

# MSc Forest and Nature Conservation (MFN) study information

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# Programme team MFN

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# Where are we?

Gaia (building 101), 1<sup>st</sup> floor, B-wing

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Corona times: ONLINE appointments with Skype (for Business)

Skype for Business free for students: <https://www.wur.nl/en/news-wur/Show-corona/Skype-for-Business-available-for-students.htm>



# Study advise and support

Open and confidential!

Study adviser to student

‘Design’ **individual** MFN study programme together

Provide information

Check study progress → residence permit!

Questions, advise, problems, brainstorm, coaching...





# Study advise and support

## Student (to study adviser)

Think critically about study programme

Study Programme Approval (SPA)

Notify (upcoming) problems directly

First search answers to questions yourself

But do not wait too long to get in touch...



# Study advise and support

- Schedule for (online) appointment at:  
<https://appointments.owi.wur.nl/bbnmfn/>  
Make an account with username and password!
- Consultation hours Neeltje van Hulten:
  - Wednesday afternoon, Friday morning
  - Additional meetings for intakes
- Consultation hours Trudeke Sanders:
  - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon
  - Additional meetings for intakes
- Temporarily not available: Walk In (do not register, just take a seat in the corridor) Wednesday 12:00-13:00, At Gaia, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, B-wing



# Study advise and support

- How to make an appointment  
(--> [link appointment system](#)):  
Or at MyPortal → Education Links → Study Adviser  
Appointments
- New system expected

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[Schedule Now](#) | [Login](#) | [Register](#)

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### New Appointment

Meeting Type ▾

**BBN-students (Leonie)**

30 Minutes | First availability: 17 August 9:00

Meeting with the studyadviser for all BSc students Forest and Nature Conservation (BBN). You will receive a reminder, including the request to explain what you want to discuss during the meeting.

**Students MSc Forest and Nature Conservation with family name A – K (Gis)**

30 Minutes | First availability: 29 August 13:30

Appointment with study adviser for MSc students Forest and Nature Conservation with family names A to K. You will receive a reminder including the request to explain what you want to discuss.

**Students MSc Forest and Nature Conservation with family name L – Z (Neeltje)**

30 Minutes | First availability: 17 August 9:00

Appointment with study adviser for MSc students Forest and Nature Conservation with family names L to Z. You will receive a reminder including the request to explain what you want to discuss.

**Intake meeting NEW MFN-students**

1 Hour | First availability: 17 August 13:00

Are you going to start with your MSc Forest and nature Conservation? Register for this appointment for a meeting to discuss your study programme. Prepare the meeting: - Look at the programme information on internet - Check the programme details in the studyhandbook: <https://ssc.wur.nl/Handbook/Programme/MFN>





# MFN characteristics

Personal study programme

Student-centred

International: 32 nationalities

3 specialisations:

A. Policy and Society

B. Management

C. Ecology

1<sup>st</sup> year: 48 ects courses, 12 ects Academic Master Cluster

2<sup>nd</sup> year: 36 ects thesis, 24 ects internship



# MFN characteristics

An individual programme, what does that mean?

You have to make a lot of choices, depending on:

- Your (study)background
- Your interests
- Your ideas about the future

Based on that, you design your programme in consultation with the study advisor.

There are rules to design your programme, select the compulsory courses, restricted optional courses, free choice, thesis, etc.

And there might be exceptions, exemptions, replacements for courses. Ask your study advisor and share your ideas!



## MFN characteristics: specialisation Policy and Society

MSc Forest and Nature Conservation, Specialisation A: Policy & Society										
		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Re-exam	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6		Re-exam
	# wkn	8	8	4	2	4	8	8		2
MSc 1	MO	YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	Free choice	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)		FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	FNP-32306 Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory & Practice	SDC-33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	ENP-39306 Advanced International Environmental Politics (MO+AF)	
	AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	Free choice	MAT-22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)			ENP-33306 Environment and Development			
MSc 2		FNP-80436 MSc Thesis Forest and Nature Conservation Policy					FEM-70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management FNP-70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy REG-70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN-70424 MSc Internship Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation			
		Choose in consultation with your study adviser			Academic Master Cluster (AMC) can be scheduled in all periods (mind entrance criteria). There are two main options: 1. Academic Consultancy Training and Modular Skills Training (MOS); 2. Research Master Cluster: Academic Research Proposal Writing SDD-track: ENP-60312 in period 2 (Former) HBO-students: Choose four MOS					
		Compulsory Course								
		Choose 1 course								
		Choose 1 Course								
		Choose 1 Course								
		Free choice								
		Re-exam period								

# Specialisation Policy and Society

## an example with ACT in period 5

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	optional course	Christmas holidays	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)	re-exams	FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	Academic Consultancy Training	SDC-33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	ENP-39306 Advanced International Environmental Politics (MO+AF)		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					Mos modules and Academic Consultancy Training				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	thesis FNP	thesis FNP	Christmas holidays	thesis FNP	re-exams	thesis FNP	internship	internship	internship		re-exams
AF	thesis FNP	thesis FNP					internship				



# Specialisation Policy and Society

## an example with ACT in period 6

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	optional course	Christmas holidays	MAT-22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)	re-exams	FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	FNP-32306 Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory & Practice	Academic Consultancy Training and MOS	Academic Consultancy Training		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					GEO-36306 Environmental Psychology				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	thesis FNP	thesis FNP	Christmas holidays	thesis FNP	re-exams	thesis FNP	internship	internship	internship		re-exams
AF	thesis FNP	thesis FNP					internship				



# Specialisation Policy and Society

an example with Research Master Cluster OR ACT in 2<sup>nd</sup> year

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	optional course	Christmas holidays	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)	re-exams	FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	start thesis FNP: writing proposal	SDC-33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	Thesis continues: start fieldwork (data collection)		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					GEO-36306 Environmental Psychology				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	thesis FNP	thesis FNP	Christmas holidays	Academic Consultancy Training and MOS, OR Research Master Cluster	re-exams	Continue Academic Consultancy Training OR Research Master Cluster	internship	internship	internship		re-exams
AF	thesis FNP	thesis FNP					internship				

There are many more options!





# Specialisation Policy and Society: period 1

- Morning: [YRM-21306](#) Research methodology for human environment interactions
  - Exceptions? Discuss with study adviser if you have a BSc in social sciences AND you have extensive knowledge of research methodology in this domain
  - Literature: check course description
- Afternoon: [REG-31306](#) Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Compulsory for all students that have not done the BSc Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Literature: Course outline and reader are provided online
- Check course schedule on internet!



# MFN characteristics: specialisation Management

		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3 MO+AF!	Re- exam	Period 4 MO+AF!	Period 5	Period 6		Re- exam
	# wkn	8	8	4	2	4	8	8		2
MSc 1	MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1 OR YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	REG-32806 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)		FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for FNC Research	FNP-32306 Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory and Practice	SDC-33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	REG-30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) PEN-30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)	
		PEN-30806 Restoration Ecology								
	AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	FEM-30806 Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization	MAT-22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)		FEM-32306 Agroforestry	FEM-30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management	REG-33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)		
		ENR-31306 Economics and Management of Natural Resources								
MSc 2		FNP-80436 MSc Thesis Forest and Nature Conservation Policy FEM-80436 MSc Thesis Forest Ecology and Forest Management REG-80436 MSc Thesis Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN-80436 MSc Thesis Plant Ecology & Nature Conservation					FNP-70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy FEM-70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management REG-70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN-70424 MSc Internship Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation			
		Choose in consultation with your study adviser Choose at least 2 courses Choose 1 course Choose 0-2 in consultation with your study adviser Re-exam period			Academic Master Cluster (AMC) can be scheduled in all periods (mind entrance criteria). There are two main options: 1. Academic Consultancy Training and Modular Skills Training (MOS); 2. Research Master Cluster: Academic Research Proposal Writing (Former) HBO-students: Choose four MOS					

# Specialisation Management

Example with focus FNP (thesis), and FEM → forest man. profile

	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	YRM-21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	optional course	Christmas holidays	MAT-22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)	re-exams	FNP-31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	FNP-32306 Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory & Practice	Academic Consultancy Training and MOS	Academic Consultancy Training		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	FEM-30806 Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization					FEM-30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management				
	MSc-2										
	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	Thesis FNP	Thesis FNP	Christmas holidays	Thesis FNP	re-exams	Thesis FNP	Internship	Internship	Internship		re-exams
AF	Thesis FNP	Thesis FNP					Internship				



# Specialisation Management

## An example with focus PEN or WEC

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1	REG-32806 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Christmas holidays	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)	re-exams	PEN-30806 Restoration Ecology	Academic Consultancy Training	optional course	REG-30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) OR PEN-30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					Mos modules and Academic Consultancy Training				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	Christmas holidays	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	re-exams	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	Internship	Internship	Internship		re-exams
AF	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN					Internship				



# Specialisation Management

## Example with Research Master Cluster or ACT in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1	REG-32806 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Christmas holidays	FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)	re-exams	FEM-32306 Agroforestry	optional course	start thesis proposal	thesis continues: fieldwork/ data collection		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	FEM-30806 Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization					FEM-30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	Thesis continues	Thesis continues	Christmas holidays	Academic Consultancy Training and MOS, OR Research Master Cluster	re-exams	Continue Academic Consultancy Training OR Research Master Cluster	Internship	Internship	Internship		re-exams
AF	Thesis continues	Thesis continues					Internship				

There are many more options!



# Specialisation Management: period 1

- Morning: [YRM-21306](#) if opting for thesis at FNP-group, [REG-31806](#) if opting for thesis at FEM, PEN, WEC group
  - Exceptions? Have you already done similar courses in your BSc? Discuss with study adviser
  - Former BBN: choose REG-31806 if not done yet in BSc AND opting for thesis at FEM, PEN or WEC
  - Literature: syllabus or boo, check course description
- Afternoon: [REG-31306](#) Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Compulsory for all students that have not done the BSc Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Literature: Course outline and reader are provided online
- Check course schedule on internet!





# MFN characteristics: specialisation Ecology

## MSc Forest and Nature Conservation, Specialisation C: Ecology

MSc Forest and Nature Conservation, Specialisation C: Ecology										
		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Re-exam	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6		Re-exam
	# wk n	8	8	4	2	4	8	8		2
MSc 1	MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1	Free choice	FEM-31806 Models for Ecological Systems		Free choice	Free choice	REG-32306 Ecological Methods II (MO+AF) OR REG-33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)	REG-30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) OR PEN-30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)	
	AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	Free choice				FEM-30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management			
MSc 2		FEM-80436 MSc Thesis Forest Ecology and Forest Management					FNP-70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy			
		REG-80436 MSc Thesis Wildlife Ecology and Conservation					FEM-70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management			
		PEN-80436 MSc Thesis Plant Ecology & Nature Conservation					REG-70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation			
							PEN-70424 MSc Internship Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation			

Choose in consultation with your study adviser

Compulsory Course

Choose at least 2 courses

Free choice

Re-exam period

Academic Master Cluster (AMC) can be scheduled in all periods (mind entrance criteria). There are two main options:

1. Academic Consultancy Training and Modular Skills Training (MOS);
2. Research Master Cluster: Academic Research Proposal Writing (Former) HBO-students: Choose four MOS

# Specialisation Ecology

## Example PEN or WEC thesis and ACT

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1	optional course	Christmas holidays	FEM-31806 Models for Ecological Systems	re-exams	optional course	Academic Consultancy Training	REG-32306 Ecological Methods II (MO+AF) OR	REG-30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) OR		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					Mos modules and Academic Consultancy Training	REG-33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)	PEN-30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)		
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	Thesis PEN or WEC	Thesis PEN or WEC	Christmas holidays	Thesis PEN or WEC	re-exams	Thesis PEN or WEC	Internship	Internship	Internship		re-exams
AF	Thesis PEN or WEC	Thesis PEN or WEC					Internship				



# Specialisation Ecology

## Example FEM thesis, Research Master Cluster or ACT in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr

MSc-1	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	REG-31806 Ecological Methods 1	optional course	Christmas holidays	FEM-31806 Models for Ecological Systems	re-exams	optional course	Start thesis FEM, proposal	REG-32306 Ecological Methods II (MO+AF)	thesis continues: fieldwork/ data collection		re-exams
AF	REG-31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	optional course					FEM-30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management				
MSc-2	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO	Thesis continues	Thesis continues	Christmas holidays	Academic Consultancy Training and MOS, OR Research Master Cluster	re-exams	Continue Academic Consultancy Training OR Research Master Cluster	Internship	Internship	Internship		re-exams
AF	Thesis continues	Thesis continues					Internship				

# Specialisation Ecology: period 1

- Morning: [REG-31806](#) Ecological methods I
  - Former BBN or BBI: choose REG-31806 if not done yet in BSc
  - Literature: syllabus and online
- Afternoon: [REG-31306](#) Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Compulsory for all students that have not done the BSc Forest and Nature Conservation
  - Literature: Course outline and reader are provided online
- Check course schedule on internet!



# MFN characteristics: optional courses

- Other specialisations
- Other MSc programmes
  - Check studyhanbook
  - See Excel sheet
- Other universities
- - Mathematics? Statistics?
  - Capita selecta
  - MOOCs
- Not for credits:
  - Self study of R
  - language courses



# MFN characteristics: Academic Master Cluster

- Academic Consultancy Training YMC-60809 (ACT)

- Sustainability Transition-ACT (S-ACT)
- Entrepreneurial-ACT (E-ACT)

Combined with Modular Skills Courses (at least 3 ec)

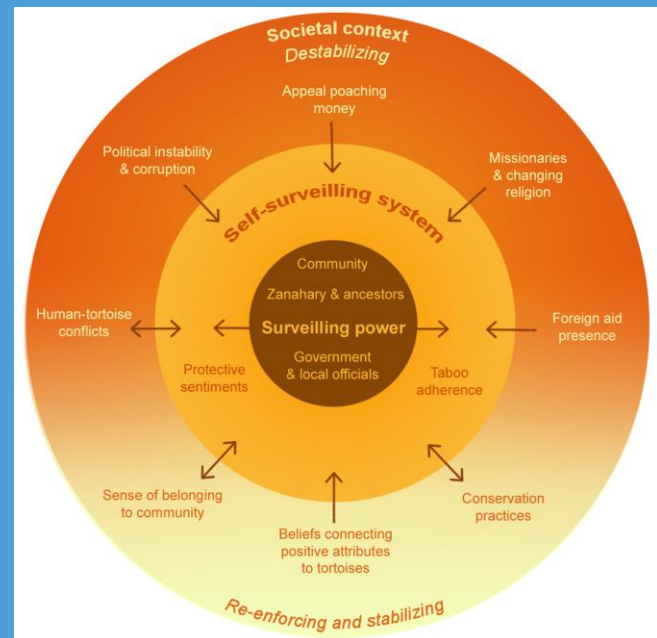
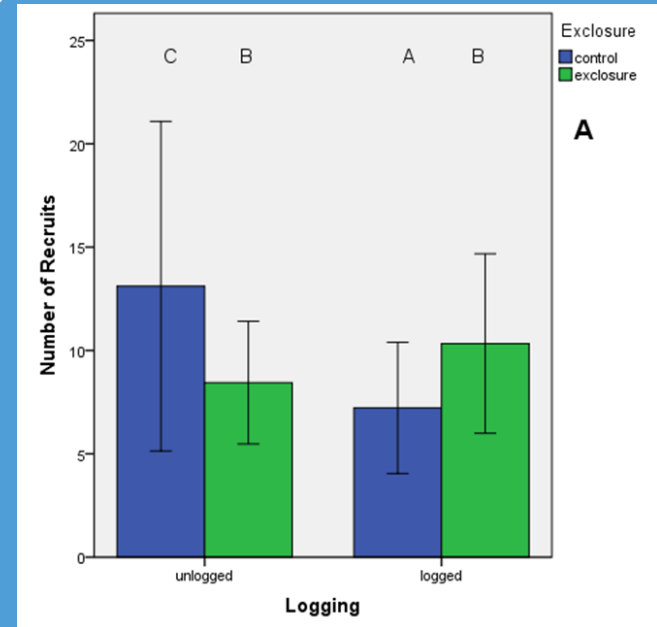
- HBO-students: 4 MOS including ELS-65500 or ELS-66600
- Research Master Cluster YEI-60312 (RMC)
- OR from other MSc programmes!
  - GRS-60312 Remote Sensing and GIS Integration
  - LUP-60309 Atelier Landscape Architecture and Planning (and MOS for 3 ects)





# MFN Characteristics: Thesis

- 36 ects = 24 weeks of work
- Thesis contract
- Info [Chair group sites](#)
  - Thesis coordinator
  - Procedures (contract)
- <http://tip.wur.nl>
- Start thinking about your thesis early
- Thesis market



# MFN Characteristics: Internship

- 24 ects = 16 weeks of work
- Info [Chair group sites](#)
  - Internship coordinator
  - Procedures (internship contract)
  - Going abroad?  
[travel insurance of WUR](#)
- Minor thesis
- Use internship strategic
- Internship market



# MFN characteristics

## ■ Special tracks:

- Sustainable Development Diplomacy (SDD)  
Specialisation Policy and Society  
(Online) Info meeting in **September**
- Entrepreneurship Track entrepreneurial courses
- Data sciences

## ■ Interests in research/ PhD?

- WIMEK programme
- WASS programme



# MFN Activities

- Mentor programme
- MFN Drinks  
November 2020
- (Online) Pie & Information evening  
24 November 2020
- (Online) Career evening  
Spring 2021



# Design your programme →

## DRAFT 1 MSc-1

	period 1	period 2	period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO			Christmas holidays	re-exams						re-exams
AF										

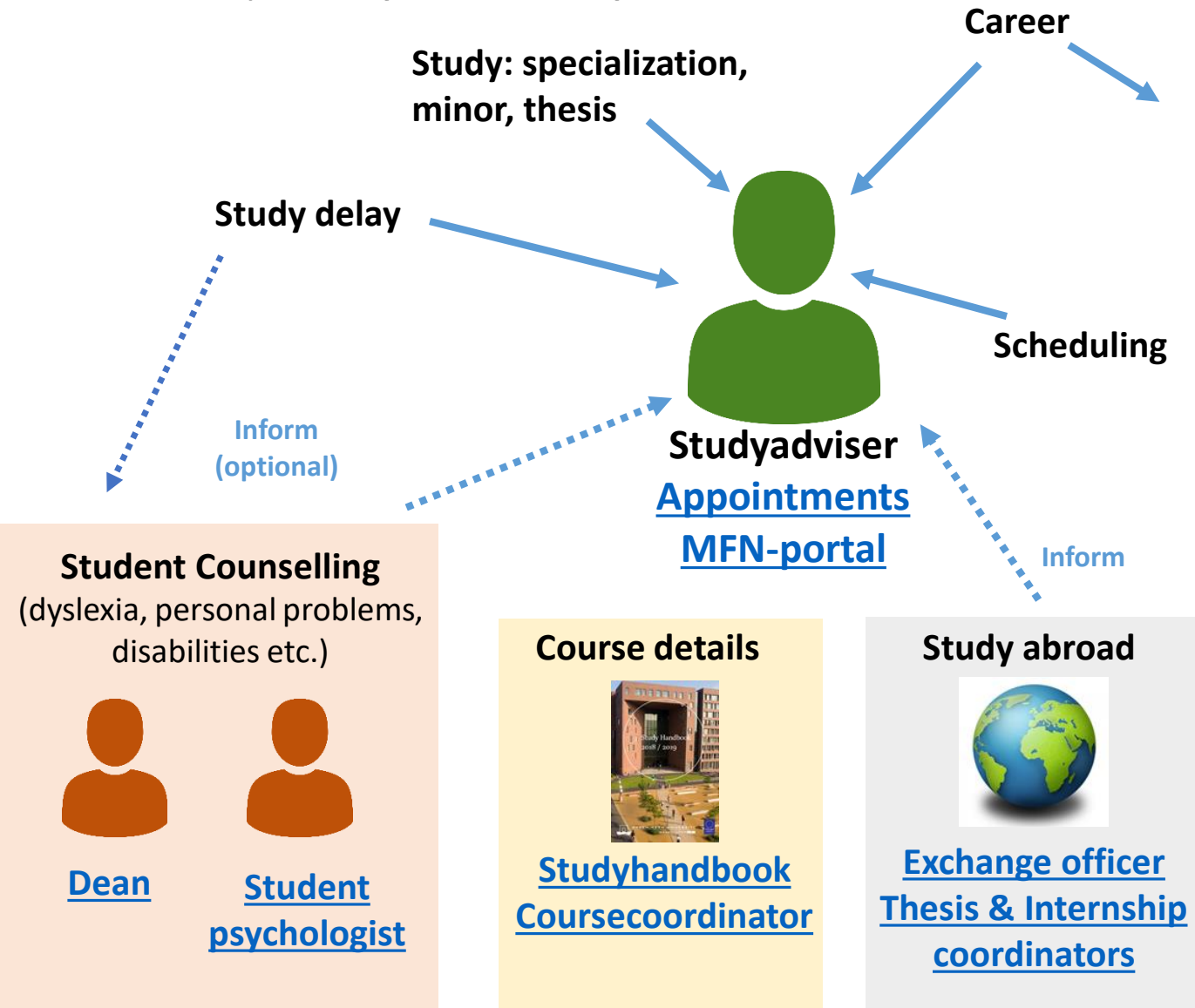
## MSc-2

	period 1	period 2	period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO			Christmas holidays	re-exams						re-exams
AF										



# Who should I ask?

*Click on options for more information!*



**Career opportunities**  
Networking activities,  
LinkedIn, CV preparation



**Student Career Services**  
Young KLV

**Course registration**  
**Programme registration**  
**Tuition fees**  
**Questions MyPortal**  
**SSC site**



**SSC & Servicedesk**  
**Questions & Answers SSC**  
**IT Helpdesk**



# Have a good and successful time in Wageningen!!

Register for an  
intake meeting at  
[https://appointments.owi.wur.nl/  
/bbnmfn/](https://appointments.owi.wur.nl/bbnmfn/)

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Students L-Z:  
Neeltje van Hulten



QUESTIONS?

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