

MSc EF

Master of Science in European Forestry

Duration: 2 years

Course description:

Master of Science in European Forestry is a two-year programme that provides academic education in forest science. The course offers a new approach to the markets in forestry and nature management and it connects the increasing number of forest-related issues with European dimension at international as well as national levels. The objectives of the MSc EF programme are to educate professionals who have a thorough understanding in sustainable forestry and in European business culture. The curriculum is specifically designed to take into consideration the needs of potential employers and our graduates are highly appreciated by national and international forest management agencies, governmental bodies, NGOs, research institutions and timber, paper and pulp enterprises.

In this course, seven European forestry universities collaborate intensively to offer joint study modules in addition to their existing curricula. The MSc EF consortium consists of the following universities: Joensuu (coordinator Finland), AgroParisTech (France), SLU (Sweden), Freiburg (Germany), Lleida (Spain), BOKU (Austria) and Wageningen (the Netherlands).

- FIRST STUDY YEAR:

- Module 1 – Trends in European Forestry
- Module 2 – Sustainable Forest Management in Europe
- Module 3 – Elective courses
- Module 4 – Applied Period in Forest Institutions
- Module 5 – European Forestry Field Course
- Module 6 – Multifunctional Forestry in Mountain Regions

- SECOND STUDY YEAR:

- Module 7 – Advanced courses
- Module 8 – Master's thesis

Modules 1, 2, 5 and 6 are fully a joint effort of the consortium and they provide the students with solid understanding of European forestry practices. The students study as one group and get to visit all the consortium universities. Modules 3, 4, 7 and 8 are organised in different consortium universities and they allow students to further improve their competences in their areas of interest related to culturally, ecologically, economically and socially sustainable forestry. For Modules 4, 7 and 8, students are distributed among the consortium universities according to students' specialisation.

The official language of the course is English with ample opportunities to learn local languages. Upon graduation, each student shall receive a double-degree i.e. two national Master's degree certificates with a Diploma Supplement. One of the degrees is always issued by the University of Eastern Finland and the other one is issued by the university where the student has completed the Module 7 studies. The programme is open to highly-motivated students who have completed a BSc in forestry or related fields. A variety of scholarships are available for potential students.

Website: www.europeanforestry.net or www.uef.fi/europeanforestry

Partners:

UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND, Finland (Co-ordinating institution)
PARIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR LIFE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, IN ITS ENGREF COMPONENT, France
BOKU-UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIFE SCIENCES, VIENNA, Austria
UNIVERSITY OF FREIBURG, Germany
SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, Sweden
WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY, the Netherlands
UNIVERSITY OF LLEIDA, Spain

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673 200 € (30 000 € consortium + 643 200 € scholarships), 2010

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515 600 € (30 000 € consortium + 485 600 € scholarships), 2012

446 000 € (30 000 € consortium + 416 000 € scholarships), 2013