



Background

From 1991 to 2010 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, offered a shortened version of this Master as a postgraduate course in 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 in 2010-2011.

UNCITRAL – a historical partner of the post-graduate course – endorsed the new Master and accepted the status of a full partner in 2010. In addition, international organizations, such as WTO, UNCTAD, UNIDROIT, EU, ICC and renowned universities, have played an important role in the Master and delegated officials and faculty members respectively to join the Scientific Committee and/or to participate in programme delivery.



Main features

The Master Programme provides comprehensive coverage of International Trade Law and Dispute Resolution, from the perspectives of public international law, private international law and comparative private law. The Programme covers the key institutional and legal frameworks (such as WTO, UNCITRAL, and investment law), while focusing on international commercial contracts, with emphasis on recent

developments and the increasing complexity of the laws of global trade, including the impact of new technologies. In addition, the Master incorporates a dedicated module on international dispute settlement, arbitration and mediation.

Starting with the 2019-2020 edition, the Programme will include a number of electives, allowing students to focus more on either public or private international law.

The Master has an international and diverse faculty composed of distinguished professors of law and/or practitioners and officials from international organizations. Participants are imparted not only the legal knowledge and competencies for dealing with trade and trade-related contractual issues, but also the practical skills that are necessary for a successful career in the field. The careers envisaged are those in law firms, legal divisions of companies, national and international institutions dealing with international trade law.

Teaching modalities includes distance learning (through structured readings and videos, exercises, case notes) on a dedicated platform, lectures, workshops, moot courts, seminars with testimonials and case studies where students actively participate to the class and contribute to the learning process. A study tour in Geneva visiting some international organizations is included in the programme.

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



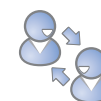
Objectives

The learning objectives of the Master Programme are:

- Advancing legal knowledge in the field of international trade law and transnational contract law;
- Enhancing competencies for international public, private and comparative legal analysis;
- Developing contract negotiating and drafting skills, and skills for dispute resolution;

Overall, 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:

- Compliance with trade-related transnational and international sets of rules;
- Negotiation and Drafting of International Commercial Contracts;
- Interpretation and Management of International Commercial Contracts;
- International Dispute Resolution and Arbitration.



Scientific Committee

The Scientific Committee (as of the 2018-2019 edition) is composed of:

- **Gianmaria Ajani** (Full Professor of Comparative Private Law, Rector of the University);
- **Roberto Caranta** (Full Professor of Administrative Law);
- **Giuseppe Casale** (Deputy Director of ITCILO, Director of the Turin School of Development);
- **Luca Castellani** (Legal Officer) – UNCITRAL;
- **Mario Comba** (Full Professor of Comparative Public Law and Director of IUSE);
- **Silvia Ferreri** (Full Professor of Comparative Private Law) – UNIVERSITY OF TURIN;

- **Elena Gilardi** (alumna, Research fellow IUSE) – IUSE;
- **Lorenza Mola** (Associate Professor of International Law);
- **Alberto Oddenino** (Associate Professor of International Law);
- **Cristina Poncibò** (Associate Professor of Comparative Private Law);
- **Sher Singh Verick** (Programme Manager);
- **Pierre Tercier** (Emeritus Professor – UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG (CH); Honorary Chairman, International Court of Arbitration of the ICC);
- **Franz Werro** (Professor of European Private Law and Comparative Law) – UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG (CH) and GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (US).



Detailed Curriculum of the Master Programme

The programme is an intensive course over a 12-month period and is structured in three different phases as follows:

PART I Distance Learning Phase

During this first phase, students will be provided with essential preliminary information needed to acquire the prerequisite entry-level knowledge. While being trained on perspectives, actors and sources of international trade, they will be given basic or more in-depth knowledge on issues, which will be covered in or will be complementary to the Face-to-Face Phase, respectively.

During this phase, participants will have access to an on-line platform, through which they will be given the materials, send their assignments and interact in forums as a class, while receiving advisory support from a dedicated tutor. Assessment will be carried out on a regular basis and upon arrival in Turin.

PART II Face-to-Face Phase (ITCILO Campus)

During the second phase, students will learn in class, as well as through individual study and group work. Participation in classes is compulsory; classes are held every day from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3.30 pm.

Subjects include: relevant trade-related institutions, international trade and investment law, trade and competition, trade and IPRs; comparative contract law, harmonization of private law, such aspects relating with international commercial contracts as the CISG, UPICC, sale, carriage of goods (CIF and FOB contracts) and their links with banking contracts, M&A and joint venture, state contracts, project financing, IPRs and technology, e-commerce, insurance law; arbitration systems and ADR, enforcement of arbitral awards.

A number of subjects will be covered as electives allowing some specialization from a public or private perspective.

PART III Final Essay

The third phase consists of the submission of a final essay or a case analysis by the end of July 2020 (early submission) or October 2020 (last submission) (30 pages approximately), supervised by an advisor and by the Module coordinator.



Participants profile

Students from past editions have come from many different countries and the Programme is proud of supporting diversity in 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, international organisations;

- 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, especially in law, but also – upon further verification – 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 phase: from 28 October 2019 to 2 February 2020;
- Face-to-Face phase: from 3 February 2020 to 5 June 2020;
- Preparation and submission of the Final Essay: the outline of the dissertation is to be presented in Turin by the end of the Face-to-Face phase and it is to be completed by the end of October 2020 at the latest.

Participants who pass the prescribed examinations will be awarded with a “First Level Master Degree in International Trade Law” (“First level” just being a compulsory designation for the purposes of the delivery of the diploma, according to Italian law on post-graduate education) issued by the University of Turin.

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 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 8,500**.

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 phase of the programme is 6,930 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 the 10th of June 2019. Applications are considered on a rolling basis and a feedback is given within a month from reception.

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

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



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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,

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

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