MASTER OF LAWS
IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
( LL.M. IN IP)
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BACKGROUND

ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS

University of Turin—Department of Law

The University of Turin was founded in 1404. Today, the University has a faculty of about 1,100 professors, 700 researchers and 75,000 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. in IP) Programme in Intellectual Property.

WIPO

WIPO is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation. With 193 member states, its mission is 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’s mandate, governing bodies and procedures are set out in the WIPO Convention, which established WIPO in 1967.

WIPO Academy

The WIPO Academy is the center of excellence for IP education and training for WIPO member states, in particular developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. The Academy works to help build human capacity in IP, which is essential to innovation. Its four programs cover a rich portfolio of both general and specialized courses on IP, and cater to different target audiences. Courses combine residential and distance learning methodologies, and are taught by IP experts. The aim of the University Partnerships program is to support access to IP higher education, especially to participants from developing countries, LDCs and countries in transition. One of the main means of achieving this aim is through the Joint Master’s Programs on IP, offered in cooperation with selected academic institutions. The LL.M. in IP offered in partnership with the University of Turin and the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization is the WIPO Academy’s longest running Joint Master’s degree program.
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 artificial intelligence, big data, biotechnological inventions and commercialization 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 of IP through 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 students and lecturers make the LL.M. in IP a truly international forum for discussion and exchange of knowledge, opinions and ideas that are entrenched in various legal systems.
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**Scientific Committee**
- University of Turin: Professor Gianmaria Ajani, 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, Counsellor, Academic Institutions Programme
- ITCILO: Mr Giuseppe Casale, Director of the Turin School of Development; Ms Monica Rossi Rizzi, International Labour Standards Programme; and Ms Linda Deelen, Manager, Enterprise, Microfinance and Local Development Programme

**CURRICULUM OF THE LL.M. IN IP**

The LL.M. in IP is composed of 4 different learning parts delivered over a 12 month-period from 30 August 2021 to 12 August 2022.

### Part I
**Distance learning**

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

This initial phase is designed to provide all the participants with a preliminary and homogeneous background. The distance learning modules are delivered from 30 August to 10 December 2021. 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.

Each module ends with an exam.

### Part II
**UNITO Distance learning**

The second phase of the programme is hosted by the University of Turin (UNITO) and continues the Online Distant Learning method (ODL). This phase will be held from January to March 2022.

There are three main objectives in this phase:

1. For participants to become familiar with one another and develop intra-group collaboration, as well as get to know the main faculty from UNITO;
2. For participants to get used to participating in IP discussions from a cross-disciplinary and international perspective; and
3. For participants to begin developing their research paper projects by choosing topics, and drafting research outlines.
Part III
Residential

The third phase consists of the residential part of the programme. It is an intensive classroom learning period delivered at the ITCILO’s campus in Turin from 4 April to 15 July 2022 and at WIPO’s headquarters in Geneva during a 3-day study visit.

This phase starts with a review of the current IP regime followed by economic analysis of IP law. It explores IP protection at national, regional and international levels. Lectures on the following modules are offered by professors as well as IP experts:

- IP and Economics
- Patents and Trade Secrets
- Copyright and Related Rights
- Trademarks, Geographical Indications, and Domain Names
- Industrial Designs
- IP Management and Enforcement
- Unfair Competition and Antitrust
- Enforcement of IPRs
- Technology Transfer
- Big Data and Artificial Intelligence

Class teaching will be enriched by case-study sessions, skills development workshops 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 entire class and representatives of organizing institutions, closes the residential part. Two written exams are held during this phase of the programme.

Part IV
Preparation and submission of the research paper

This part stretches from 18 July to 12 August 2022.

Participants are required to submit the final version of the research paper initially drafted during the residential 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 TUTORIAL SUPPORT

SYLLABUS AND SUGGESTED READINGS

Participants have access to an online platform, which includes 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. in IP at www.turin-ip.com.

LEARNING PLATFORM

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. Professors will additionally provide, through the online platform, specific materials that supplement their lectures.
**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 are admitted to the programme.

All applications are scrutinized by a joint committee headed by the University of Turin Department of Law.

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. in IP, 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. in IP has created a closely-knit and well-connected society of academics, practitioners and officials that already has more than 500 members and keeps growing every 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. in IP back-to-back with the Annual Conference.

Additionally, the alumni may access the intranet platform of the LL.M. in IP 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 preferably 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).

**DEGREE**

The LL.M. in IP is delivered as a First Level Master by the Department of Law of the University of Torino. It carries 60 ECTS credits, equivalent to the workload of a fulltime student during one academic year.
DURATION, LANGUAGE AND VENUE

DURATION
12 months according to the following timetable:

• Distance learning: from 30 August to 10 December 2021
• UNITO distance learning: from 24 January to 25 March 2022
• Face-to-face phase in Turin: from 4 April to 15 July 2022
• Preparation and submission of the research paper: from 18 July to 12 August 2022

LANGUAGE
English.

VENUE
The residential part will be held at the Centre's campus in Turin, Italy from 4 April to 15 July 2022.

FEES AND APPLICATIONS

The tuition fee is 9,000 Euros.

The fee includes:

• programme development and management;
• teaching equipment, training materials and documentation; and
• 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 tuition fee.

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in two different rounds of admission. Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the on-line application form and the requested documents, no later than the April 15, 2021 (to be screened and evaluated for the 1st round of enrollment) or May 15, 2021 (to be screened and evaluated for the 2nd round).

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

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Phone: +39 011 693 6945 or visit www.turin-ip.com.

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: llm_ip@itcilo.org by 15 May 2021
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
- More than 300 training courses and activities in a stimulating international environment
- Thousands of participants 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, bank, travel agency, 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, cook and share traditional foods, or team up to play games and network.

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