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

2026-2027

Direction : Malik LAAZOUZI

Diplôme délivré :
University Degree: Postgraduate

Durée des études :
306 study hours / 306 heures

Modalités d'enseignement :
Formation continue

Le LL.M Assas W*orld Arbitration and Disputes Settlement* (AWArDS) est une **formation anglophone** consacrée à l'arbitrage international et au règlement des différends commerciaux internationaux.

Impliquant des universitaires et des praticiens spécialistes de l'arbitrage international et des secteurs ou matières concernés, la formation a pour ambition de former les étudiants aux réalités exigeantes du droit et de la pratique de l'arbitrage international et de certains aspects du règlement des litiges commerciaux international.

OBJECTIFS

Training objectives

Paris is at the heart of the world of international arbitration, both in terms of international commercial arbitration and investment arbitration. The long-lasting French tradition of international arbitration law is based on the combination of the forces committed to ensuring its international influence. The excellence of academics and practitioners in this field is combined with the constant desire of the French legislator and courts to ensure the effectiveness of French international arbitration law in the interests of the parties.

Paris Panthéon-Assas University is heir to the former Faculté de Droit et de Sciences Economiques de Paris, once comprising the Sorbonne and located in the heart of the Latin Quarter since the 13th century. Considered as France's first Law University, Paris Panthéon-Assas University is dedicated to upholding the tradition from which it arose.

In keeping with its tradition of excellence in international arbitration, as evidenced by the training offered to French-speaking students, Paris Panthéon-Assas University now also offers advanced training in the field, entirely in English. This training is provided by the best specialists in international arbitration, whether they are academics, practitioners (lawyers, quantum experts, managers of third-party funders, artificial intelligence researchers, etc.), based in Paris or in other arbitration centres (London, Singapore, etc.).

Delivered in the heart of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés District, the LL.M. AWArDS bears its name well (Assas World Arbitration and Disputes Settlement). The course will cover both French international arbitration law (commercial and investment arbitration law) and the main elements of comparative law in this field. The LL.M. will also deepen other aspects of dispute resolution mechanisms: mediation, negotiation, settlement agreements, international business litigation, etc.



Thus, the main objectives of the LL.M. Awards can be summarized for the benefit of its English-speaking students from all over the world:

> To master the fundamental elements of international arbitration law.
> To understand the peculiarities of the various fields of specialization within international arbitration.
> To understand the place of international arbitration in the context of international dispute settlement.
> To comprehend the relationship between arbitral proceedings and state or regional legal systems.
> To broaden the understanding of international arbitration from a comparative perspective.
> To get more familiar with the substantive and international aspects of certain legal regimes (international contract law, protection of foreign investments, etc.).
> To decline the knowledge of international arbitration 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.
Involving academics and practitioners specialised in international arbitration, but also in the various specialized fields of dispute before arbitral tribunals, the training is based on the richness of Paris as one of the most prominent international arbitration venues, internationally recognized as such. Its aim is to train students in the demanding realities of international arbitration law and practice, thanks to the most renowned academics and practitioners.

ADMISSIONS

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 University Paris-Panthéon-Assas as part of a specialized training

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.



Admission

Les étudiants sélectionnés, entre 20 et 30, seront :

> Titulaires d'une formation anglophone dispensée par une université étrangère de niveau équivalent au Master 2 (par exemple, sans exhaustivité, en droit des affaires, en droit des contrats ou en droit civil des affaires, en droit international privé ou en droit du commerce international) et désireux d'approfondir le droit de l'arbitrage international ;
> Dans le cas des étudiants venant des États-Unis, diplômés d'une formation *undergraduate* et inscrits en 2e ou 3e année de formation juridique (JD) ou ayant achevé une telle formation ;
> Praticiens (avocats, juristes, etc.), ayant une expérience de deux ans au moins, souhaitant acquérir une compétence nouvelle en dehors de leur domaine d'activité actuel ou souhaitant approfondir leur formation dans leur domaine d'activité actuel.
Le niveau d'anglais des candidats, dont ce n'est pas la langue maternelle, sera attesté par la présentation des résultats du test IELTS (7,5), du « C2 Proficiency test » (200) ou du TOEFL (100 pour la version internet-iBT, avec 25 pour chaque section ; 600 pour la version papier-PBT, avec 60 pour chaque section et 5 au Test of Written English).

ORGANISATION DE LA FORMATION

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).

PROGRAMME

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 and Investigations/Asset Recovery– 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*

CONTRÔLES DES CONNAISSANCES



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.

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. The completion of a Research Project is optional and, if chosen, replaces the assessment of the workshops in the second semester (Spring Semester).

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)***LL.M. AWArDS APPLICATION DEADLINE***
The application process will start on December 2nd, 2024 and close on May 30th, 2025.

> Application Link
> Candidature

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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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https://caed.u-paris2.fr/fr/llm-awards-assas-world-arbitration-disputes-settlement