MSc AGROECOLOGY

Farming and food systems in Europe and abroad are increasingly recognised as closely linked with environmental, social and ethical issues. The challenges arising in the interface between food production and society in Europe contain many generic traits that also occur in many parts of the world. The multiple cultures, languages and political systems in Europe make this an ideal place for students to experience first hand some of these challenges and potential solutions that could be applied in their home situation.

General objectives

The study programmes are aimed at international students with a strong interest in sustainable agriculture, agroecosystem management, and sustainable food systems. Students will get the opportunity to understand structure and function of complex agroecosystems. They will learn to apply a systems approach in studying, designing and evaluating agricultural systems and food production chains. The programme teaches a multidisciplinary, experiential learning approach in which natural sciences are combined with social sciences.

Specificities MSc Agroecology

The two-year double degree programme combines 4 semesters at 3 different universities with different study options for the 2nd semester.

The programme exploits the strengths of two main institutes, with the strengths in action learning at NMBU, Norway, adding the specialist knowledge in agroecosystems management at Isara, France.

The goal is to shorten the distance between practice and theory in applying action learning and action research through cooperation with arners, food system professionals and consumers.

Specificities MSc Agroecology Organic Agriculture

The two-year double degree programme combines 4 semesters at 2 different universities with an internship in the 2nd semester.

The programme combines a strong research approach in organic agriculture at Wageningen University, The Netherlands, with the systems approach in agroecology for agroecosystems management at Isara, France.

The goal is to develop research competences and project management for the application of agroecological science in real-world situations.
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**Admission requirements**: English level certified by an official test: TOEFL IBT 92, IELTS 7

BSc degree in Agriculture, horticulture, economics, natural resources, biology, food sciences, nutrition, engineering or rural sociology.

**Application deadline**
- February 1st (non-Europeans)
- March 1st (Europeans)