETTLEMENT)

2026-2027

Direction : Malik LAAZOUZI

Degree awarded :
University Degree: Postgraduate

Duration of studies :
306 study hours / 306 heures

Teaching methods :
Formation continue

The LL.M. AWArDS combines the excellence of academics and practitioners in the field of international and investment arbitration (lawyers, counsels, arbitrators, quantum experts, managers of third-party funders, artificial intelligence researchers, etc.).

Courses are delivered in the heart of Paris (at the Institut de droit comparé and at prominent law firms).

The program covers both international arbitration and investment arbitration. It combines the French perspective with a comparative approach. It also deepens other core aspects of dispute resolution mechanisms: mediation, negotiation, settlement agreements, international business litigation, etc.

OBJECTIVES

Core objectives:

To master the fundamental elements of both international arbitration and investment arbitration.
To comprehend the relationship between arbitral proceedings and state courts.
To broaden the understanding of international arbitration from a comparative perspective.
To acquire the indispensable knowledge from international arbitration and litigation practitioners (drafting clauses, briefs, pleadings, evidence, examinations and cross-examinations, establishing the quantum of damages, etc.)
To understand the functioning and distinctive features of the main arbitration centres and their rules.
The LL.M. program is offered in Paris, one of the most prominent international arbitration venues, internationally recognized as such.

The curriculum achieves the proper balance between an academic approach and a more empirical and practical approach to confront students, as prospective arbitration practitioners, with the complex realities of this multifaceted field of practice.

FURTHER INFORMATION

After graduation:

Graduates of the LL.M. AWArDS are mainly destined to practice in the departments specializing in the practice of international arbitration and dispute resolution in international law firms, but also in niche law firms. They will also be able to join the legal



department of companies frequently confronted with these international procedures, as well as the services of certain specialized institutions. One of the objectives of the training is, where appropriate, to enable foreign students to contribute to the development of the practice of international arbitration and the settlement of international disputes in their home country.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Expected number of students

The training targets to enroll between 20 and 30 students. The objective of this training is to welcome non-French-speaking foreign students to Paris-Panthéon-Assas University as part of a specialized training.

LLM AWArDS' candidates come from China, Brazil, Georgia, Germany, Greece, the Philippines, Turkey, as well as from three US partner law schools (Duke Univ., Georges Washington Univ., University of Virginia).

Access conditions

The selected students will be:

holders of an English-language training provided by a foreign university at a level equivalent to Master 2 (fifth year). For example, without exhaustiveness, in business law, contract law or civil business law, private international law or international trade law) and wishing to further develop their grasp of the law of international arbitration;
United States' students who are enrolled in or have completed 2nd or 3rd year of legal training (JD);
practitioners (lawyers, in house counsels, etc.), with at least two years' experience, wishing to acquire new skills outside their current field of activity or wishing to further their training in their current field of business.
The selection will be made on the basis of an application file, if necessary, after an interview (including by videoconference).

The level of English of applicants, whose mother tongue is not English, will be assessed by the presentation of the TOEFL results:

100 for the internet version (iBT) of the test (with 25 for each section);
600 for the paper version (PBT) of the test (with 60 for each section and 5 for the Test of Written English).
If the applicant is unable to present the results of these tests, the level of English may be established differently, subject to an interview by videoconference with the head of the LL.M., if necessary.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Organisation of the LL.M.

The programme will be carried out over one year from September to June, for a total of 306 study hours. It will take place in Paris, in Saint-Germain des Prés (Institute of Comparative Law).



PROGRAM

Content of the LL.M.

Fall Semester

Fundamental Course

International Arbitration I
Specialization Courses & Case studies

Energy Disputes
Construction and Engineering Disputes
Sports Disputes
Mining Disputes
Evidence in Arbitration Proceedings
Complex Arbitration Proceedings
Optional courses (choice of 2 courses out of 4)

International Commercial Litigation
International Arbitration Agreement - Comparative Approach
Negotiation, Mediation and International Settlement Agreements
International Investment Contracts
Workshops

Provisional and Protective Measures
Conduct of Arbitral Proceedings
Drafting skills and written advocacy
Assessing Damages in International Arbitration
Oral Advocacy
ICC Arbitration
French as a Foreign Language (optional)
Spring Semester

Fundamental Course

International Arbitration II
Specialization Courses & Case studies

M&A Disputes
Disputes and Compliance
Energy Disputes II
Competition Disputes
Intellectual Property Disputes
Third Party Funding



Optional courses (choice of 2 courses out of 4)

Protection of Foreign Investments
Law of International Contracts & Contract Law in International Arbitration
Enforcement of International Awards – Comparative Approach

Foreign and Comparative Perspectives
Workshops

Experts and Witnesses – Examination and Cross-Examination
Main Arbitration Centers & Arbitration Rules
Expedited procedures
Artificial Intelligence in the Arbitration Arena
Research Project

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Knowledge assessment and graduation

Article 1: Fundamental Courses, Optional Courses, Specialization Courses and Worshops are subject to an assessment. This assessment is part of the exams organised at the end of each semester and covering the courses given during that semester.

The exams are conducted in English.

All subjects are marked on 20 points. The fundamental courses (Fundamental Courses) have a coefficient of 2. Optional courses and Specialization Courses have a coefficient of 1 and workshops have a coefficient of 0.5.

Fundamental and optional courses are subject to a written exam in each subject. The completion of a Research Project is optional and, if chosen, replaces the assessment of the workshops in the second semester (Spring Semester).

Specialization Courses are subject to an oral examination or a continuous check mark. The form of the rating chosen is proposed by the teacher(s) of the specialisation course before the beginning of the semester and validated by the person in charge of training. When the oral exam is selected, it can be organized in common, the student draws a subject at random relating to the subjects of specialization of the semester. If a common oral examination is organised for several specialisation courses, the mark obtained is awarded to all the specialisation courses in the semester covered by the common oral examination.

The workshops give rise to one examination per semester. This examination covers one of the subjects of the semester, drawn by lot. The score obtained is assigned to all worshops in the semester in question.

The rating of the Research Project is associated with a coefficient of 4.

Article 2: A mark of 10/20 is required to obtain the LL.M. Assas World Arbitration and Disputes Settlement.

The diploma includes the following information, depending on the average obtained:

from 10, passable



from 13, quite well,
from 15, well,
from 17, very good.

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Application deadline
December 1st, 2025-May 31st, 2026

Academic Year
September 2026- May 2027

Cost of training
€ 20,000

Program eligible to the LPDP scholarship. Please contact Lpdp.prancis@ifi-id.com for more information

Program eligible to the Jean Monnet scholarship (Turkey)

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Stavros Tsiovolos, LL.M. AWArDS 2024

“The LL.M. AWArDS provides a perfectly crafted balance between academic excellence and practical experience. Paris-Panthéon-Assas University rightly bears the title as one of the leading universities in Europe. This distinction combined with the teaching by distinguished professors of arbitration and international law provides all those academic prerequisites for academic excellence. However, what distinguishes this master’s degree is the teaching by seasoned practitioners of international arbitration. A first-hand experience with top-tier law firms arms the candidate with the practical background to further excel his/hers professional advancement. The modules are structured in a way as to prepare the candidate for the international arbitration practice. Moot-courts, memorial drafting and oral advocacy assessments lead to the creation of a complete profile of the candidate.

As arbitration in its essence is inclusive, so is this LL.M. by establishing one of the most diverse communities. Thus, the candidate is offered the rare opportunity to obtain valuable knowledge of common and civil law background. Post graduation, I have received an offer from one of the leading international arbitration law firms in Paris, and this underlines perfectly the prestige of the LL.M. AWArDS and its international recognition.”

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