M.A. in Development Economics and International Cooperation

18-th edition of the full-time programme from The School of Economics of The University of Rome “Tor Vergata”

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Course work content

MESCI content is divided into modules coherent with the following topics:

A. Factors of economic growth and development

B. International policies and financial interventions applied by various international and governmental institutions

C. Implementation, evaluation and management techniques of the development programmes and projects.

Core modules


2. Economics: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics

3. Credit, Growth, Welfare, Poverty and Inequality

4. Project and Programme implementation and evaluation

5. Education and Gender

6. Corruption, Environmental and Urban Economics

7. International and Development Economics

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