













University Cooperation Program Enhancement of the Palestinian University System - E-PLUS

ADVANCED INTENSIVE COURSE Development Design and Management in the Middle East (DDM-ME)

Pavia, September 3rd – December 20th, 2012















Goals

The intensive course on Development Design and Management in the Middle East (DDM-ME) is part of a broader University Cooperation Program, whose objective is to enhance the Palestinian University System through a three-year training program supported by a consortium of Italian Universities.

The intensive course DDM-ME is in fact an action of the project "Enhancement of the Palestinian University System (E-PLUS)", coordinated by the University of Pavia and financed by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs – General Direction for Cooperation and Development –DGCS.

The main goal of the course is to train professionals interested to work in the Middle East in the cooperation and development field, either with public or private organizations (NGOs, International Organizations, Research Centres, Universities, the private sector).

Participants will experience an intensive period of study in Pavia in close contact with 21 post-graduate students coming from the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Program

The course lasts 15 weeks, from 3rd of September to 20th of December, and includes **300 hours of academic lectures** plus additional seminars. The class will be composed of 21 Palestinians graduates and up to 21 international students.

The course is characterized by a **multidisciplinary approach** to the field of development cooperation, design and management, with a special focus on the Middle East.

The course opens with an introductory week, and then it is divided into 7 two week modules, composed of 40 hours taught by Italian and Palestinian professors:

General Introduction

"Development Cooperation in the Mediterranean Region"

Organizers: University of Pavia, MAE (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), MoHE (Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education) and all Universities

Module 1

"Development Economics and International Cooperation"
Organizers: University of Pavia and University of Bethlehem

Module 2

"Human Rights, Global Health and the Right to Health"

Organizers: University of Bologna and Arab American University of Jenin

Module 3

"Humanitarian Affairs and University Cooperation Promoting Peace and Democracy. Public Health in Crises"

Organizers: Sapienza- University of Rome and Al Quds University

Module 4

"Sustainable local development: the role of local actors and the environment"

Organizers: University of Trento and Birzeit University

Module 5

"Mathematical Models for the Management of Development"
Organizers: Politecnico di Milano and Hebron University

Module 6

"Energy Environment and Tourism"

Organizers: University of Palermo and Palestine Polytechnic University

Module 7

"Biotechnology for Global Health"

Organizers: University of Siena and An Najah National University

All the modules adopt a developmental approach and are focused on the problems of Middle East and Palestine.

Assessment criteria and final Award

At the end of each module there will be a short written test. On top of that, the students will have to write a thesis on one of the topics covered during the course.

A diploma will be issued by the University of Pavia to the students who successfully complete the entire evaluation process. The diploma corresponds to 40 ECTS.

Faculty

The teaching faculty involves at least two Italian and two Palestinian scholars for each of the 7 modules.

<u>ItalianUniversities</u>: Università degli Studi di Pavia, Università di Bologna, Sapienza- Università di Roma, Università degli Studi di Trento, Politecnico di Milano, Università degli Studi di Palermo, Università degli Studi di Siena

<u>Palestinian Universities</u>: Bethlehem University, Birzeit University, Al Quds University, Hebron University, Palestine Polytechnic University, An Najah University, Arab American University of Jenin, Islamic University of Gaza, Al-Azhar University-Gaza

Admission requirements and procedures

The Palestinian students will be selected by a joint committee of Italian and Palestinian Universities. This call is devoted to international students, for whom there is a maximum of 21 places available. The applicants must be graduated (at least "laurea triennale" for Italians) in any discipline. All degrees and background studies will be considered. A good knowledge of English is required. Previous experience in the Middle East area will be considered a plus.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

15THJune **2012**

Selection will be made on the basis of previous academic career and evaluation of the curriculum vitae. Candidates will be eventually called for an individual interview.

All applications must include:

- Application form adequately filled out (http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/international-relations/international-activities/e-plus-palestine.html)
- Curriculum vitae
- Motivational letter
- One letter of reference
- Transcript of academic records
- Copy of the passport

All this documents have **to be sent by mail** to the following addresses: nadia.garbellini@unipv.it and alberto.forte@unipv.it

Fees

The cost of enrolment is 1,500 euro.

Fees include: tuition fee; attendance to regular program classes and additional seminars; handout teaching material; free access to computer rooms and libraries.

The entire amount is due at the moment of enrolment. In case of subsequent withdrawal this amount will not be reimbursed.

Location: University of Pavia campus.

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 $\textbf{Or visit our web site:} \underline{\text{http://www.unipv.eu/site/en/home/international-relations/international-activities/e-plus-palestine.html} \\$

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