

Join one of the International Master of Science in Rural Development and Agricultural Economics double degree programmes (IMRD+)

BEcause

As food and resource production is more internationally interrelated, increasing interest is being awakened in finding out how to address global agricultural, food and resource problems collaboratively. There is an increasing demand for specialized experts who will be able to conduct joint research and promote mutual understandings of agricultural and food economy in the EU, the Korean peninsula or the USA.

There are two different options in IMRD+, the ATLANTIS track which allows you to study in the EU and the USA and the EKAFREE track which combines mobility within the EU and South Korea. The 2-year master programmes (120 ECTS) are jointly organized by the six European IMRD consortium universities, one American and three South Korean universities for respectively the ATLANTIS and EKAFREE tracks. At the end of either programme you will be awarded two degrees, a MSc in Rural Development awarded by the IMRD consortium and a MSc in Agricultural Economics awarded by the University of Arkansas or one of the South Korean universities respectively.



BEcome

The master of Science in Rural Development and Agricultural Economics will prepare you to become:

- ✓ A trained expert in integrated rural development specialized in agricultural sociology, economics, policy and decision making, with a competitive advantage on the international job market.
- ✓ A master of science with a unique international theoretical knowledge in development and agricultural economics theories and policies, combined with a practical based comparative knowledge of different approaches to rural development.
- ✓ Part of an international network of specialists in agronomics and rural development.



BE involved

Semester 1 (Sept - Jan)

General Entrance Module (30-35 ECTS) offered at Ghent University

Semester 2 (Febr - June)

Advanced Module I (15-40 ECTS): you will choose an EU partner institution

Summer Course

Case Study (10 ECTS): University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia) or Pisa University (Italy)

Semester 3 (Sept - Jan)

Advanced Module II (15-40 ECTS): You will choose a partner institution in South Korea or the USA where you will also complete your Master Dissertation

Semester 4 (Febr - June)

Thesis Module (30 ECTS): master dissertation partner institution in South Korea or the USA



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The Master of Science in Rural Development and Agricultural Economics offers:

- ✂ The possibility to study in the EU and in the USA or South Korea respectively and be exposed to the different realities of agricultural and food production and marketing.
- ✂ Practical experience through a 1-month case study in Italy or Slovakia.
- ✂ The possibility of a guided internship at a research institute, governmental agency or NGO.
- ✂ A unique combination of theoretical knowledge in agricultural and resource economics and policies, and practical based comparative knowledge of agricultural and resource policies in the EU and USA or South Korea.

BEprep & BElong

Before the start of the academic year, the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering organises a **preparatory programme** to refresh your general knowledge of mathematics, chemistry, statistics and/or economics and laboratory experience: **BEPreP**. It's also a perfect moment to get acquainted with your fellow students, finish all the administrative burdens and get to know your new surroundings. Participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a certificate.



Partners

- ✂ Within Europe, six universities form the IMRD+ consortium: Ghent University (Belgium), Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany), Agrocampus Ouest (France), University of Pisa (Italy), Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra (Slovakia) and University of Cordoba (Spain)
- ✂ For the ATLANTIS track: University of Arkansas (USA)
- ✂ For the EKAFREE track: Korea University (South Korea), Seoul National University (South Korea) and Chungbuk National University (South Korea)



Admission criteria

- ✂ Only European students can apply for IMRD+ at the IMRD consortium. USA or South Korean students can apply at the University of Arkansas (USA) or one of the Korean partners respectively.
- ✂ Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree of min. 3 years from a university or recognized equivalent in bioscience engineering, agricultural sciences or economics with good overall scores (at least a second class or equivalent, preferably higher).
- ✂ Applicants must be able to demonstrate through their transcripts basic science training in: (i) mathematics or statistics; (ii) agronomy or biology or environmental sciences; and (iii) social sciences/sociology or rural development and economics.

Cost

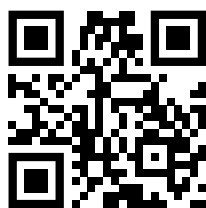
- ✂ Tuition fee: fees can be subject to annual revision. Please consult imrd.ugent.be

Scholarship opportunities

- ✂ Stay up to date with possible scholarship opportunities at imrd.ugent.be

Apply now!

Apply before **March 1st**
(for non-European applicants) or
June 1st (for European applicants)
via applications.itc@ugent.be



Please take into account that the processing time of your application could take up to 2 months. An early start is highly recommended.

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1/3 of our IMRD graduates start a PhD; others work at UN, FAO, NGO's or in the agribusiness industry.

ITC alumni database

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