



Master EDAMUS
“Sustainable Management of Food Quality”



STUDENT AGREEMENT

Student recipient of an Erasmus Mundus scholarship

Academic Year 2012-2013

Between the Coordinating institution, University Montpellier 1, represented by Professor Michel LARROQUE,

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On behalf of the EDAMUS Consortium formed by the following universities:

- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (IAMM), France
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMz), Spain
- University of Basilicata (UNIBAS), Potenza, Italy
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh), Greece
- Université Mentouri de Constantine (UMC), Constantine, Algeria

And the Student

Surname / Last name (ex. SMITH):

First name (ex: John):

Date of birth (day/month/year): Place of Birth:

Nationality: Passport number:

Agree on this contract under the following terms and conditions:

General conditions:

1. The Student commits himself/herself to attend the academic programme of EDAMUS Erasmus Mundus Master Course starting on 03 September 2012, approved by the European Commission under Convention Number having a duration of 2 academic years,

2. The student declares to meet the requirements to follow the proposed academic programme, particularly that he/she holds a Bachelor (or equivalent) degree and that he/she commits himself/herself to reach a minimum level of English and French languages, equivalent to B2 according to the levels defined by the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)* before the starting of the programme.

3. The universities will endeavor their best to provide the Student with tuition, supervision, assessment and support services of a professional standard. Relevant information concerning the structure and organization of the Master is published on EDAMUS website (<http://www.master-edamus.eu/>).

4. The study tracks will have to be confirmed by the student and validated by the Educational Committee during Master 1, Semester 1, before Mid-October.

During the two Master years, the student must attend a minimum of 30 ECTS in (at least) two Degree-Awarding-Partner institutions:

- University Montpellier 1 (UM1) / CIHEAM-IAMM – France
and/or
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza (IAMz) - Spain
and/or
- University of Basilicata (UNIBAS) - Italy

Besides, students have the possibility to attend options in the other Partner institutions:

- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh) - Greece
- Université Mentouri de Constantine (UMC) – Algérie
- University of Tsukuba - Japan
- University of Sherbrooke – Canada

under the condition that the rule mentioned above is respected.

5. To pass a study unit the Student must obtain a grade superior or equal to E. Students who fail a study unit (Grade F) and students willing to improve their grade, will have the opportunity to sit a second examination. The mark obtained on the second examination session will replace that of the first session.

Average grade	A	B	C	D	E
Distinction	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Quite Good	Pass

The EDAMUS master degree will be given to a student who has individually validated each Course Unit of the 4 semesters (S1, S2, S3 and S4).

Exam conditions (oral, written, individual report, etc.) are decided individually for each course unit. A grade is given per course unit under the responsibility of the course unit manager.

The student has the possibility to consult his/her exam papers if needed/wanted addressing the Professor in charge of the concerned course. All type of exams (written, oral presentation, individual report, etc.) stay in the institution where the exam takes place during one month. After one month, exam papers are sent to the Coordinator, in Montpellier, France. If necessary, the student has also the possibility to consult his/her exam papers from a distance (sending of scanned copy after acceptance of the professor in charge of the concerned course). The coordinator conserves the copies during one year after the end of the Master Programme. After this period copies will be definitively destructed.

6. In the fourth semester, the Student will carry out an internship in a company or in a research laboratory, with which the Consortium has a collaboration partnership. The place and the subject of the internship will have to be validated by the Educational Committee. The internship will last 24 weeks and must end before 30 September 2014. At the end of the internship the Student must write up a report which will constitute his/her Master Thesis and will be submitted to a jury including at least three people from three different partner Institutions. In case of failing the thesis presentation, the jury will have the possibility to ask the student to:

- make a new oral presentation before the end of September
- make a new report and a new oral presentation before the end of September
- attend a new internship, write a new report and provide a new oral presentation. In that case, the student will have to extend his/her registration for 24 extra weeks.

7. At the end of the programme, the Student will receive the national Master of Science Degree from the Degree-Awarding institutions in which she/he has obtained a minimum of 30 ECTS. In addition to the double or multiple degrees, each student will receive a common Diploma Supplement. This Diploma Supplement will mention the course units attended by the student during the two EDAMUS Master years and the ECTS grades obtained for each one.

8. The Student will have a tutor at each assigned institution who will be his/her reference during his/her stay at the assigned university. Should the Student have any kind of difficulty, either academic, logistic or administrative, social or cultural, he/she will have the possibility to refer to his/her tutor for advice, as well as possible.

9. The Student will obtain assistance from the International Relations Office of the assigned universities with all administrative formalities he/she may need, such as the period of enrolment at the university, welcome reception, how to get the student card, accommodation information (cost of living, university residences, renting flats), sports facilities as well as cultural and social events, and, if needed, the residence permit, registration with the local authorities and visa information.

10. The Student will be provided with health insurance during the whole period of the studies. This comprehensive insurance policy covers all European Minimum Requirements (medical expenses all over the world, civil responsibility and repatriation cost towards the country of the student, etc).

11. The Student commits to behave with ethics during his/her studies. He/she will commit no fraudulent act, and will specially avoid cheating, falsification or plagiarism of any academic work. Moreover, he/she will not abuse or misuse the access to equipment and installations and will not perform any unauthorized access or violation of departmental, school or university rules. Any incident against this compromise will be treated by the Steering Committee and may cause the exclusion of the student from the EDAMUS Masters Course.

12. In case of complaint, the Student may appeal to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will consider the issue and will solve it as soon as possible. However for specific complaint about a specific service or facility provided by a Partner Institution, the student shall invoke the complaints procedure of that institution.

13. EDAMUS Consortium is exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are object of the present contract.

Tuition and Scholarship conditions:

14. Tuition fees are: 8000€ per year for category A (Students from Third countries) and 4000€ per year for category B (EU nationals/residents Students). This fee covers the national enrolment fees in force in each university of the Master and the insurance cost.

15. The amount of scholarships for the granted students of category A and category B will be as follows:

	CATEGORY A (1) Scholarships	CATEGORY B (2) Scholarships
Contribution to travel, installation and any other type of costs	8 000 € for the 2 years	3 000 € - <u>only if</u> the studies include a mobility track in a non-European institution
Contribution to the participation costs (including insurance coverage)	4 000 € / semester	2 000 € / semester
Monthly allowance	1 000 € / month	500 € / month

(1) Category A students:

- Citizens of 'third-countries': all countries except for the 27 Member States of the European Union or associated states [Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway];
- Citizens of 'third-countries' who have not lived or carried out a main activity (studies, work, etc.) in any EU Member State or associated country for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years at the date of application.

(2) Category B students:

- Citizens of European Union Member States, or from Iceland, Norway or Liechtenstein.

Important:

Citizens from category A, 'third-countries', who have lived or have carried their main activities in one of the Category B countries for more than 12 months over the last five years, will also be considered within the Group B. In this case the findings will correspond to category B, regardless of having non EU nationality.

16. Management of the scholarship funds

The contribution to travel and installation costs is paid (in euros) in several installments according to the needs of the student. For each installment, the student will be asked to provide a justifying document (ex: travel agency's cost estimation, travel tickets, booking certificate, invoice, etc.). At the end of the two master years, if the amount received by the student is lower than the total amount (cf. table above), the difference will be paid to the student.

The contribution to the participation costs (tuition fees) is deduced directly from the scholarship.

The monthly allowance is paid starting from the end of the month of the arrival of the student. The living allowance payments **will start in September 2012**, they will be done by bank transfer at the end of each month during the 24 months of the Master course and stopped immediately in case of interruption of the course by the student.

17. Under the present contract, the Student is obliged:

- to attend assiduously the programme with the objective of passing,

- not to receive any other scholarship or subvention financed by the European Commission under other Community programmes.

18. The scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relation between the Coordinator and the student.

19. Each scholarship-holder-student will have to open a bank account in France. His/her scholarship will be paid, by bank transfer, to this account. If a change occurs in his/her bank account, the student has the responsibility to inform the EDAMUS Coordinator.

20. Management of the scholarship funds in case of course interruption

In the eventual case of termination of the course:

- the student did not reach the minimum requirements to continue,
- lack of active participation (in the lectures, practical sessions, field trips, informative official meetings, internship, etc.) due to personal reasons/choices
 - that the student cannot justify with medical certificates
 - for which permission has not been granted by the EDAMUS staff (to ensure permission, the student shall preferably ask in advance),
- exclusion from the EDAMUS programme because of serious infringement of the ethical code, etc.

The Student has to reimburse the portion of the amount he/she has received and that exceed his/her actual insofar incurred expenditure, based on the number of months he/she attended and a copy of her/his "return ticket".

The amount to be reimbursed will be decided by the Steering Committee of the Master.

Modification of the Contract and dispute resolution conditions

21. Any alteration to the present Contract or Annex must be communicated in writing. All alterations to the initial situation must be immediately communicated by the Student to the EDAMUS Consortium. Upon mutual agreement of contractual modifications, the EDAMUS Consortium will issue addenda to the present contract

22. Without prejudice to the general consequences laid down in national law applicable in the present Contract, the EDAMUS Consortium reserves the right to cease the effects of the present contract, without recourse to any juridical procedure apart from adequate communication to the Student. Failing agreement by both parts, the French courts are designed as the only competent authorities to resolve any legal dispute between the EDAMUS Consortium and the Student emerging from the contract. The present contract will be governed by the French Law.

The signatories declare that they have read and accept the conditions laid down in the present Contract.

SIGNED AS AGREED

The EDAMUS Coordinator represented by Prof. Michel LARROQUE, on behalf of the Consortium,

Stamp and signature

Date:

Place: Montpellier (France)

The student,

Signature

Date:

Place: