



Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property

2018 – 2019, Turin, Italy



Background

Organizing institutions

University of Turin-Department of Law

The University of Turin was founded in 1404. Today, the University has a faculty of 1,200 professors, about 800 researchers, and 70,000 students. More than 20 years ago it launched a cluster of international Masters Programmes jointly organized with the International Training Center of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO), including this Master of Laws (LL.M.) Programme in Intellectual Property.

WIPO Academy

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is a global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. It is a self-funding, specialized agency of the United Nations based in Geneva. It is dedicated to lead the development of a balanced and effective international intellectual property (IP) system that enables innovation and creativity for the benefit of all. WIPO administers 26 international treaties and has 191 member states.

The WIPO Academy is a division of WIPO established in 1998. It plays a central role in WIPO's activities to enhance the capacity of countries to use the IP system by employing an interdisciplinary approach to IP education focusing on its links with trade, innovation, health, applied sciences, information technology and creative industries. Since 1998, more than 450,000 students have participated in WIPO Academy Programmes namely, Professional Development, Distance Learning, Academic Institutions and Executive Programmes. It responds to a wide spectrum of demand for IP education like degree programmes, custom-made professional training and policy-making in IP and offers distance learning courses in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization

The International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (the Centre) is the training arm of the ILO – a specialized agency of the United Nations.

ILO was established in 1919 and aims at the promotion of social justice and internationally recognized human and labour rights. The Centre is based in Turin and is a premium provider of capacity development and training services in the field of decent work and sustainable development. In 1991, the Centre started to offer an innovative, job-focused and multi-disciplinary portfolio of Masters Programmes in partnership with the University of Turin. The LL.M. in IP, the LL.M. in International Trade Law, the Master in Management of Development, and the Master in Public Procurement for Sustainable Development are among the world-renowned programmes offered by the Centre.

Support and contributions for the LL.M. in Intellectual Property

The LL.M. in IP is supported by partial funding from WIPO and private entities, most prominently the Compagnia di San Paolo.



Objectives

IP law is facing unprecedented challenges. Evolving issues like cloud computing and biotechnological inventions, big data and traditional knowledge raise questions related to the continuous need to define an optimal interface between law and technology. Similarly, IP law has become a crucial factor in economic, scientific and societal/moral decisions. In view of the above the LL.M. in IP attracts professionals from the public and private sectors as well as junior academics who wish to acquire the skills required to play a leading role in the practice and teaching



Curriculum of the LL.M.

of IP through exposure to a well-tested international and comparative law approach. The curriculum aims to provide an in-depth examination of the classical topics of IP law as well as a specialized analysis of the latest developments in the fields of patents, trademarks, domain names, copyright and related rights, design, software and databases, integrated circuits, biotechnological patents and plant varieties, the internet and e-commerce. The diversified profile and backgrounds of the students and lecturers make the LL.M. a truly international forum for discussion and exchange of knowledge, opinions and ideas that are entrenched in various legal systems.

LL.M. Director

- Professor Alessandro Cogo, Turin Law School, University of Turin

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Scientific Committee

- University of Turin: Professor Gianmaria Ajani, Rector of the University of Turin; Professor Marco Ricolfi; and Professor Alessandro Cogo
- The WIPO Academy: Mr Sherif Saadallah, Executive Director, WIPO Academy; Mr Joe Bradley, Head, Academic Institutions Programme; and Ms Martha Chikowore, Training Officer
- ITCILO: Mr Giuseppe Casale, Director of the Turin School of Development; Mr Ralf Krüger, Manager, Sustainable Development Programme; and Ms Linda Deelen, Manager, Enterprise, Microfinance and Local Development Programme

The LL.M. in IP is composed of 3 different learning parts delivered over a 9 month period from June 2018 to February 2019. For information on the curriculum and a list of professors we invite you to visit the following websites:

<http://www.turin-ip.com> and
<http://www.wipo.int/academy/en>.

Part I – Distance learning

The first phase consists of 3 WIPO modules offered through distance learning.

This initial phase is designed to provide all the participants with a preliminary and homogeneous background. The 3 distance learning modules are delivered from June to August 2018. They are based on the successfully tested “Copyright and Related Rights” (DL-201); “Patents” (DL-301); and “Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications” (DL-302), all designed by WIPO IP experts.

The 3 advanced modules end with an exam.

Part II – Face-to-face

The second phase consists of the face-to-face part of the programme. It is an intensive classroom learning period delivered at the ITCILO’s campus in Turin from September 3 to December 14, 2018 and at WIPO headquarters in Geneva during a 3-nights study visit in October. It starts with an introductory review of the current IPR regime followed by economic analysis of IPR law. This phase explores IP protection at national, regional and international levels. Lectures on the following modules are offered by professors as well as IP experts.

- Introduction to IP
- Patents and Trade Secrets
- Copyright and Related Rights
- Trademarks, Geographical Indications, and Domain Names
- Industrial Designs

- Unfair Competition and Antitrust
- Enforcement of IPRs
- Technology Transfer
- New Challenges

Class teaching will be enriched by case-study sessions as well as exercises in legal drafting.

A full-time tutor is assigned to the class in order to respond to participants' clarification needs and to provide remedial support, as required.

During this phase of the programme, the participants, working individually or in small groups and with the assistance of an advisor, prepare a first draft of a research paper on a topic of their interest. A 2-day workshop, during which the participants present their draft research papers to the rest of the class and to the representatives of the organizing institutions, closes the face-to-face part. Two written exams are held during this phase of the programme; the first carrying double the credit points of the second.

Part III – Preparation and submission of the research paper

This part stretches from December 15, 2017 to February 28, 2019.

The participants are required to submit the final version of the research paper initially drafted during the face-to-face period. Submission and subsequent grading of the final research paper conclude the programme. WIPO and the University of Turin will support the publication of the best papers.



Scientific material and tutorials support

Syllabus and suggested readings

Each participant receives a detailed syllabus consisting of international and other legal instruments as well as reference reading material and a collection of cases carefully selected in order to cover the overall learning contents. Access to the state-of-the-art bibliography of the Turin Law School Library

is provided to assist the participants in their research and in preparing for the written assignments and examinations. Suggested reference materials are posted on the website of the LL.M. at www.turin-ip.com.

Intranet

An online platform is dedicated for the participants' use in order to exchange comments on class proceedings and to facilitate deliberations with professors and the tutor. Each professor will additionally provide, via intranet, specific materials that supplement his/her lecture.

Paper advisors

Paper advisors support participants in their research work and in obtaining information from relevant sources.



Participants' profile

A total of up to 40 participants (15 selected and sponsored by the WIPO Academy and the remainder by the University of Turin) are admitted to the programme.

All applications are scrutinized by a joint committee headed by the Turin Law School.

Partial scholarships may become available from private sponsors and assigned preferably to eligible applicants from developing and transition countries on the basis of merit (academic qualifications, work experience and publications).

Annual conference

Within the context of the LL.M., an international conference is organized each year exploring a topical issue. The conference usually attracts eminent specialists (professors, practitioners, members of international institutions) who debate and exchange their experiences with the students and the audience.

Alumni day

The LL.M. has created a closely-knit and well-connected society of academics, practitioners and officials that has already more than 500 members and keeps growing year by year.

Each year, a networking event bringing together current participants with the programme's alumni is organized during the residential part of the LL.M. back-to-back with the Annual Conference.

Additionally, the alumni may access the intranet platform of the LL.M. and other networking tools, such as non-official groups on various social network websites, which enable current and former participants to keep in touch and share information about the developments in their IP careers.



Entry requirements

Applicants must have a bachelor's degree either in law, economics, engineering, medicine, physics, chemistry, communication sciences or business administration.

Acceptable bachelor's degree must be a minimum of 3 years in duration in a university.

Advanced knowledge of English is a prerequisite (TOEFL 80/120 or IELTS 6.5/9).



Venue, duration and language

Venue

The face-to-face part will be held at the Centre's campus in Turin, Italy from September 3 to December 14, 2018.

Duration

9 months according to the following timetable:

Distance learning: from May 28 to August 11, 2018;

Residential phase in Turin: from September 3 to December 14, 2018;

Preparation and submission of the thesis: from December 15, 2018 to February 28, 2019.

Language

English.



Fees and applications

The tuition fee is **9,000 Euros**.

The fee includes:

- programme development and management;
- teaching equipment, training materials and documentation;
- use of training facilities and support services;
- annual conference and alumni day;
- welcome and farewell dinners; and
- travel and accommodation during the study visit in Geneva.

Board, lodging, travel expenses, transports and personal expenses for the period in Turin are not included in the tuition fee.

Applicants interested in participating in this LL.M. should complete and submit the application form available on the Master's website (www.turin-ip.com), together with the requested documents, not later than **March 31, 2018**.

Only complete applications will be considered during the candidate selection process.

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Applicants requesting WIPO sponsorship should register online http://www.wipo.int/academy/en/courses/academic_institutions, via "WIPO Scholarship registration" and send all "required documents".

For more information, contact WIPO at: llmTurin@wipo.int by **March 15, 2018**.



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 study/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, 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:

WIPO Sponsorship participants:

WIPO Academy
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Other Applications:

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