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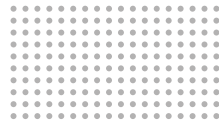
EXECUTIVE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM IN

ARBITRATION

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Joint Postgraduate Program of the University of Lucerne and the University of Neuchâtel in cooperation with the Swiss Arbitration Academy



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→ **INTERESTED
IN INTERNATIONAL
ARBITRATION?**

International arbitration requires a number of skills: dealing with clients from different cultures, resolving disputes between parties from all over the world, interacting with opposing counsels, appointing arbitrators from outside your jurisdiction, arguing your case before them, and applying procedural skills such as oral arguments, cross examination, expert questioning and the like.

Welcome to the SAA

A preferred location for international arbitration like Switzerland is apt to provide education of the highest level in international arbitration. The Swiss Arbitration Academy (SAA) is a private institution founded and directed by a group of arbitration practitioners, including attorneys and professors, to provide professional and practical training in arbitration. The University of Lucerne and the University of Neuchâtel are distinguished Universities in Switzerland.

The program has a distinctive practice-oriented approach. The first module provides an in-depth introduction to the fundamental features and the law of international arbitration. The following three modules cover practical issues on the basis of a mock arbitration case. Relevant aspects of arbitral proceedings from preparation of the proceeding, client handling, the final award, its

challenge and enforcement, are analyzed from the counsel's as well as the arbitrator's perspective. In addition to the head lecturers, further practitioners participate in the different modules to assist and coach students in practical exercises.

After the four-module training, participants will have acquired knowledge and valuable insights into how arbitration is conducted by counsel and arbitrators.

The Programs

CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES IN ARBITRATION (CAS) SAA PRACTITIONER'S COURSE (ArbP)

MODULE 1 → Fundamentals of International Arbitration

CAS

MODULE 2 → How to Commence Arbitration Proceedings

ArbP

MODULE 3 → Taking of the Evidence, Hearings, Discovery, Interim Measures

MODULE 4 → From the Hearing to the Challenge and Enforcement of the Award

The four modules run from May to January of the following year, each starting on a Thursday morning and ending on a Monday afternoon. You can attend the course on a flexible basis; the four modules do not have to be concluded in the same year.

Modules can also be booked individually.



Teaching Method

In order to provide participants with an international approach to arbitration, all lecturers and guest speakers are arbitration practitioners experienced in international arbitration within and outside of Switzerland. The SAA believes in the Socratic Method and ensures that all courses have a distinctive practice-oriented approach.

In addition to the head lecturers, more than 30 guest practitioners participate in the different modules bringing their specialized expertise to assist and coach students in practical exercises. The courses are taught in English.

The maximum number of participants is limited (approx. 20 – 30 participants) to ensure that each participant benefits to the greatest extent possible from the lectures, discussions, mock scenarios and exercises. During the SAA courses, participants are not only taught about arbitration, but will also meet arbitration practitioners from all over the world, allowing them to further expand their own networks.

Organization

→ WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE COURSE?

Our programs are designed for lawyers, in-house counsel and other professionals interested in international dispute resolution, including non-lawyers. No prior experience in international arbitration is necessary, but is of course useful.

→ CERTIFICATES

Participants who successfully conclude Module 2, 3 and 4 will be awarded the Arbitration Practitioner Diploma of the Swiss Arbitration Academy. In addition, by passing a short oral exam on Module 1 and writing a paper of ca. 25 pages, a participant may qualify for the internationally accredited Certificate of Advanced Studies in Arbitration – Joint Degree of the Universities of Lucerne and Neuchâtel.

→ VENUE

Our courses are taught in Lucerne, Neuchâtel, Zurich, and Geneva.

Application Process

To apply for the CAS in Arbitration, the Arbitration Practitioner's Course or an individual module, please submit your CV, motivation letter and any additional information relevant to establish your qualifications. Your application can be submitted online at the SAA website:

[swiss-arbitration-academy.ch](https://www.swiss-arbitration-academy.ch)

Depending on your qualifications, additional documents or a phone interview may be required to ensure that you will be able to join the program.

The number of participants is limited. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Places will be awarded upon receipt and approval of the application by the Joint Admission Committee.

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Team

FACULTY

The faculty of the SAA is a mix of permanent faculty members (Academic Council), its Advisory Committee, and prominent guest lecturers who are responsible for certain aspects within a module.

SAA ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Academic Council consists of the founders and directors of the SAA. Currently, the Academic Council includes the following members:

Dr. Philipp Bärtsch, LL.M., Partner Schellenberg Wittmer Ltd, Geneva

Daniele Favalli, LL.M., Partner VISCHER, Zurich

Dr. Xavier Favre-Bulle, D.E.S., Partner Lenz & Staehelin, Geneva

Prof. Dr. Daniel Girsberger, LL.M., University of Lucerne, Of Counsel Wenger & Vieli, Zurich

Alexandra C. Johnson, LL.M., Partner Bär & Karrer, Geneva

Dr. Laurent Killias, LL.M., Partner Pestalozzi, Zurich

Joachim Knoll, LL.M., Partner Lalive, Geneva

Prof. Dr. Christoph Müller, LL.M., University of Neuchâtel

Dr. Urs Weber-Stecher, LL.M., Partner Wenger & Vieli, Zurich

Testimonials



« The CAS in Arbitration provides you with an extensive insight into the various legal and economic topics in International Dispute Resolution. Along with that comes the great experience of learning about how to manage controversies in other cultures from most experienced, international faculty and classmates as well as the opportunity of broadening your international network. »

→ **Dr. Nikolaus Vavrovsky,**
Vavrovsky Heine Marth, Vienna
(President of the SAA Alumni Association)



« I very much appreciated attending the Swiss Arbitration Academy; I believe that the combination of theoretical lectures and the exposure to the practice provide an effective and modern way to approach international arbitration. One should also not forget the opportunities offered by such an intensive course for improving the participants' network in Switzerland and abroad. »

→ **Paolo Marzolini,**
Patocchi & Marzolini,
Geneva



« My best training course experience ever! Perfect course format, outstanding tutors from the international arbitration scene, small group of strongly motivated students from all over the world. Excellent combination of professional training, social networking and fun. Highly recommended, not only for lawyers. » → **Martin Münch,**

Patent attorney, E. Blum & Co. AG,
Zurich



« An in depth, comprehensive course taught by outstanding professionals. Their dedication to the course made it an enriching and enjoyable learning experience. » → **Umut Tuga,**

Counsel, Gama Power Systems Inc.,
Turkey



« I'm impressed by the wealth of experiences and insights that the participants get to learn from, and by the diverse backgrounds of the practitioners that share these experiences and insights with us. » → **Prof. Hans-Ueli Vogt,**

University of Zurich,
Zurich

100% APPROVAL RATE: ALL GRADUATES FROM CLASS 2018/19 RATED THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE AS «EXCELLENT».

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