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Master of Laws in

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(LLM-IP)

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### **University of Turin - Department of Law**

The University of Turin (UniTo) was founded in 1404. Today, the University has a faculty of about 1,400 professors, 650 researchers and 81,000 students. More than 20 years ago it launched the 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 and skills-building 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 is the WIPO Academy's longest running Joint Master's Degree Program.

### **Turin School of Management**

The School of Management was founded in 1957, with the backing of the most important companies and entrepreneurs in Turin.

It was one of the first examples of a partnership between the academic and the entrepreneurial world in order to create the future generation of managers.

The School, which is part of the University of Turin, has carried out interdisciplinary projects which deal with all the different aspects of management. SAA was and is the link between research, higher education and the business world.

### **COREP - Consorzio per la Ricerca e l' Educazione Permanente**

COREP is a non-profit consortium founded in 1987, with three members: University of Turin, University of Messina, and the Turin Chamber of Commerce. COREP main fields of activities are: specialist and high-level advanced training (especially university post-graduate Master courses), European projects and services for Consortium members. With over three decades of activity, COREP has consolidated its role as a point of convergence for the needs of enterprises, innovative solutions developed in the universities, and research centres, and the interests of the new generations of graduates, that demand increasing qualifications and specialisation from the education system. Thanks to the experimental initiatives undertaken over the years, such as open learning and digital badge competence certifications, COREP has enhanced training and education activities with highly up-to-date and innovative programmes, supplementing them with activities of orientation and integration of people into the world of enterprises.

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

The LL.M. in IP is supported by partial funding from WIPO, public and private entities.

The LL.M. in IP is a member of the Pan European Seal Traineeship Programme offered by the European Union Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office.

# OBJECTIVES

IP law is facing unprecedented challenges. Evolving issues like digital technologies, communication networks, big data, artificial intelligence and biotechnology 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 GIs, copyright and related rights, design, software and databases, biotechnological patents and plant varieties, the internet and e-commerce. Specific attention is given to the interaction between innovation, IP protection, and entrepreneurial development. 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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## CURRICULUM OF THE LL.M. IN IP

The LL.M. in IP is composed of four different learning parts delivered over a 12 month-period from **September 2, 2024 to August 29, 2025**.

### **Part I - Distance learning (September 2 to December 13, 2024)**

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 September 2 to December 13, 2024.

They are based on the successfully tested advanced distance learning courses on “Copyright and Related Rights” (DL-201); “Patents” (DL-301); and “Trademarks, Industrial Designs and Geographical Indications” (DL-302), all of which have been designed by WIPO IP experts.

Each module ends with an exam.

### **Part II - UniTo distance learning (January 13 to February 28, 2025)**

The second phase of the programme is hosted by the University of Turin and continues the online distance learning method (ODL). This phase will be held from January 13 to February 28, 2025.

There are three main objectives in this phase:

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

### **Part III- Residential (March 17 to June 27, 2025)**

The third phase consists of the residential part of the programme. It is an intensive classroom learning period delivered at the SAA’s campus in Turin from March 17 to June 27, 2025 and at WIPO headquarters in Geneva during a three-day study visit.

This phase starts with a review of the current IP regime followed by an 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 International Law;
- IP and Economics;
- Patents and Trade Secrets;
- Copyright and Related Rights;
- Trademarks, Geographical Indications, and Domain Names;
- Industrial Designs;
- Unfair Competition and Antitrust;
- IP Management;
- IP managerial and Entrepreneurial Skills;
- IP and SMEs; and
- IP Enforcement.

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’ academic 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 the first draft of a research paper on a topic of their interest.

The last week of the residential phase includes a workshop during which the participants present their draft research papers to the entire class and representatives of organizing institutions, the annual conference of the LL.M., and a meeting with the alumni.

Two written exams are held during this phase of the programme.

#### **Part IV - Completion and submission of the research paper (June 30 to August 29, 2025).**

This part stretches from June 30 to August 29, 2025.

Participants are required to submit the final version of the research paper initially drafted during the residential period.

The submission and subsequent grading of the final research paper conclude the programme.

The three best papers will be offered proof-reading support and will be promoted by WIPO and the University of Turin through digital publication on specific sections of their online outlets and on the Social Sciences Research Network with a dedicated heading.

The detailed curriculum for the residential phase will be provided in due course to admitted participants.

All learning activities are managed through an online platform.

## **SCIENTIFIC MATERIAL AND TUTORIAL SUPPORT**

### **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 tutors. 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.

### **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, alumni and the rest of 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. Each year, a networking event bringing together the 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 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.

## **PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE**

A total of up to 45 participants are admitted to the programme. All applications are scrutinized by a joint committee headed by the University of Turin Department of Law.

## 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 Degrees must be a minimum of 3 years in duration at an accredited 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 **September 2 to December 13, 2024**.
- UniTo distance learning: **January 13 to February 28, 2025**.
- Face-to-face phase in Turin: **March 17 to June 27, 2025**.
- Preparation and submission of the research paper: **June 30 to August 29, 2025**.

### LANGUAGE

English.

### VENUE

The residential part will be held at the SAA campus in Turin.

## FEES AND APPLICATIONS

The tuition fee is 9,000 Euros, to be paid in three instalments.

The fee includes:

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

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 1, 2024**



# Info

## APPLICATIONS

Applications will be reviewed by the Selection Committee in monthly rounds of admission. Interested candidates should duly complete and submit the online application form on both the WIPO Academy and UniTo websites with the requested documents, no later **July 1, 2024**. Only complete applications will be considered during the candidate selection process.

**Requested documents:** Motivation letter, curriculum vitae, Bachelor's or Master's Degree, transcript of records of the sustained examinations, English language certificate (TOEFL, IELTS). Degree and transcripts can be in English, French, Italian, or Spanish.

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## WIPO SPONSORSHIP

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