DEPARTMENT OF LAW



Master Programme in International Commercial Arbitration Law

Stockholm University



SULaw's ICAL class 2023-24

International Commercial Arbitration Law, 60 ECTS

A hands-on and dynamic learning approach
For more than 20 years, Stockholm University has offered a unique programme in International Commercial Arbitration Law that has achieved top rankings in global studies of LL.M. programmes. The programme uses a variety of teaching formats, emphasises student participation in the learning process, and provides opportunities for students to apply theory in simulated arbitration exercises. Students from a broad range of backgrounds and from all over the world participate in a dynamic learning experience where the multifaceted aspects of arbitration are considered from a range of comparative perspectives and always with an inquiring mind and a hands-on, problem-solving approach.



Swedish Arbitration Days, 2022

Stockholm, A leader in international arbitration

Stockholm is internationally recognized as a leader in the field of arbitration, known for hosting numerous arbitrations and as the home to one of the most active and respected arbitration institutes, the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce, and therefore a natural place to engage in an intellectually vigorous study of both the theory and practice of international commercial arbitration.

Besides attending seminars and conferences with international arbitration specialists, our students can also **engage in the international community** by participating in international moot competitions. ICAL students regularly participate in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot (where Stockholm University is one of the institutional members) in Vienna and Hong Kong, the Investment Arbitration Moot in Frankfurt, and the ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition in Paris. Our university's teams consistently excel in these competitions, advancing to the final rounds and winning awards for written submissions and oral presentations.

Structure and Contents of the Programme

Students in the programme undertake an intensive study of international commercial arbitration and participate in lectures by leading practitioners, academics, and arbitrators, who are internationally recognized in the field. The interactive and dynamic learning approach also takes students out of the classroom. Participants attend seminars at international and local law firms, take part in international arbitration conferences, and visit the world renowned Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC). In addition, participating in the programme gives students the opportunity to put theory into practice. ICAL students take part in an extensive mock arbitration, which involves writing briefs, holding a hearing and conducting cross-examination as well as writing an arbitral award.

During the second semester, the students participate in a course on Advanced International Arbitration as well as hone legal research skills by writing a master thesis on a topic in international arbitration. The advanced seminars enable students to discuss very complex arbitration topics and further develop problem-solving skills whereas the thesis project helps the students cultivate skills as scholars and focus on developing persuasive argumentation supported by appropriate sources. ICAL students have access to a broad range of legal databases and a unique specialised arbitration library. Many students choose to publish articles based on their thesis in international journals, enter their thesis into writing competitions or use the thesis as a springboard to pursue academic careers.

The International Commercial Arbitration Law programme seeks to bring together a diverse group of accomplished students that are highly motivated to join the international arbitration community. Each year, participants come from all over the world with a variety of backgrounds from legal, business, and academic sectors.

The Faculty of Law was founded in 1907 and is the largest law faculty in Sweden, both in number of reseachers and students.



Preparation for an international career

For more than 20 years, the International Commercial Arbitration Law (ICAL) programme has been preparing students to launch their professional lives. Alumni from the programme work all over the world not only as counsel in leading law firms and as arbitrators, but they can be found also working for arbitration institutes, as academics at major universities, as in-house counsel and governmental advisors. The ICAL Alumni Association puts current and former students in touch around the world, enabling participants to connect with the strong and collegial alumni network the programme fosters.

Welcome to send in your application between mid-October until mid-January, and start a new chapter of your career today!

Applying for our LL.M.s

Eligibility
To be eligible for our LL.M. programme, applicants must fulfil the English language requirement, and hold an LL.B. or equivalent undergraduate degree with a minimum of 180 ECTS in law. Applicants on the last year of such a degree can also apply.

Application
Our only application round is open between mid-October and mid-January every year. Applications must be submitted through the national Swedish application portal University Admissions (https://www.universityadmissions.se/). Students must document their eligibility for the chosen programme, and upload all the documents required for the selection process according to the instructions.

Supporting documents
In their applications, applicants are required to upload the following :
- Copy of diploma + transcript (according to the instructions on University Admissions Sweden)
- Proof of English proficiency (according to the instructions on University Admissions Sweden)
- Statement of purpose (template to use)
- Two letters of recommendation
- CV (max 2 A4 pages)

Selection
Eligible applicants are selected on the basis of a weighted assessment of grades from earlier legal studies, relevant extra-curricular/professional experiences, one personal statement and two letters of recommendation. Typically, grades from legal studies and extra-curricular/professional experiences

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