



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 governments towards evidence-based policymaking requires new and widespread expertise that can link insights on labour market dynamics to rigorous policy evaluation techniques.

The Master in Applied Labour Economics for Development (MALED) of the Turin School of Development (ITCILO) and the University of Turin 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 provides a unique opportunity to learn in an international setting together with leading academics and experts.

The programme is delivered as a first-level Master 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 policymaking. 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), Christophe Nordman (IRD/DIAL), Lia Pacelli (University of Turin), Silvia Pasqua (University of Turin), Sher Verick (ITCILO).



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.

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 and inequality • Informality • Trade and employment • Institutions and economic 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 with 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
Module D: Labour Statistics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to labour force surveys • Administrative data collection • Analysing labour force survey data for applied labour economics



Language, programme and venue

The programme is held in English and will take place from 21 October 2019 to 26 February 2021, covering three cycles:

- The first cycle is conducted through a distance-learning component that will start on 21 October 2019 and will end on 17 January 2020.
- The second cycle from 20 January 2020 to 15 May 2020 is a face-to-face learning phase. Class attendance is compulsory. This phase will be held in Turin, Italy, at the International Training Centre of the ILO. The Turin campus is a vibrant, international environment with a range of facilities (bank, post office, travel agency, laundry, gym, sports and recreation facilities), which provide an ideal environment for studying, sharing experiences and creating networks.
- 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 2020 and end on 26 February 2021.



Essential requirements and participants’ profile

The Master is intended for both:

- Recent university graduates from developing and developed countries who seek a career focused on labour economics and development
- Professionals in government, UN agencies, other multilateral organizations and bilateral agencies, social partners, research institutions, NGOs and other relevant organizations

Essential requirements for admission are:

- A bachelor’s degree of minimum three years’ duration, preferably in economics, statistics or related area
- Fluency in written and spoken English

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

More information available: <https://www.itcilo.org/en/training-offer/turin-school-of-development/who-and-how/recognition-of-foreign-degrees>

The Selection Committee reserves the right to interview candidates to validate the match of their profile with the Programme.



Fees and applications

The tuition fee is €8,500, including training facilities, training materials, insurance and University of Turin registration fees. A non-refundable enrollment fee of €1,500 is payable upon enrolment.

A limited number of partial scholarships covering tuition fees are available on a competitive basis for participants from developing countries (ODA eligible countries only – please see the list of countries) according to the above-described preferred profile.

Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the on-line application form, available on the Master's website <http://maled.itcilo.org/>, together with requested documents.



Application deadline

Applicants interested in participating in this programme should complete and submit the application form available on the website <http://maled.itcilo.org> by 1 June.

If you wish to be considered for a fellowship, early applications must be received by 30 April 2019.



Accommodation

Accommodation is the responsibility of students. Private rented flats, also to share, are available in the area. For more information, please refer to the FAQ area of the website, <http://maled.itcilo.org>

Accommodation at the ITCILO Campus costs €6,545 for the 17 weeks of residence during the face-to-face learning period. It includes bed and breakfast on campus in

single room and laundry. Minimum stay on campus is one month.



Payment and cancellation

Sponsoring institutions and self-paying participants are strongly encouraged to pay participation fees a month prior to the start date of the course according to the payment schedule set by the programme 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).

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 costs at the ITCILO campus:

- 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 €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 €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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