



Background

Today, the dynamic and complex process of development and globalisation calls for an enhanced understanding of the way to support more and better jobs in different development contexts. In all countries, poor and rich, the conviction is growing that labour is not a commodity, that labour markets are socially embedded, and that both the quantity and quality of employment is fundamental to responsible growth and the fight against poverty and social exclusion. In this context, the social demand for expertise in how to place decent employment at the heart of economic and development policies, and how to evaluate the impact of such policies is rising.

The Master program in Applied Labour Economics for Development (MALED) of the Turin School of Development (ITC-ILO) is a response to the need for more and more diverse expertise in the design and evaluation of evidence-based policies, in which international labour standards and fundamental rights at work go hand in hand with job creation and productive employment. The program is delivered as a Master of Science by the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Turin and as an Executive Master by the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po).



Objectives

This Master program is intended to prepare students and professionals from both advanced and developing countries to become experts in designing, analysing and evaluating policies that place employment at the core of economic, social and development policy making. The degree will combine rigorous training in analytical and quantitative economic methods with an emphasis on what constitutes an appropriate policy, legal and institutional framework for employment and decent work in different development contexts.

The training methodology will balance traditional classes on theory, concepts and methods by researchers and lecturers with concrete case studies and practical assignments by practitioners and professionals to support policy applications over pure theory.

The students will strongly benefit from the fact that the courses will be taught by a mix of lecturers, researchers, practitioners and experts from bilateral and international agencies. The programme will build on research findings and tools developed by the ILO, the AFD, the ECLAC, the World Bank and the academic and research institutions associated in the program.

Career opportunities for this Master include work in national administrations in developed and developing countries, international organisations, development agencies, non-profit organisations, consulting and preparation for economics research.



Advisory Committee

The Master program has its own advisory committee which provides advices regarding the pedagogical content and the nomination of lecturers. It is composed of the two main academic institutions involved in the program (University of Turin and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris) as well as of representatives from the French Development Agency (AFD), Laboratorio Revelli (LABOR), the ILO, the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD/DIAL), the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the World Bank.

Advisory committee representatives: Luis Alberto Beccaria (ECLAC), Sandrine Cazes (ILO), Rafael Diez de Medina (ILO), Inge Kerkloh-Devif (Sciences-Po), Alexandre Kolev (ITC-ILO), Jacques Le Cacheux (University of Pau and Science-Po), Roberto Leombruni (LABOR), Christophe Nordman (IRD/DIAL), Lia Pacelli (University of Turin), Silvia Pasqua (University of Turin), Robert Peccoud (AFD) and Maria Laura Sanchez-Puerta (World Bank).



Detailed curriculum of the Master

The curriculum will combine a two-month distance learning phase with a four-month face-to-face component.

- The Master program will be articulated around the 5 following core modules. The first module will cover the fundamentals in economics for development with a strong component in both the macroeconomics and microeconomics of labour markets.

- The second module will review labour standards, policies and institutions with applications in developed and developing countries.
- The third module will provide basic and more advanced courses on quantitative methods in the areas of statistics, econometrics, impact evaluation and microsimulation.
- The fourth module will be devoted to labour statistics, with courses on data collection methods, data analysis, and measurement of labour market conditions and decent work in different development contexts.
- The fifth module will consist of a series of conferences on contemporary global labour market challenges.

At the end of the academic year, each student will be required to prepare a Master thesis directed by a faculty member or by a professional from the institutions involved. The Master thesis can be written in any of the ILO official languages (English, French, Spanish) or in Italian as long as it is agreed beforehand with the thesis supervisor.

Module A: Fundamentals in economics for development (100 hours)

- Macroeconomics and monetary policies
- Trade
- Fiscal space
- Growth theory
- Sustainable development
- Labour market theory
- Labour markets in development
- Poverty and inequality

Module B: Labour standards, policies and institutions (60 hours)

- History of European labour market institutions
- Minimum wages
- Non discrimination and equality
- Informality
- Employment protection legislation
- Governance (collective bargaining and unions)
- Gender, household, time use
- Poverty, inequality and public cash transfers
- Unemployment benefits and social protection
- Active labour market policies

Module C: Quantitative methods (100 hours)

- Statistics and basics fundamentals in econometrics
- Applied econometrics
- Micro-simulation
- General Equilibrium Models
- Impact evaluation

Module D: Labour Statistics (60 hours)

- Administrative data
- Survey data collection
- Labour market data analysis

Module E: Seminars on contemporary global labour market challenges (30 hours)

- Macroeconomics for development
- Labour migration
- Rural employment
- The role of policies for labour market resilience
- Policies for decent work
- Findings from the ILO/WB inventory of policy responses to the crisis
- Child labour
- Inequality in the world of work
- Time and money at workplace – market and institutions



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, UN Agencies, foundations and NGOs.

Essential requirements for admission are:

- To hold a first university degree (BA) of minimum three years duration, preferably in economics, business, management, political sciences, law, 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.



Language, programme and venue

The programme is held in English.

It will take place from 29 October 2012 to 25 October 2013 and is sub-divided into three cycles:

- The first cycle is conducted through a distance learning component that will start on 29 October 2012 and will end on 18 January 2013.
- The second cycle from 21 January 2013 to 10 May 2013 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 thesis, undertaken in the participant's country or as part of an internship, assisted by tutors and professors, which will start on 13 May 2013 and will end on 25 October 2013.

Full time professionals can be allowed to undertake the Master part time, over a two year period. For more details please contact the secretariat.



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/transition economies 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 7,500, including training facilities, training materials, insurance and University registration fees.

Accommodation at the ITC-ILO Campus (optional) costs EURO 5,800 for the 16 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 website www.itcilo.org/masters/maled, together with the requested documents no later than 1st July 2012, to be considered for the first round of admission, or no later than 1st September 2012, to be considered for the second round of admission.

The application form can also be submitted by e-mail to maled@itcilo.org or by fax to +39 (0)11 6936451.

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



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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