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# LL.M. IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



UNIVERSITY OF MILAN, FACULTY OF LAW



## LL.M. IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: MAIN FEATURES

**Why:** to improve the legal skills necessary to better grasp the three interconnected dimensions (economic, social and environmental) of sustainable development.

**What:** a Postgraduate Second Cycle Master Programme (Laurea Magistrale): 120 ECTS in 4 semesters.

**How:** two specialization streams: “*Human Rights and Social Development*” and “*Development Economics, Trade, Finance, Investment, Competition*”.

**Working language:** english.

**Where:** University of Milan and Exchange periods abroad (Erasmus + and double degree Programme with Queen Mary University).

**Who qualifies:** students holding an Italian first degree (Bachelor) or a foreign degree (180-300-360 ECTS) in the requisite fields.

## WHY CHOOSE THE LL.M. IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The LL.M. in Sustainable Development at the University of Milan is the first European Graduate Programme that aims to improve the legal skills necessary to better grasp the three interconnected dimensions (economic, social and environmental) of sustainable development. The degree is recognized by all the European countries and organizations adhering to the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education Area.

The Programme offers students an in-depth interdisciplinary academic training to specialise in key issues agreed upon by the International Community as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development “Transforming Our World” and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

The two-year LL.M. Programme allows students to obtain advanced interdisciplinary training and knowledge of local, international and transnational trends and strategies for sustainable development.

The Programme’s exceptionally rich course offering includes advanced courses in different areas, such as: International Law, European Union Law, Environmental Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Human Rights Law, International and European Criminal Law, Comparative Civil Procedure, Philosophy of Law, Private Law, Comparative Law, Corporate, Law, Trade Law, Investment Law, Competition Law, Labour Law, Transport Law, Tax Law, Agriculture Law and Financial Law, as well as courses in relevant economic and sociological disciplines, such as: Sociology, Economic Geography, Economics and Economy Policy and Economic History.

## THE STRUCTURE

The LL.M. Programme is a two-year Programme (120 ECTS).

In the first year students must attend seven mandatory core courses (60 ECTS): International Law and International Law on Sustainable Development, Economic Geography, Constitutionalism and Sustainable Development, Sociology, Economics and Economic Policy, World Economic History From Growth to Sustainable Development and the Role of Public Administration in Enhancing Equitable and Sustainable Development. These courses ensure that all enrolled students acquire a solid “common basis” to understand the complexity and the interdependencies of sustainable development.

In the second year (60 ECTS), each student chooses to specialize in one of the following two streams:

- ✓ “Human Rights and Social Development”
- ✓ “Development Economics, Trade, Finance, Investment, Competition”.

Students in both streams are required to attend 4 electives chosen from either of the streams’ rich course offerings.

A remaining total of 36 ECTS must be completed through other formative activities: one optional course (9 ECTS) chosen from the courses offered by the Faculty of Law of University of Milan, or 3 optional legal clinics or workshops offered in the first and second year of the LL.M., an internship and a final dissertation.

## METHODOLOGY

The Programme uses a wide range of solution-oriented educational methods tailored to the students. In addition to traditional frontal lecturing, there are: discussions, simulations, surveys, analyses, case studies, writing research papers, directed studies, workplace experience and problem solving.

## EXPERIENCE OF STUDY ABROAD AS PART OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM

During the Degree course, in order to improve their abilities and knowledge in an international context, students can participate in study and internship experiences abroad within the Erasmus + Program and the other international mobility agreements entered into by the University.

### Queen Mary University: Double degree Programme

Following the successful completion of the first year of study in the LL.M program in Sustainable Development, students may be granted admission to one of the Master’s degree courses offered by Queen Mary University. Admitted students will spend the whole second year in London.

Upon successful completion of the two Master’s programme, students will be awarded both the UNIMI Master’s Programme and the Queen Mary University law degree.

## STUDY PLAN

1st year	cfu
<i>International Law and International law on Sustainable Development</i>	9
<i>Economic Geography</i>	9
<i>Constitutionalism and Sustainable Development</i>	9
<i>Sociology</i>	9
<i>Economics and Economic Policy</i>	9
<i>World Economic History From Growth to Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>The Role of Public Administration in Enhancing Equitable and Sustainable Development</i>	9

2nd year - Stream A	cfu
<i>International Law on Democracy and Development</i>	6
<i>Access to justice in a multilevel constitutional system</i>	6
<i>International, European and Comparative Environmental Law</i>	6
<i>Economic Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility</i>	6
<i>Sustainable Development and International Anti-Corruption Law</i>	6
<i>International Refugee Protection and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Current European Union Policies on Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Agriculture and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Smart Cities, IT Infrastructures Evolution, Digital Divide and Internet Legal Framework in Developing Countries</i>	6
<i>Climate Changes and Energy Policies in an International and Comparative Law Perspective</i>	6
<i>EU Law on Business and Human Rights</i>	6
<i>European Criminal Law and Human Rights</i>	6
<i>Gender Justice</i>	6
<i>Public Health Law and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Sociology of Human Rights and the Ombudsman</i>	6
<i>Law, Culture and Development in a Global World</i>	6
<i>Public and Private Partnership for Sustainable Development</i>	6



2nd year - Stream B	cfu
<i>Theory and Practice of International Tax Law</i>	6
<i>Financial Law, Antitrust and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>IP, Innovation and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Trade Liberalization and Labour Rights</i>	6
<i>International Investment Law, Dispute Settlement and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Sustainable Transport: Legal Issues</i>	6
<i>Competition Law and Sustainable Development Policy in the EU</i>	6
<i>Principles of Contract Law</i>	6
<i>Fundamental Legal Conceptions in a Cross-Cultural Perspective</i>	6
<i>Negotiation, Mediation and Sustainable Conflict Resolution</i>	6
<i>European civil Procedure in a Comparative and Transnational Perspective</i>	6
<i>International Insolvency Law and Sustainable Development</i>	6
<i>Sustainable Development in Global Trade (WTO) Law</i>	6
<i>Corporate Interest, Corporate Social Responsibility and Financial Reporting</i>	6
<i>Management Power and Control Mechanisms in Corporate Firm</i>	6
<i>Financial Markets and Institutions. Finance for Development</i>	6
<i>Workshop in Project Management for Sustainable Development</i>	3
<i>International Financial Law and Sustainable Development</i>	6

## ELECTIVE ACTIVITIES

- ✓ 9 ECTS to be collected from the elective courses offered by the Faculty of Law of the University of Milan or from 3 optional legal clinics or workshops offered in the first and second year of the LL.M.
- ✓ Internship (6 ECTS)
- ✓ Final exam (21 ECTS)

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Year	Term	Classes	Exams
I	Fall Semester	End of September - December	December - February
I	Spring Semester	End of February - May	June - July
II	Fall Semester	End of September - December	December - February
II	Spring Semester	End of February - May	End of May - June - July - September

Final dissertations are defended at the end of the second year (final semester).



## INTERNSHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

Internships and training modules are integral part of the LL.M. Programme. Subject to practical feasibility, the LL.M. offers preferential access to internships and training with local administrations, non-profit and civil society associations (NGOs and charities), international organizations operating in the field of development cooperation, law firms, trade unions, private sector companies, professional associations, foundations, banks, cooperatives and social economy companies. Internships help students to prepare projects and case studies that can be the starting point for their final thesis.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

✓ The Master Programme in Sustainable Development is designed to train legal experts with a comprehensive background in the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. Our graduates acquire the necessary skills to elaborate, support and assess sustainable legal and economic policies and strategies in both the Public and Private Sectors.

With regard to the Public Sector, the Programme is designed to train legal experts able to integrate social, economic and environmental concerns in the central and local Public Administration's policies in key areas such as: telecommunication, new technologies, water, sanitation, health, electric power and gas, transportation, infrastructure, agriculture and green public procurement.

As regards the Private Sector, the LL.M. Programme is designed to train ethically oriented corporate legal experts and economic operators, able to play a key role in monitoring, tracking, aligning and integrating social and environmental impacts in the business sector, in order to help companies meet their corporate responsibility and sustainability goals.

More specifically, the LL.M. Programme is designed to train the following professionals:

- ✓ Environmental and sustainability managers
- ✓ Experts in: public administration management and auditing, management and audit of private companies, human resources, work organization, financial activities, market analysis, company law, state company law and economic systems.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### *Degree Requirements:*

Candidates applying for the LL.M. in Sustainable Development must hold either:

an Italian first degree (Bachelor) pertaining to classes: L-14 (Scienze dei servizi giuridici), L-33 (Scienze economiche), L-36 (Scienze politiche e delle relazioni internazionali), L-37 (Scienze sociali per la cooperazione, lo sviluppo e la pace), L-16 (Scienze dell'amministrazione e dell'organizzazione) or L-18 (Scienze dell'economia e della gestione aziendale) or

a foreign Degree (180-300-360 ECTS) in Law, Economics, Political Science or International Relations.

Candidates holding Italian and foreign Degrees in other fields will be admitted on a case-by-case basis that takes into account their *curriculum vitae et studiorum* and statement of purpose. If admitted, will be required to do the suggested preliminary readings on a mandatory basis, in order to supplement their basic knowledge that are prerequisites for the Programme.

### *Language ability:*

Applicants whose native language is not English or who do not hold a Degree fully taught in English must demonstrate English language proficiency by passing one of the following:

**IELTS:** we require a IELTS minimum overall score of 7.0, with a minimum of 6.5 in each of the reading, writing, listening and speaking components.

**TOEFL:** If the IELTS is not available, students may take the TOEFL test. We require a minimum overall score of 100, with a minimum of 25 in each of the reading, writing, listening and speaking components.

**Part-time students** are admitted on a case-by-case evaluation.



## HOW TO APPLY: DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

Pre-application and application deadlines change **yearly** (for all details please consult: [www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/92320.htm](http://www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/92320.htm) - "Applying for a Master Programme without admission test" and [www.llmsd.unimi.it](http://www.llmsd.unimi.it)).

Italian and foreign students are strongly recommended to submit their pre-application to [llm@unimi.it](mailto:llm@unimi.it) (please follow instructions at: [www.llmsd.unimi.it](http://www.llmsd.unimi.it)).

Please note that non-EU citizens resident abroad, who do not have an Italian residence permit, must also submit their formal pre-applications to the Italian diplomatic office in their country of residence. The competent Italian Embassy/Consulate is the authority responsible for accepting their pre-applications and checking if they meet the requirements for the Study Visa (generally from April to July).

Applications must be submitted online ([www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/92320.htm](http://www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/92320.htm) - "Applying for a Master Programme without admission test").

Candidates are required to provide the following documents:

- ✓ Degree certificate and official transcripts issued by the Universities attended, recording exams taken, grades and credits
- ✓ Passport - personal data: copy of the page with personal details
- ✓ Statement of purpose (describing applicant's background, primary area of interest, practical or academic experience in the area, and how the LL.M. will be used after graduation).
- ✓ English proficiency certification (i.e. TOEFL or IELTS certification)
- ✓ *Curriculum vitae et studiorum*
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation from recommenders who can best evaluate the applicant's capacity to attend the LL.M. programme (optional)





## COSTS

The University of Milan is a public institution.

Accordingly, **tuition fees are limited to a moderate amount between 770 and 3665 euros per year**, depending on personal income ([www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/29526.htm](http://www.unimi.it/ENG/admission/29526.htm)).

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Students admitted to the Master Programme through the online application procedure will be automatically eligible for the Excellence Scholarship Programme.

For further details please visit: [www.unimi.it/ENG/student/102426.htm](http://www.unimi.it/ENG/student/102426.htm).

Results are generally published yearly by the end of July.

After enrollment, students can also apply for other University of Milan scholarships Programmes (such as DSU regional scholarships).

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