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LANGUAGES

ENGLISH



APPLICATION DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 2024

OVERVIEW

The Programme is designed for university graduates and professionals eager to specialise in international trade law within the context of global business transactions. It offers an in-depth exploration of key international institutional and legal frameworks, such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), along with essential aspects of investment law.

The curriculum is further enhanced by dedicated modules on the Principles and Foundations of International Trade Law and the Rule of Law, Subsidies and State-Owned Enterprises, International Customs Law and Foreign Trade Policy, Trade and Labour, the Environment, Sustainability in Global Value Chains, International Contracts with an emphasis on Intercultural Negotiation and Contract Drafting for International Trade, and Innovation highlighting the connection between International Trade and Technological Advancement. In addition, the programme places a strong emphasis on dispute prevention and resolution, including International Commercial Arbitration and the ICC Arbitration Moot Court simulation, designed to equip participants with the skills necessary for effective resolution of international commercial disputes. The programme also includes an academic study visit to Geneva to consolidate learning and provide real-world experience.

The programme is offered by an international and diverse faculty of distinguished law professors, practitioners, officials from international organisations as well as experts from the private sector. This diverse educational environment ensures that students not only acquire sound legal knowledge, but also develop the competencies and practical skills essential for a successful career in this dynamic field.

Teaching methodology includes distance learning via a dedicated e-platform (with structured readings, videos, webinars, exercises, case notes and forums), as well as face-to-face lectures, workshops, case studies, moot courts and seminars with experts. Students are encouraged to actively participate and contribute to the learning process.

Participants receive dedicated support and guidance from academic coordinators, the activity manager and tutors throughout their educational journey.

This programme paves the way for careers in law firms, legal departments of multinational companies and national and international institutions dealing with the legal dimensions of international trade.

BACKGROUND AND PARTNERS

From 1991 to 2010, the University Institute of European Studies (IUSE), in collaboration with the International Training Centre of the ILO, the University of Turin and other world-class universities, offered a shortened version of this Master as a postgraduate course in international trade law.

The programme was expanded and upgraded to a Master of Laws in International Trade in 2010-2011. This decision was taken in recognition of the increasing demand for higher levels of legal specialization and career development in the field of international trade, and coinciding with the decision to establish the Turin School of Development as a unique mechanism for the delivery of joint UN-academic programmes.

- **UNCITRAL** – a historical partner of the post-graduate course – endorsed the new Master and accepted the status of full partner in 2010.
- **UNIDROIT** joined the programme as a partner in 2019.

In addition, key international organizations such as the WTO, UNCTAD, the EU, the ICC, and leading universities have significantly contributed, delegating esteemed officials and faculty members to the Scientific Committee and participating in the programme's delivery, thereby enhancing its global relevance and impact.

OBJECTIVES

The Master of Laws in International Trade is designed to offer a comprehensive range of knowledge and skills for professionals engaged in international trade. This programme facilitates an in-depth exposure to both international and comparative legal frameworks, providing participants with a nuanced understanding of the challenges presented by real-world trade systems and practices.

Upon successful completion of the Master's programme, participants will be able to:

- Advance their legal knowledge in the field of international trade law, gaining insights into the underlying principles and current practices that shape global trade regulations and policies.
- Enhance their competencies for legal analysis, enabling them to tackle complex challenges within global trade environments, including the evaluation of subsidies, state-owned enterprises, sustainability, innovation, and the impact of international policies on trade.
- Develop their negotiating and drafting skills, focusing on the creation and management of international commercial contracts, and refining techniques required for effective intercultural communication and agreement formulation.
- Enhance their abilities in international dispute resolution, with a strong emphasis on arbitration and mediation, equipping them to manage and resolve disputes efficiently in a global context

MODERN METHODS

Learn by doing, through case studies, workshops, and group exercises

INSPIRING DISCUSSIONS

Exchange ideas with international students and faculty

HIGH-LEVEL RESOURCES

Engage with experts from the ILO and other international organizations, practitioners and university professors

A one-year, intensive post-graduate programme including a distance learning phase

Teaching and guidance from leading scholars, trade experts, lawyers, legal counsels, officers of international organizations

A unique partnership between academia and international organizations

The latest research developments in international trade with a cross-disciplinary approach

Focus on the frontiers of international trade law, including technology and sustainability

The opportunity to join a vibrant Alumni Network with over 1500 members worldwide

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE AND REQUIREMENTS

Students from past editions have come from many different countries and the Programme is proud to support diversity in the class.

WHO ATTENDS THIS MASTER?

The Master is intended for:

- Recent university graduates, preferably with some relevant working experience, who intend to work in the fields of international trade law, e.g. in law firms, corporate legal departments, governments, international organisations, and academic or research institutions;
- Professionals, law consultants, practitioners and managers wishing to expand their knowledge in the fields of international trade law.
- Officials working in the public and private sectors, UN Agencies, foundations and NGOs.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have successfully completed a first-level university degree of at least 3 years' duration in law, but candidates with backgrounds in economics, political science, business administration or similar fields may also be accepted.

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

METHODOLOGY

The Master's programme is an intensive blended-learning course of one-year duration, of which twelve weeks require full classroom attendance. It requires the full commitment of the participants and their maximum intellectual engagement.

The unique learning path offered by this programme, through a sequence of distance learning, interactive face-to-face learning and applied research, ensures optimal transfer of competences while minimising disruption to participants' ongoing work commitments at home.

The awarding of a first level Master's degree by the University of Turin is subject to the successful completion of formal examinations and coursework, and the submission of a high-quality final essay on a topic of direct interest to the participant or their company or organisation.

DETAILED CURRICULUM

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

DISTANCE LEARNING PHASE

From 1 November 2024 to 17 March 2025

The Distance Learning phase will involve approximately 280 hours of study and will last 18 weeks over four months, with each week devoted to a specific topic in International Trade Law. Participants will engage in individual and collaborative learning through an e-learning platform, where they will be able to:

- Learn both individually and collaboratively;
- Receive support from the tutor and, during weekly webinars or indirectly, from professors with expertise in the subject matters;
- Participate in forums using the documentation provided on the platform;
- Network with other participants.

Weekly modules include:

- Introduction to the International Trade Law
- Principles and foundations of International Trade Law and the Rule of Law
- WTO Law: Institutions and the GATT
- Customs Law
- International Commercial Contracts and Introduction to Contract Drafting
- Carriage of Goods
- UNCITRAL: Main Texts
- UNIDROIT Instruments and Principles for Commercial Contracts
- Trade & Innovation: AI, Blockchain, and Robotics
- Trade and Sustainability in global value chains

Each module will be followed by a one-hour live review webinar where participants will be able to interact directly with the module lecturer and pose questions. Attendance at these sessions is mandatory. In addition to the webinars, students will have access to a range of supplementary materials for both individual and collaborative study. They are expected to devote a minimum of 15 hours per week to their learning, including time for webinars, reading and interactive exercises.

FACE-TO-FACE PHASE

From 18 March to 6 June 2025

The second phase of the Master consists of face-to-face learning: lessons will be held in Turin at the ITCILO campus from 18 March to 6 June 2025.

Attendance of classes is compulsory; classes are held every day from Monday to Friday from 9 am to 3.30 pm. This phase includes didactic lectures, case studies, testimonials, simulations, practical work and group/individual solutions to assignments.

During this learning component participants will study 8 compulsory “core modules” as follows:

- Geoeconomics, Subsidies and State-Owned Enterprises
 - International customs law, foreign trade policy and transport of goods
 - Trade, Labour and Environment, and Global Values Chains
 - Skills for the global lawyer: Business Contracts Drafting
 - Skills for the global lawyer: Transactional Practice (Private M&A)
 - Big data and Trade law
 - Dispute prevention and settlement
 - ICC Arbitration Moot.
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FINAL ESSAY PHASE

From 7 June to 31 October 2025

The third phase is dedicated to the preparation and submission of the final essay. Participants are required to carry out individual research and submit the final essay on a selected topic, under the guidance of their supervisor and the Scientific Coordinators. The outline of the final essay is to be presented in Turin by June 2025 and is to be completed before 31 October 2025.

KEY FEATURES

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

The core faculty of the Master is composed of:

- law professors from renowned universities worldwide
- professionals and law consultants from international law firms, private sector and legal departments of international corporations
- experts and officials from UNCITRAL, UNIDROIT, ILO, ITC-ILO, WTO, ICC, EU and other international organizations

The combination of academic resource persons and legal practitioners is a distinctive feature of this Master which enables smooth integration of theory with practice.

MODULE COORDINATORS AND TUTORS

Participants will benefit from the expertise and dedicated support of our module coordinators and tutors. These professionals are integral to the learning experience, providing guidance, support, and personalised advice throughout the duration of the programme. Our coordinators and tutors are committed to assisting students in maximising their learning outcomes and achieving their professional goals in international trade law.

ALUMNY NETWORK AND CAREER TESTIMONIAL SESSIONS

The programme will provide students with opportunities to exchange experiences and build connections that last. Join our distinguished Alumni Network, encompassing over 1,500 members across the globe, and access a rich repository of connections and opportunities. Participate in our regular testimonial sessions where esteemed professionals share their insights and experiences in international trade law. These sessions are designed not only to inform but also to inspire your career path and open doors within the global legal community.

CASE STUDIES, SIMULATIONS AND MOOT COURT

Our programme enriches learning through practical case studies, engaging simulations, and Moot Court exercises. Participants tackle real-world legal issues, apply their knowledge in simulated environments, and develop advocacy skills in competitive Moot Court sessions. This hands-on approach prepares students for the complexities of international trade law in a practical and immersive setting.

UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

The Master of Laws in International Trade is distinguished by its exclusive collaborations with the world's leading authorities in trade and law. Our partners and collaborators, including the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT), the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), enrich the program with cutting-edge insights and a global perspective. This prestigious network not only elevates the learning experience but also connects students with the forefront of international trade law.

ITCILO CAMPUS

Located along the banks of the Po River, the ITCILO Turin Campus allows participants to live and study immersed in nature, in a safe and secure environment conducive to learning, exploring, and discovering what the city of Turin has to offer.



DISCOVER: TURIN

Capital of the Italian region of Piedmont just a few kilometres away from France, Switzerland and Italy's rugged Ligurian coast, Turin stuns global visitors with its unique charm. While featuring a rich history, charming art galleries and a world-renowned enogastronomic tradition, Turin maintains a firm global outlook through its active participation in strategic networks of global sister and friend cities. As testament to its international ties, Turin has been home of the United Nations Campus since 1964, where the ITCILO is located together with the United Nations System Staff College and the UN Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.



EXPLORE: GENEVA

The Master includes a 2-day study visit to Geneva, Switzerland, for participants to explore the headquarters of selected Geneva-based UN agencies including the ILO, international and non-governmental organizations. During the study visit, participants will have the opportunity to not only take a deep-dive in the work of these entities, but also to meet representatives to consolidate learning and provide real-world experience.



DEGREE

The Master is delivered as a “First level Specializing Master of Laws in International Trade Law”, according to Italian law* on postgraduate education, issued by the University of Turin. The first level specializing Master will be awarded to the participants who fulfil the following conditions:

- Administrative requirements and documents requested by the University of Turin;
- Submission of the assignments within the set deadlines and quality requirements;
- Successful passing of all exams demonstrating the level of competence required;
- Submissions of the final essay within the set deadline and quality requirements.

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CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

LANGUAGE

The Programme is delivered entirely in English. Knowledge of the English language is a prerequisite 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 1 November 2024 to 17 March 2025;
- Face-to-Face phase: from 18 March to 6 June 2025;
- 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 2025 at the latest.

VENUE

The residential phase of the Programme will be held at the Campus of the International Training Centre of the ILO 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 from developing and transition countries 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 her/his educational and professional profiles. In the application form, participants are kindly requested to indicate the portion of the tuition fees that they are able to finance.

FEES AND APPLICATIONS

The tuition fee is **Euro 9,400**.

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 cost of participation.

The cost of accommodation (bed and breakfast) on the ITCILO campus during the 12-week residential part of the programme is €4,510. Lunches and dinners are not included and are to be paid directly by the participants according to consumption.

Off-campus accommodation is also available. The Masters secretariat will provide telephone and email contact details for interested participants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants interested in participating in this programme should complete and submit the application form available on the website (<https://oarf2.itcilo.org/MSTF/A9717068/en>), together with the requested documents.

Deadline for the first round of applications: **29 March 2024**.

Deadline for the second round of applications **24 June 2024**.

Deadline for the third round of applications **20 September 2024**.

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.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee (as of the 2023-2024 edition) is composed of:

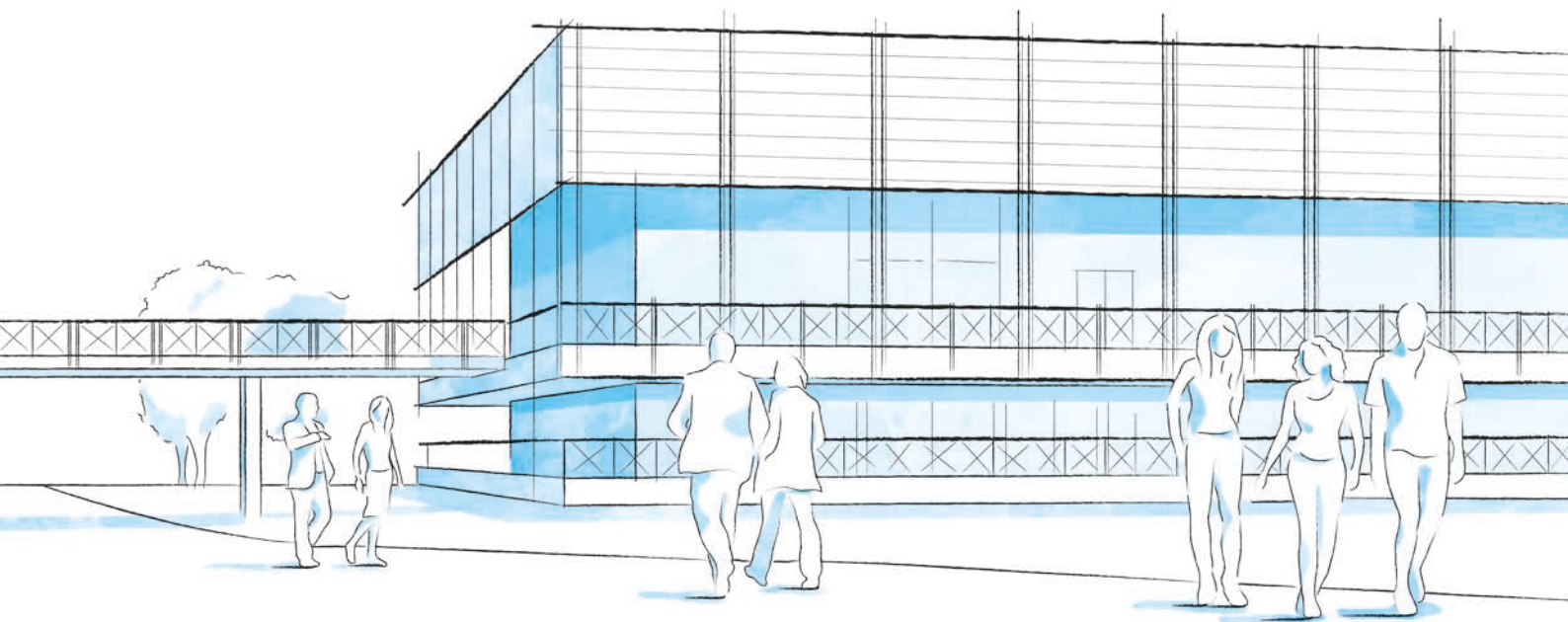
- Gianmaria Ajani (Full Professor of Comparative Private Law, University of Turin);
- Joel Alcocer (Programme Manager, ITCILO);
- Roberto Caranta (Full Professor of Administrative Law, University of Turin);
- Luca Castellani (Legal Officer – UNCITRAL);
- Elena D'Alessandro (Full Professor of Civil Procedure, University of Turin);
- Silvia Ferreri (Full Professor of Comparative Private Law, University of Turin);
- Elena Gilardi (Beckman Coulter S.r.l.- Danaher group);
- Mario Fasani (Activity Manager and Programme Officer, TSD, ITCILO);
- Lorenza Mola (Associate Professor of International Law, University of Turin);
- Alberto Oddenino (Associate Professor of International Law, University of Turin);
- Cristina Poncibò (Associate Professor of Comparative Private Law, University of Turin);
- Pierre Tercier (Professor Emeritus – University of Fribourg (CH); Honorary Chairman, International Court of Arbitration of the ICC);
- Anna Veneziano (Deputy Secretary-General – UNIDROIT);
- Franz Werro (Professor of European Private Law and Comparative Law – University of Fribourg (CH) and Georgetown University Law Center (US)).

FOR MORE DETAILS

Please check our website

<https://www.itcilo.org/courses/master-laws-international-trade-law>





CAMPUS LIFE

A THRIVING UNITED NATIONS CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

- **Three organizations** from the United Nations system on campus
- **A safe campus:** strict controls and sanification protocols ensured its operation even during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- **More than 300 training courses** and activities in a stimulating international environment
- **A stimulating international environment** with participants and staff from all over the world

ENVIRONMENT AND SURROUNDINGS

Grab a campus bicycle and explore the Turin Centre. Located in a leafy park on the banks of the Po River, it's a great place

for study and collaboration. Experience innovative learning and training methods in modern classrooms equipped with simultaneous translation services.

HOUSING, DINING, AND MORE

Comprising more than 280 private dormitories, the **Turin Campus provides a broad range of services for course participants and partners** including a free-flow restaurant, laundry, post office, gym, medical services and a reception desk open 24/7.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DIVERSITY

Participants can enjoy social events organized by the Turin Centre as well as by their course facilitators. Whether on or off campus, people from different cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to listen to live music together, share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

INFO

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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