Diffused political, economic and social development remains a major challenge for the global community, as poverty, inequality, vulnerability, environmental threats, conflict and instability still upset the daily life of the majority of world population. Growing interdependence and economic integration offer a chance to strengthen cooperative North-South and South-South relations, and such cooperation has to be intentionally pursued by both governmental and non-governmental actors (NGOs, firms, civil society).

The Master in International Cooperation and Development (MIC&D) provides a multidisciplinary framework for learning and reflecting upon development, which is itself a multidimensional process, and for exploring innovative paths to address emergencies and development challenges. Our goal is to contribute bridging the gaps between people, groups, and institutions.

Learning objectives

The Master in International Cooperation and Development is meant to train young professionals to competently and creatively contribute to economic, social and political development with a cooperative attitude, valorizing human and social relationships. Human dignity is in fact at the core of development. Students are expected to deepen their understanding of the institutional, economic and political dimensions of development (scientific training); and they are offered the possibility to enhance their competences and practical abilities (professional training) in order to interpret local and international events, to interact with stakeholders, to identify and manage environmentally and local culture-friendly interventions. This approach can effectively foster sustainability and resilience.

Career opportunities & professional recognition

Students completing the Master in International Cooperation and Development are equipped to manage international cooperation and development projects in different sectors, consistently with their training and experience, within several organizations: NGOs, international institutions, public administration, private companies, etc.

Faculty members and peers: a group that makes the difference

The Master in International Cooperation and Development offers high quality training to a group of 25 students from all continents. The learning platform includes lectures, seminars and a tutored internship. A faculty composed of scholars and professionals from international institutions and non-governmental organizations shares its experience with the class.

Faculty members:
- Prof. Simona Beretta - MIC&D Director, Università Cattolica
- Dr. Silvana Arbia - International Criminal Court’s former Registrar, The Hague
- Prof. Luigi Curini - Università degli Studi di Milano
Can I learn Italian while studying?

Students are invited to complement their studies with an Italian Language Culture Course offered at a small additional cost which are taught by a team of qualified and experienced native Italian speakers, should the course fit within their program schedule.

Can I work while studying?

Yes. Non-EU students entering Italy on a VISA are permitted to work part-time (20 hours per week).

Course structure & Internship opportunity

The Master in International Cooperation and Development is structured as four complementary levels, fostering multidimensional training and integrating scientific methodologies and operative competences.

1st level - Scientific training. Areas of study:
- Economic and human development
- Geopolitics
- Trade and finance for development
- Development law and institutions
- Project cycle management

2nd level - Professional training. Areas of study:
- Development actors and strategies
- Crisis prevention, relief and recovery
- Development aid and governance
- Partnerships for human rights and development
- Enhancing cooperative skills

3rd level - Project work
Students are required to develop a personal research project on an issue related to development cooperation, in close contact with a MIC&D professor and/or a professional from a partner institution. The project work is often developed with reference to the internship experience.

4th level - Internship
The Master is completed with an internship within one of the ASERI partner institutions or other entities whose mission and activities are consistent with the Master’s program.

Partner companies

Among the institutions and organizations contributing to past and current editions of the Program:
- ACRA - Milan
- AIBI - Milan
- AVSI - Milan
- Caritas in Veritate Foundation - Geneva
- CESVI - Bergamo
- COOPI - Milan
- European Training Foundation - Turin
- FOCISV - Rome
- Inter-American Development Bank - Washington DC
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies - Budapest
- Intervita Onlus - Milan
- Observatoire de la Finance - Geneva
- Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace - Vatican City
- The World Bank - Washington DC
- UNCTAD - Geneva
- UNDP - Geneva and Bratislava
- UNICEF - South Asia and Mozambique
- WHO Global Tuberculosis Programme - Geneva
- World Food Programme - Rome

Tuition fees & scholarships

Tuition fee: €7,500
Partial tuition fee scholarships are available. All scholarships are assigned on a merit basis and most of them will be assigned to students who apply by the priority deadlines. Some scholarships may also target specific geographic regions. Updated details on the aforementioned scholarships are available at www.ucscinternational.it/graduate-programs/tuition-scholarships-master

Application deadlines?

The program has five different deadlines:
- Deadline 1: April 15 2015
- Deadline 2: May 30 2015
- Deadline 3: June 30 2015
- Deadline 4: September 15 2015
- Deadline 5: November 1 2015
No scholarships will be available for applicants who do not apply by the priority deadlines.

How do I apply?

Applying is an easy five step process. The online application form, application instructions, and full admission guidelines are available at www.ucscinternational.it

Entry requirements: am I eligible?

Admission requirements
- Candidates with backgrounds in Political Science, Economics, Law, Social Science, but also in Humanities, Education, Foreign Languages, Psychology, Engineering, Nursing Science, Agronomy, Environmental Science successfully completed the program and entered development cooperation professions. The Master is however open to highly motivated graduates from other faculties.
- Completion of at least an undergraduate degree, obtained after a minimum of 3 years of study (180 ECTS)
- The undergraduate degree must be obtained before the start of the program

ASERI will evaluate candidates’ academic and personal background and decide if they meet the specific conditions for admission to the program.

For applicants whose first language is not English:
- TOEFL IBT overall score of at least 80, or
- Academic IELTS overall score of at least 6.0, or
- Completed a degree program taught entirely in the English language

Contacts

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Mailing Address
UCSC International
International Admissions Office
Via Carducci 28/30, I-20123 Milano - Italy
Tel. +39 02 7234 5108
Fax +39 02 7234 5806
www.ucscinternational.it
international.inquiry@unicatt.it

ucscinternational ucscinternational MyCattolica