



Background

Across the world, one of the key priorities for both advanced and developing countries is jobs in terms of both the quantity and quality of employment. In addition to learning from other countries, developing economies require a relevant approach, which recognizes the specific challenges in their labour markets. Facing a range of uncertainties, there is strong demand for technical expertise to analyse the economy and labour market using a “jobs-lens” and drawing on these insights to shape an effective policy response. Furthermore, the ongoing cultural change of international organizations and national/local governments towards evidence-based policy making requires new and widespread expertise that can link insights on labour market dynamics to rigorous policy evaluation techniques.

The Master’s programme in Applied Labour Economics for Development (MALED) of the Turin School of Development (ITC-ILO) is a response to the demand for stronger expertise in labour and development economics (and the nexus between the two disciplines) as well as in the design and evaluation of policies and projects that place employment at the heart of policy making.

The programme is delivered as a first-level Master’s degree by the Department of Economics and Statistics of the University of Turin.



Objectives

The Master’s programme prepares students and professionals from both advanced and

developing countries to analyse economic and labour market issues and evaluate policies that place employment at the core of economic, social and development policy-making. The degree combines training in analytical and quantitative economic methods in different development contexts.

The training methodology balances traditional classes on theory, concepts and methods by experienced academics with concrete case studies and practical assignments by practitioners and professionals to support policy applications.

Students strongly benefit from the unique mix of lecturers, researchers, practitioners and experts from bilateral and international agencies, including the ILO. The programme builds on research findings and tools developed by the ILO, other international organizations and the academic institutions associated with the programme.

Career opportunities after this Master include roles in national administrations, international organizations, bilateral and multilateral development agencies, non-profit organizations, consulting and research institutions.



Advisory Committee

The Master’s programme has an advisory committee, which provides guidance to the pedagogical content and selection of lecturers. The committee is composed of representatives from the University of Turin, the main academic institution involved in the programme, as well as representatives from the ILO and other academic institutions.

Advisory committee’s representatives: Samuel Asfaha (ILO), Luigi Benfratello (Politecnico of Turin), Sukti Dasgupta (ILO), Rafael Diez de Medina (ILO), Errol D’Souza (Indian Institute of Management), Daniel Kostzer (ILO), Roberto Leombruni (LABOR), Alessandra Molz (ITC-ILO), Christophe Nordman (IRD/DIAL), Lia Pacelli (University of Turin), Silvia Pasqua (University of Turin), Sher Verick (ITC-ILO).



Detailed curriculum of the Master

The curriculum combines a three-month distance-learning phase with a four-month face-to-face component followed by a nine-month period for the preparation of the master’s thesis. The Master’s programme covers the following core modules:

- Modules A1 and A2 – Fundamentals in economics focusing on macroeconomics, microeconomics and development economics.
- Module B – Labour market policies and institutions with applications to developed and developing countries.
- Modules C1, C2 and C3 – Basic and advanced courses on quantitative methods in the areas of statistics, econometrics, impact evaluation and microsimulation.
- Module D – Data collection methods, data analysis and measurement of labour market conditions and decent work in different development contexts.

- Seminars on contemporary global labour market challenges complete the learning activity.

At the end of the academic year, each student will be required to prepare a Master’s thesis directed by a faculty member or representative from the other institutions involved.

Module A1: Fundamentals in economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macroeconomic theory• Microeconomic theory
Module A2: Development economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development economics• Sustainable development• Poverty, informality and inequality• Trade and development• Institutions and development
Module B: Labour market policies and institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour market institutions• Active labour market policies• Minimum wages• Social security
Module C1: Quantitative methods - econometrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statistics• Application of Stata• Fundamentals in econometrics
Module C2: Quantitative methods - econometrics and impact evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applied econometrics• Impact evaluation

Module C3: Microsimulation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsimulation• Cost-benefit analysis• General equilibrium models
Module D: Labour Statistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labour force survey analysis• Administrative data analysis• Analysing data for applied labour economics



Participants’ profile

The Master is intended for:


- Recent university graduates from developing and developed countries;
 - Officials and/or professionals in the public and private sector, in national offices of statistics, in Ministries, UN agencies, research institutions, NGOs and other organizations.
- Essential requirements for admission are:
- To hold a Bachelor’s degree of minimum three years’ duration, preferably in economics, business, management, political sciences, statistics and engineering;
 - To be fluent in the English language.

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

More information available at the link

<http://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/turin-school-of-development/who-andhow/recognition-of-foreign-degrees>

The Selection Committee reserves the right to interview candidates to validate the coherence of their professional projects with the Programme.



Language, programme and venue

The programme is held in English.

It will take place from 22 October 2018 to 28 February 2020 and is sub-divided into three cycles:

- The first cycle is conducted through a distance learning component that will start on 22 October 2018 and will end on 20 January 2019.
- The second cycle from 21 January 2019 to 17 May 2019 is a face-to-face learning period that will be held in Turin, Italy, at the International Training Centre of the ILO. Its campus and facilities (bank, post office, travel agency, laundry, gym, sports and recreation facilities) provide an ideal environment for studying, sharing experience and creating networks. Class attendance is compulsory.
- The third cycle is the preparation of a Master’s thesis, undertaken in the participant’s country, assisted by tutors and professors, which will start on 18 May 2019 and will end on 28 February 2020



Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships covering tuition fees and/or accommodation at the ITC-ILO campus are usually available for students from developing countries (ODA

eligible countries only) on a competitive basis among deserving candidates who are unable to meet the full tuition plus accommodation costs.

Fees and applications

The tuition fee is EURO 8,500 including training facilities, training materials, insurance and University registration fees.

Accommodation at the ITCILO Campus (optional) costs EURO 4,950 for the 17 weeks of residence in Turin during the face-to-face learning period. It includes bed and breakfast on campus in single room and laundry.

Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the on-line application form, available on the Master's website <http://maled.itcilo.org/>, together with the requested documents no later than 1 July 2018, to be considered for the first round of admission, or no later than 1 September 2018, to be considered for the second round of admission.

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

Payment, cancellation and refunds

Sponsoring institutions and self-paying participants are strongly encouraged to pay participation fees a month prior to the start date of the course in order to secure enrollment and the timely issuance of visas. The individual participation fees are payable in full and all related bank

charges (bank of origin, correspondent bank and recipient bank) shall be entirely borne by the participant or the sponsoring institution(s).

The payment schedule is as follows:

- a non-refundable enrollment fee of EURO 1,500 payable prior to the start date of the distance learning phase;
- the remainder of the tuition fees payable at least 30 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face learning phase;
- 100% of the accommodation fees payable 30 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face learning phase.

Cancellation of participation will result in the following penalties:

Tuition fees:

- no reimbursement of tuition fees will be made after the beginning of the face-to-face learning phase.

Accommodation fees:

- no penalty will be applied on accommodation fees in case of written notification of cancellation up to 14 days prior to the start date of the face-to-face phase;
- thereafter, a fixed penalty of EURO 1,000 will apply on accommodation fees in addition to the accommodation costs already incurred and calculated on a weekly basis (i.e. actual number of weeks and portions thereof);
- in case of change of room type or occupancy option, a fixed penalty fee of EURO 500 per person will apply.

Refunds, where and as applicable, will be processed with all bank charges to be borne by the participants or the sponsoring institutions.



The ILO Turin Centre's facilities

Located 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, and a computerized documentation centre linked to various data banks.

The campus has 287 study/bedrooms, all with private bathroom, telephone, free access to internet and cable 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;
- an internet point;
- a recreation room;
- facilities for outdoor and indoor sports;
- 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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