

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



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to get
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degree

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, the USA or Ecuador.

There are **three tracks** in IMRD+, each one leading to the joint degree of International MSc in Rural Development (IMRD) awarded by the IMRD consortium along with an additional degree which differs per track:

The **ATLANTIS track** allows you to study in the EU and the USA, which leads to a degree in Agricultural economics awarded by the University of Arkansas.

The **EKAFFREE track**, which combines mobility within the EU and South Korea, leads to an additional degree in Agricultural Economics awarded by the Seoul National University, or a degree in Economics awarded by Korea University.

the **EERUDEV track** combines studying in the EU and Ecuador, leading to a second degree in Rural Development awarded by the Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral.



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 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 choose a partner institution in South Korea, the USA or Ecuador where you will also complete your master dissertation

Semester 4 (Febr - June)

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

Elective internship or language courses



Benefit

- ∞ The possibility to study in the **EU and in the USA, South Korea or Ecuador** respectively and be exposed to the different realities of agricultural and food production and marketing.
- ∞ Practical experience through a **1-month case study**.
- ∞ 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 the USA, Korea, Ecuador.

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, statistics and/or economics: **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 EKAFFREE track: Korea University (South Korea) and Seoul National University (South Korea)
- ∞ For the EERUDEV track: Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (Ecuador)

Admission criteria

- ∞ You have at least an academic bachelor's degree of min. 3 years from a university or recognized equivalent. This degree is preferably in the field of bioscience engineering or agricultural sciences with good overall scores. Other degrees can also be accepted if you meet the following requirements.
- ∞ You must demonstrate through your transcript of records that you have basic academic training in: (i) Mathematics and/or Statistics; (ii) Life Sciences; (iii) Social Sciences and/or Rural Development and/or Economics.
- ∞ You are proficient in English (recent ACADEMIC IELTS score of 6.5, TOEFL IBT of 80, CEFR B2 issued by a European university language centre or ESOL CAMBRIDGE English CAE - Advanced).
- ∞ Top three applicants of each track are selected.

Cost and scholarship opportunities

- ∞ Tuition fee: fees can be subject to annual revision. Please consult imrd.eu.
- ∞ Keep up to date for possible scholarship opportunities at imrd.eu!

Apply now!

Apply before **March 1st** (for non-European applicants) or before **June 1st** (for non-European applicants).

Questions?
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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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"I highly recommend students to join the Atlantis Programme. It has been amazing to experience that the world is so big, thanks to the programme. Specifically, Atlantis helps to challenge some stereotypes people might have and it allows students to see that the world doesn't revolve around one place, country or problem. I learned to think outside my traditional line of thinking."

Noussayma Njeim, student ATLANTIS track

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