Master of Laws in
International Arbitration & Dispute Resolution (LL.M. (IADR))

About Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in Singapore

With the support of the Government, the Courts and the Bar, Singapore has become one of the leading centres for International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution in the world. With institutions, such as the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) and its trend-setting rules, the Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC), the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC) with its foreign judges and first-class hearing facilities at Maxwell Chambers, Singapore attracts disputes and top lawyers from all over the world.

About the National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law (NUS Law):

NUS Law is widely regarded as 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.

About the LL.M. (IADR):

The LL.M. (IADR), which has been launched in August 2016, seeks to nurture lawyers and scholars to conduct rigorous and independent inquiries into relevant dispute resolution issues, to appreciate transnational approaches to arbitration, to articulate critical and impactful insights, and to propose solutions beneficial to the local and global communities. This new specialised LL.M. program enables a student to get an in-depth understanding of the laws of international arbitration and dispute resolution, and 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.

In order to obtain the LL.M. (IADR), students will have to complete a total of 40-44 course credits in two semesters, out of which 24 credits (about 5-6 courses) must be in the specialisation field, including the compulsory courses of International Commercial Arbitration, International Dispute Settlement and Topics in International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution. The remaining credits may be chosen from an unrestricted range of electives or from the specialisation field. In addition, the Singapore International Arbitration Academy (which is part of the NUS Centre for International Law) runs an intensive course in late November and early December every year. It is a practical course taught by top arbitrators and academics from Singapore and around the world. We would award a credit transfer equivalent to 8 credits to the students who attend the academy.

About the Courses:

NUS Law offers a broad and diverse range of over 120 elective courses. Students enrolled in the LL.M. (IADR) are eligible to choose a maximum of 20 credits 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.

Some of the elective courses for the LL.M. (IADR) are: Advanced Issues in the Law &
Admission & Tuition Fees:

Graduate online application period is from 1 October 2017 to 1 December 2017. For application details, visit: http://www.law.nus.edu.sg/admissions/app_periods_forms.html. The admission requirements for the LL.M. (IADR) are:

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

* A minimum TOEFL (paper-based) score of 600 and IELTS of minimum 7.0 will be considered, but we strongly prefer the iBT.

The fee (per annum) for the full-time LL.M. (IADR) is S$34,700 (as at 1 January 2017).

Double Degree Program - NUS Master of Laws (International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution) (LL.M. (IADR)) + University of Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS)

About this Double Degree Program:

The Geneva LL.M. in International Dispute Settlement (MIDS) is a one-year full-time graduate degree program 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 LL.M. degrees in the specialised field of international arbitration and dispute resolution.

This Double Degree Program (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 (Switzerland) jurisdictions.

Students may obtain two LL.M. 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 LL.M. (IADR) to NUS and 70% of the prevailing full LL.M. fee at the 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 70% of the prevailing full LL.M. fee at NUS Law for the next 6 months when completing the LL.M. (IADR) at NUS Law.

Admission:

The NUS Law graduate online application period is from 1 October 2017 to 1 December 2017. Students who wish to commence in Singapore must be first admitted to NUS Law for the LL.M. (IADR). Students shall have to fulfil the admission requirements for both the NUS LL.M. (IADR) and the Geneva MIDS.

For More information:

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