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UNIVERSITY DEGREE: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR LAW

The advantages of the training

The International School of Nuclear Law (ISNL), established in 2001 by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) in co-operation with the University of Montpellier, has been designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the various interrelated legal issues relating to the safe, efficient and secure use of nuclear energy.

The ISNL benefits from the support of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which awards financial support to a limited number of professionals from its member states that are eligible to receive such support under the IAEA Technical Cooperation Programme.

The NEA awards grants to a select number of students from its member countries qualified to participate in this programme.

The ISNL programme has evolved since 2001 to address developments in nuclear law, thus providing a high quality, intensive overview of a complex body of laws and legal regimes. The ISNL has provided a unique educational opportunity to more than 1200 graduate students and young professionals from around the world.

Objectives

To provide a comprehensive understanding of the various interrelated legal issues relating to the safe, efficient and secure use of nuclear energy.

Organization

Knowledge control

1 session lasting two weeks (10-days)

Material:

- Comprehensive examination covering all subjects taught

Type of control:

- active class and case study participation during the 10-day ISNL course in Montpellier (English only);
- multiple-choice test (in English or French); and
- written dissertation of publishable quality on a topic relevant to international nuclear law (written in either English or French).

Program

The following subjects are covered during the 10-day programme:

- introduction to nuclear law
- international institutions and organisations
- international radiological protection standards
- nuclear accident notification and assistance
- nuclear safety
- nuclear regulatory regimes
- environmental protection
- management of spent fuel and radioactive waste
- transport of nuclear materials and fuel
- nuclear security: physical protection, illicit trafficking and terrorism
- non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international safeguards for nuclear materials
- liability, compensation and insurance for nuclear damage
- international trade in nuclear materials and equipment
- contracting

Admission

Conditions of access

Selection based on application

Target audience

- Graduate students
- Professionals seeking continuing education

Tuition fees

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Necessary pre-requisites

- undergraduate university degree in a relevant discipline
- advanced graduate-level education and/or significant professional work experience are also important factors
- a legal education is not required
- English proficiency