



Background

For more than 20 years the International Training Centre of the ILO, the University of Turin and the University Institute of European Studies, in collaboration with other world-class universities, have been offering a shortened version of this Master as a postgraduate course under the name “International Trade Law”. In recognition of increasing demand for higher levels of specialization and career development in international trade law and coinciding with the decision to establish the Turin School of Development (as a unique mechanism for the delivery of joint UN-academic programmes), it was decided to expand and upgrade the programme’s learning contents to a Master of Laws in International Trade Law as of the academic year 2010-2011.

UNCITRAL - a historical partner of the post-graduate course – endorsed the new Master and accepted the status of a full partner as of 2010. Besides, such international organizations and renowned universities have increasingly contributed to the Master and delegated distinguished faculty members to join the Scientific Committee and/or to participate in programme delivery, as WTO, UNCTAD, UNIDROIT, EU, ICC.

The Master Programme provides comprehensive coverage of International Trade Law, including Public International Law, Private International Law and International Dispute Resolution. It focuses on International Organisations (WTO, UNCITRAL), International Contracts, with emphasis on recent developments and the increasing complexity of the laws of global trade. In addition the Master incorporates a dedicated module on International Dispute Settlement, Arbitration and Mediation.

The Master has an international and diverse Faculty composed of professors of law, practitioners (lawyers, in-house lawyers) and distinguished officials from international organisations imparting to the participants

not only the legal knowledge and skills for negotiating trade and related contractual issues but also the practical skills that are necessary for a successful career in the field. The combination of academic and legal practitioners is a distinctive feature of this programme which enables smooth integration of theory with practice.

Teaching modality includes: distance learning, workshops, moot courts, seminars and case studies where students actively participate to the class and contribute to the learning process.

Participants will benefit from the support and involvement of Module coordinators and tutors who will assist and advise them throughout the learning period.



Objectives

The learning objectives of the master programme are:

- advancing legal knowledge in the field of international trade law and transnational contract law and related provisions of public and private international law;
- providing fundamental tools and competencies needed to deal with the complex reality of international commercial transactions from an international perspective and in particular with respect to:
 - Negotiation and Drafting of International Commercial Contracts;
 - Interpretation and Management of International Commercial Contracts;
 - International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration.



Faculty and Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee is composed of:

Gianmaria Ajani (Professor of International Commercial Contracts and Chinese Law, Rector of the University of Turin); Luca Castellani (Legal Officer, UNCITRAL);

Roberto Caranta (Professor of Administrative Law and Economic Law at the University of Turin); Blerina Pogace (Officer at ITC-ILO), Mario Comba (Professor of Comparative Public Law and Director of IUSE); Franz Werro (Professor of Law, European Private Law and Comparative Law at the University of Fribourg - Switzerland and the Georgetown University Law Centre); Lorenza Mola (Associate professor of International Law – University of Turin); Cristina Poncibò (Associate Professor of Comparative Private Law – University of Turin); Alberto Oddenino (Univeristy of Turin); Silvia Ferreri (University of Turin); Elena Gilardi (Research fellow IUSE); Samuel Asfaha (ITCILO, Programme manager); Giuseppe Casale (Deputy Director of ITCILO, Director of the Turin School of Development).



Detailed Curriculum of the Master Programme

The programme is an intensive course of one full year duration structured in three different parts as follows:

DISTANCE LEARNING PHASE

During this first part participants will be provided with essential preliminary information needed to acquire the prerequisite entry level knowledge in the disciplines. In this preparatory phase the students will study:

DL MODULE 1: Public International Law

DL MODULE 2: Comparative Contract Law

DL MODULE 3: International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

Each MODULE has four UNITS. At the end of each MODULE, you have to pass a learning test to assess your studies.

Each MODULE overviews the main legal developments concerning International Trade Law over the last decades. It addresses both theoretical and practical issues from three perspectives: public international law, comparative contract law and international dispute resolution.

During this phase of distance learning, participants will have access to an on-line platform, through which they will be given the material, while receiving advisory support from a dedicated tutor. Within 2 weeks of arrival in Turin, participants will have a test intended to assess the level of knowledge attained by the students during the distance learning phase.

Face-to-Face Phase (ITC-ILO Campus)

Module I: Diversity & Institutions

- International trade law (WTO)
- International investment law
- IPRs- related issues
- International taxation law
- International norms on bribery and corruption
- Economics for international trade law and transnational business activities

Module II: International Contracts

- Comparative contract law:
- Diversity and harmonisation in contract law
- General principles governing the law of international contracts
- International commercial contracts:
- CISG
- UPICC
- Maritime Law - Links between the sale, carriage of goods (CIF and FOB contracts) and banking contracts
- Legal terminology in English
- State contracts
- M&A and joint venture
- Project financing
- IP rights and technology
- International insurance law
- E-commerce
- Energy contracts
- Insolvency law

Module III: Moot Court & Arbitration

- Arbitration systems and ADR

Final Essay

The final phase consists of the submission of a final essay or a case analysis by the end of October 2019 (30 pages approximately) supervised by an advisor and by the Module coordinator.



Participants profile

Our students come from many different countries and our programme is proud of supporting the diversity of the class.

The master programme targets:

- recent university graduates, preferably with some relevant working experience, who intend to work in the field of international trade law e.g. in law firms, corporations’ legal departments, European and international organisations, academic or research institutions;
- professionals, law consultants, practitioners, and managers wishing to expand their knowledge in the field of negotiation of international contracts;



Entry requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed a first level university degree of at least 3 years’ duration, either in law, economics, political sciences, business administration or equivalent.

The validity of non-Italian degrees must be recognized under Italian law and regulations.



Language, duration, venue

Language

The master programme is entirely delivered in English. Knowledge of the English language is a pre-requisite and must be proven in the application form with supporting documents.

Duration

The programme lasts one full year with the following timetable:

- distance learning: from 29 October 2018 to 3 February 2019;
- residential phase: from 4 February 2019 to 7 June 2019;
- preparation and submission of the Master Thesis: the outline of the dissertation is to be presented in Turin by 7 June 2019 and it is to be completed by the end of October 2019.

Participants who pass the prescribed examinations will be awarded with a First Level Master Degree in International Trade Law issued by the University of Turin with the cooperation of ITCILO and UNCITRAL.

Venue

The residential phase of the programme will be held at the Campus of the ITCILO in Turin, Italy. Class attendance is compulsory.



Scholarships

A limited number of partial fellowships may become available from sponsors in order to facilitate the participation of deserving candidates who are unable to meet the full tuition fees.

Participants are therefore expected to finance their participation as much as possible. The admission criteria will take into consideration the participant’s self-financing potential as well as his/her educational and professional profiles.



Fees and applications

The tuition fee is **Euro 8,000**.

The fee includes:

- programme development and management;
- teaching equipment, training materials and documentation;
- use of training facilities and support services.

Board, lodging, travel expenses, transports and personal expenses for the period in Turin are not included in the fee.

The cost of accommodation (bed and breakfast) at the ITC-ILO campus during the 18 weeks' residential face-to-face part of the programme is **5,550 Euro**. Meals are excluded and must be paid directly by participants in accordance with consumption.

Participants may seek off-campus accommodation like in university residences or private apartments which may be less costly.

Application deadline

Applicants interested in participating in this programme should complete and submit the application form available on the website (<http://www.itcilo.org/masters-programmes/ll-m-in-international-trade-law>), together with the requested documents, not later than or the **30th June 2018**. Early applications are encouraged as eligible candidates will be accepted on "first come first served" basis. Applications will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee on regular basis and feedback will be provided within one month.

A limited number of partial scholarships is available for applicants from developing countries only.

Important: only complete application forms will be considered during the candidate's selection process.



The ILO Turin Centre's facilities

Located in Turin, the city of the 2006 Winter Olympic Games, in an attractive park on the banks of the River Po, the Centre's campus provides a congenial environment in which to live and study.

It contains 21 pavilions with fully equipped modern classrooms, conference halls and meeting rooms fitted out for multilingual simultaneous interpretation, a computer laboratory, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 210 single fully serviced bedrooms, 66 double bedrooms and 12 suites, each with private bathroom, telephone, 24h free internet access and flat screen television. It also has:

- a reception desk open 24 hours a day
- a restaurant, a self-service canteen and a coffee lounge, all catering for international dietary needs
- a bank
- a travel agency
- a laundry service
- a post office
- two gyms
- facilities for outdoor sports (football and tennis)
- a medical service

Social events are regularly held both on and off campus, so that participants from different cultural backgrounds can make the most of a stimulating international environment.

For further information about the Master and all other communications, please contact the course secretariat:

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