



Responsible Business Conduct

Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS)
Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich
Centre for Human Rights

CAS in Responsible Business Conduct

Topic

This CAS aims at supporting professionals and practitioners who seek a continuing education program to enhance their skills in the dynamic field of Responsible Business Conduct. By adopting a practical approach that emphasizes the crucial process of due diligence, participants will acquire the tools necessary to harmonize business practices with the principles of responsible business conduct, including human rights and environmental sustainability.

Target Audience

Professionals from business, government, civil society, and academia, such as lawyers, compliance officers and risks managers, in charge of responsible corporate governance and sustainability due diligence implementation decisions.

Duration/Sessions

- One semester, 10 ECTS Credits
- Approx. 20 real-time virtual course sessions complemented by a self-study component
- Friday (3 hours) and Saturday (3 hours) held generally every 2 weeks

Language & Format

English and fully online

Registration & Info

CHF 7500.- (covers all fees and materials)

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The CAS develops throughout five modules:

Module 1 – Foundations of RBC

This module introduces and analyzes the concept of Responsible Business Conduct based on the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), and the current regulatory global framework and its developments around the world, incl. the recently adopted EU legislation on corporate sustainability (CSDDD & CSRD).

Module 2 – Due Diligence

This module will examine the full due diligence process, from the incorporation of RBC into management systems, through to risk identification, reporting and access to remedy, with a focus on relevant case studies.

Module 3 – Group Case Study

The module features live sessions with participants collaboratively working on RBC key cases and discussing due diligence best practices and effective access to remedy.

Module 4 – In-depth Study

This module investigates crucial topics such as: Human Rights, Finance, Labor, Bribery and Corruption, Environment, and Digitalization from an RBC perspective with a special session on RBC in conflict-affected and challenging contexts.

Module 5 – Individual Project

On the closing module, participants focus on RBC issues of personal relevance and interest, developing each an individual and original project, comprising a written paper and a presentation.

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