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The **Master Program in Cooperation and Development**, organised by University of Pavia and Almo Collegio Borromeo, aims at training professionals in the field of **international cooperation** through highly qualified academic and professional training. Students have the possibility of studying in a **multidisciplinary and multicultural environment**. Students are prepared to work in institutions like Non-Governmental Organizations, International Organizations, Governmental Bureaus, Research Centers, and other Public or Private Institutions.

PROGRAM

The Master is a post-graduate course, entirely taught in English. The teaching program lasts **8 months** in Pavia (November 2025 - June 2026) and provides **500 hours of teaching** delivered by academicians, international professionals, and experts. The program delivers 75 credits according to the ECTS – European Credit Transfer System.

November December 2025	January April 2026	May June 2026	July December 2026	January 2027
Basic Economics and quantitative tools	Development Economics and Project Cycle Management	Geopolitics issues in the global agenda	Internship around the world	Final thesis discussion

After the teaching part, students are offered **3 to 6-month internships** in NGOs and International Organizations worldwide. The teaching activities will start in class at the Almo Collegio Borromeo. Across the academic year, students will be equipped with knowledge and skills in development economics, project cycle management, geopolitical issues, and research tools for cooperation, strengthening their capacities in coordination and negotiation in multicultural environments. Students have access to online platforms and are continuously involved in collaborative learning by doing experiences through **practical project works** led by **international experts** and qualified teachers. The Master is part of the **Cooperation and Development Network**, an international network of post-graduate educational programs active in Italy (University of Pavia), Colombia (Universidad de San Buenaventura and Universidad del Norte), Palestine (Bethlehem University), Nepal (Mid-West University), Kenya (Kenyatta University and Tangaza University), and Tunisia (University of Tunis El-Manar).

LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The residential part of the program takes place at the **Almo Collegio Borromeo** ([see more here](#)). Students admitted to the Master's program can apply to the "announcement of selection for study places" to be hosted (full-board accommodation) in the **Contardo Ferrini College (Almo Collegio Borromeo)** for the duration of the program. See our [website](#) for more information.

SUPPORTING INSTITUTIONS AND PARTNERS

THE MASTER C&D IS SUPPORTED BY: AICS Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, MUR - Ministry of University and Research, FAI Fondazione Assistenza Internazionale.

INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED: ECDPM-European Centre for Development Policy Management, ECLAC-United Nations Commission for Latin American Countries, Graduate Institute, IOM-International Organization for Migration, ODI-Overseas Development Institute, OECD-Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, UNCTAD-United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, WFP-World Food Program, UNICEF.

INTERNSHIP PARTNERS: ACRA, ACTION AID, CIAI, AZIONE CONTRO LA FAME, CBM Italia Onlus, CEFA, CESVI, CISP, CISV, CUAMM, CVM, COMI, COOPI, COSPE, COSV, EMERGENCY, E4 IMPACT Foundation, Fondazione Ambrosoli, HELPCODE, ICA International Consulting Alliance, ICEI, ICU, INTERSOS, WORLD FRIENDS, Microfinanza S.r.l., OXFAM, Resources Himalaya Foundation, SOLETERRE, TERRE DES HOMMES, VIS, WE WORLD, COGINTA.

ADMISSION

Every year the master is open to 30 students of different nationalities who graduated in any major, holding an Italian Laurea Triennale or a comparable foreign degree with at least 3 years of university studies.

The cost of enrollment for the academic year 2025/2026 is 8,000.00 euro. The fees include tuition fee, attendance to regular program classes and seminars, internship guidance & job career orientation, teaching material, and free access to computer rooms and libraries.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applications must be sent online through this [link](#). Find [here](#) the admission procedures step by step. The deadline to apply is 8th September 2025 at 1.00 pm (UTC +1). Early applications are encouraged. An application fee of 50,00 euro is mandatory (otherwise the application will not be valid) and is nonrefundable in case of rejection of admission.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are dedicated to disadvantaged and meritorious students coming from low and middle income countries according to the World Bank classification (available [here](#)) such as:

- **10 AICS Scholarships** financed by the Italian Agency for International Cooperation - including: total waiving from enrollment tuition fees, free full-board accommodation at C.Ferrini College (Collegio Borromeo);
- **1 "Paolo Dieci" scholarship (financed by CISP and ARCS)** including free full board accommodation at the C.Ferrini College (Collegio Borromeo).

Other scholarships are offered by the Master's program, including partial/total waiver of enrollment tuition fees and/or partial/total waiver of the full-board accommodation costs at the C. Ferrini (Collegio Borromeo).

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INTERNSHIP & JOB PLACEMENT

The Master provides **individual tutorship and guidance** and offers many different internship opportunities with Non-Governmental Organizations, International Organizations, Governmental Bureaus, Research Centers, and other Public or Private Institutions all over the world. The Master also facilitates contacts with International organizations. Special attention will also be dedicated to **career orientation**, through meetings with human resources experts. According to our statistics, **85% of students find a job within 6 months after graduation**.

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