

MSc Forest and Nature Conservation 2021-2022

Information leaflet to start with the MSc Forest and Nature Conservation (MFN)

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Figure 1: View on the Rhine river from the Grebbeberg, between Wageningen and Rhenen

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Receiving this information does only mean that you have been admitted to either the master Forest and Nature Conservation or the pre-master for this programme, or that the decision still has to be made. It does not automatically mean that you have accepted this approval or that you are registered at Wageningen University. Admission and registration are independent processes, for which other communication channels are in use.

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Introduction

Dear (future) student,

According to our information, you have been admitted to the MSc Forest and Nature Conservation (MFN) and you might start this master programme or a pre-master programme.

If this information is correct, then this document can help you to prepare. Please read them carefully and act accordingly.

In this document you can find:

- Four steps to prepare the start of your MSc programme
- MFN timeline
- How to start designing your programme

Corona guidelines and updates

First and foremost, Wageningen University & Research complies with measures advised and communicated by the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Dutch government, the local health authority GGD and the travel policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The rules apply for all activities: travelling, housing, quarantine, education, introduction days at Wageningen University and the Study introduction day.

We do not know how the situation will be when you will start your studies or arrive in the Netherlands. But we try to organise as many activities as possible on campus. But education might take place in a blended form, combining online and offline education, allowing us to scale up or down, should the developments regarding the corona crisis demand.

We advise you to come to Wageningen, to be able to attend activities on campus. If travelling, keep in mind restrictions and guidelines for quarantine (if still exist). There is support for students that need to spend time in quarantine.

As for visa: we expect that most embassies are open, but some might still be closed, which means that visa application may not yet be possible. If you are admitted to our programme and you have accepted this admission, you will be informed by the Student Service Centre about the procedures for visa and enrolment. If you have questions, you can always contact the SSC by e-mail: ssc@wur.nl

For updates on Corona, please see www.wur.nl

And: [Corona info for students](#)

Six steps to prepare

Now we want to inform you about your master's degree programme and inform you of possible ways to prepare. This preparation involves several steps:



Step 1: preparation @ home

First and foremost, this master programme is individually tailored to your interests and requirements. That means that there are many choices you must make. To prepare yourself properly for a smooth start, we ask you to read this document.

In this document you can find detailed information about the study programme. You can also find a general timeline of your masters.

Based on this information, you might be able to start making a draft planning of your programme, which we can elaborate during the Study Day (step 2) or the individual intake meeting (step 3). It is called a DRAFT, so it can still be changed during the year.

If you take a pre-master programme, you should have received an e-mail with the content of this programme. Your pre-master programme is a fixed programme, but you can already try to make a draft for the master, starting in the period immediately after you have finished your pre-master.

Step 2: Annual introduction days (AID) and Study Day (August 17)

For a good start as a student at Wageningen University, you can join the annual introduction days (AID), from 16-19 August. Participating in the AID provides an excellent platform to get to know Wageningen and Wageningen campus. We do advise you to attend these days, if possible. Don't forget to register, deadline July 16!

See: <https://www.aidwageningen.nl/>

It is also possible to join the AID online (deadline August 2).

Study Day during the AID

Part of the AID is the Study Day on August 17. During this day, we will answer all the questions you still have about the programme or university, and you will start making a draft on your individual study plan (or continue with this plan, if you already started at home).

If you register for the AID you are automatically informed about the Study Day too.

If you join the *online* AID, an *online* Study day is included.

But if you do not attend the AID, you can still join the Study Day.

You can register at the website of the AID for the [studyday only](#) (deadline unknown).

Tentative Programme Study Day, August 17 (Dutch time: UTC+1)

- 10.00h: Welcome and presentation about WUR
- 10.30h: Presentation Study association WSBV Sylvatica & introduction game!
- 11.00h: Presentation about study programme MFN
- 11.30h: Meetings in small groups: Design your programme!
- 12.30h: Lunch break (lunch is included)
- 13.00h: Fun activity
- 13.30h: End of study day

Step 3: Intake meeting: group meetings and individual intakes

We also like to meet all new master students at the beginning of the programme for an intake meeting. So, we cordially invite you to this physical or (online) meeting as well. If you are completely new to Wageningen University, you join a group meeting at the Study Day and/or you have an individual meeting.

There are three options for the intake meetings and one option does not exclude another:

1. Already student at WUR (former BSc)

If you are already a student at WUR, you can also schedule a meeting earlier. If you confirm your start, you can already schedule an appointment in our [appointment system](#), for a meeting of 30 minutes.

Of course, you can also join the Study Day to join the group meeting.

2. A group meeting during the Study day on August 17 (on campus or online), Meetings are supervised by the study advisors and experienced MFN students. You will be working on your draft study programme together with students that choose the same specialisation

At the end of the meeting you will have a draft of your study programme. It is not required that everything is final yet! You can still make changes during your studies. The most important is that you decide on your courses for period 1.

If you join the study day online you will receive more information about this online activity. This will probably be with Ms Teams.

After the group meeting you can still decide if you want to register for an additional individual meeting too. E.g. if you still have questions or if you have personal issues you want to talk about.

If you can't attend these meetings, please register for an individual intake meeting.

3. An individual meeting of 45 minutes.

If you choose this option, you can make an appointment in our [online appointment system](#).

Students with family names starting with A-K select Trudeke Sanders.

Students with family names L-Z select Mirjam Cevat.

And you select the option 'Intake interview for NEW students only' for 45 minutes.

In the next step you have to select the date and time and we urge you to choose only the following starting times:

09.00
09.45
10.45
11.30
13.15
14.00
15.00
15.45

Please, do NOT select other starting times!

The meetings can be on campus or with Teams (or Skype). After you have made an appointment, we will send you an invitation and you can choose yourself if you want to come to campus or have an online meeting.

Step 4: Registration for courses and deadlines

After the (group and/or individual) meeting with your study adviser you must register for your courses. We advise you to do this immediately after your intake meeting. There are deadlines for course registration and these deadlines are strict. But for period 1 the deadline is more flexible for new students. You can find course registration deadlines in the [academic calendar](#).

If too late, you can still try to register by mail. You have to send a mail to the course coordinator and mention your name, wur-registration number and that you are a new student. You can find the contact person in the course catalogue. If you are not able to find it, please contact your study advisor (see information below). For all future courses, you have to register online. [More information about course registration](#).

Step 5: Start with your courses!

In period 1 you attend two courses. As soon as you have your WUR account, you can access several websites that you need during your studies and find your schedule! The academic year starts on August 30:

- [myWURtoday](#): your gateway to all the tools and apps that are mentioned below, including your personal schedule ([via TimeEdit](#)). [Osiris](#): the student information system, information about courses, tests, enrolments, study progress and programme, grades, asking facilities if you have a disability.
- [WUR Appstore](#): for study and course software
- And a really good overview of all kinds of information: <https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/Current-Students.htm>
- After you are registered for courses, you also have access to [Brightspace](#), your online learning environment. Each course has a Brightspace. And MFN has a Brightspace too: <https://brightspace.wur.nl/d2l/home/21011>

Step 6: Support during MFN:

There are several ways to get support during your studies. As study advisors, we monitor your study progress during the year. If we see that you lack (sufficient) progress, we will contact you and ask what is going on.

However, we also expect from you that you take initiative yourself. If you have a question or a problem. You can always contact your study advisor, by sending an e-mail or book an appointment through our online booking system.

During the year, there are several times that you will receive information from us. But. In the MFN timeline on the next page you can see when you receive information and when you have to act yourself.

MFN timeline



In need of information?
In blue you can see when we provide you information.
In red when you should act or take initiative yourself.

PREPARATIONS

PREPARE
Read instructions, think about what you want during your MSc



DISABILITY?
Ask your study advisor about arrangements or consult the student counselor

REGISTER COURSES
Register for your courses online

INFORMATION PACKAGE

By e-mail: Information about study programme, specialisation, courses

INTRODUCTION DAYS

Introduction to WUR, your studies and fellow students

INTAKE MEETING

Design your study programme with your study advisor

YEAR 1



CHOOSING SPECIALISATION
Register for your specialisation and courses



THESIS PREPARATIONS
Finding thesis topic and supervisor and decide on start



STUDY PROGRAMME APPROVAL
Submit your electives for approval in Osiris

PREPARE INTERNSHIP
Start preparations internship, visit the info-night, look for opportunities, talk to supervisors

QUESTIONS?
Finishing studies? Electives approved? Future career? Visit your study advisor for a last meeting

ATTEND GRADUATION?
Automatic graduation Inform student administration

MENTOR GROUP

Join your MFN mentor group

SCHEDULING IN THE PLANAPP

Meeting about scheduling your programme in the PlanApp

1ST YEARS DINNER

Dinner 1st yr students & programme team



PIE & INFO NIGHT

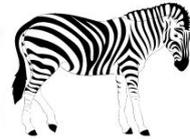
Information about thesis, internship, exchange Drinks and pie!



CAREER NIGHT

Alumni tell their stories

YEAR 2



PIE & INFO NIGHT
Information internship, graduation, future career Drinks and pie!



CAREER NIGHT

Alumni tell their stories



GRADUATED!

Designing your study programme

You can prepare a draft of your programme at home, but this is not required. During the Study day, the group meeting or individual meeting you will work on this draft and check if it fulfils all requirements.

Why is it a draft? Because you can change it again, deviate from your initial plan, find new interesting courses, meet your study advisor, suddenly find an interesting thesis with fieldwork very soon, changing your schedule, ask your study advisor if all your plans are possible, etc...till you have a final plan.

And that final programme should be [officially approved](#), which you can also see in the MFN timeline. But let's wait for that till the end of your 1st year, or beginning of your 2nd.

So, first you are going to design your 1st draft! Look at the steps and tips below, answer the questions, get a blank schedule ([Annex Draft schedule](#)) and start!

General programme outline

The programme consists of 120 ects in two years and has a Common part and a specialisation.

Each student has to fulfil the requirements of the Common part and from one of the Specialisations. Besides the Common part and Specialisation you can complete your programme with electives.

You can choose one of the following specialisations to meet your personal interests. The three specialisations are:

- [Policy and Society](#)
- [Management](#)
- [Ecology](#)

Within the Common part and Specialisation the courses are either categorised as Compulsory (CS) or as Restricted Optionals (RO). These RO's are lists of courses or trainings from which you have to choose one or more options.

Your 1st year of 60 ects:

- 48 (or 54) ects courses:
 - RO-courses from the Common part 0-12 ects
 - CS- or RO-courses from your Specialisation 18-24 ects
 - Electives: courses from other Specialisations or Masters 12-30 ects
- 12 (or 6) ects Academic Master Cluster from the Common part (can also be taken in your 2nd year)

Your 2nd year of 60 ects

- 36 ects thesis (24 weeks) is part of your Specialisation, usually in your 2nd year, sometimes you start at the end of your 1st year
- 24 ects internship (16 weeks) is part of the Common part, usually in your 2nd year

Schematic overview

Schematic overview study programme		
1st year	Courses common part 0-12 ects Courses specialisation 18-24 ects Academic Master Cluster 6-12 ects Electives 12-30 ects	
2nd year	Thesis 36 ects	Internship 24 ects

Design step 1: Why did I enrol for this programme?

What do you want? Why did you choose for the MSc Forest and Nature Conservation? What are your interests? Write down some keywords and keep these in mind when making decisions and meeting your study advisor.

Design step 2: Choosing a specialisation

Which specialisation do you want to choose? And what could be an alternative? You do not have to decide yet and keep options open at the beginning. But during your 1st year you have to decide.

When you choose, keep in mind your background and your future plans. E.g. if you want to choose Policy & Society, but you do not have any background in social sciences, this will be challenging, but not impossible. Or if your mathematics level is not sufficient, specialisation Ecology might be difficult.

Some options:

- If your level of statistics is not sufficient and you want to choose specialisation Ecology or Management, it could be useful to choose [MAT15403, Statistics 2](#). However, this course is on bachelor level. You can only take this as an additional course, it can't be included in your master. How do you know if your level is not sufficient? Read the course description of Statistics 2. In doubt? Discuss this topic with your study advisor.
- If your level of mathematics is not sufficient and you want to choose specialisation Ecology, it could be useful to choose [MAT14903, Mathematics 2](#). As Statistics 2, this course is also on bachelor level, so it can only be attended as an additional course. Read the course description and discuss with your study advisor.
- No background yet in social sciences? Try to fill the gaps in your study programme with relevant electives.

Design step 3: Choices in the common part

All students must do courses from the 'Common part' of the programme. But which courses you will have to do, depends on your background and your future.

Below all courses and activities from the common part are described. You can find descriptions of each course in the [course catalogue](#)

Description Common Part

Courses:

- CS (Compulsory Subjects): general safety and fieldwork safety
- RO-0 (Restricted Optional 0): Choose 0-2 courses (in consultation with study adviser)
- RO-1 (Restricted Optional 1): Choose from the list of RO1 trainings;
- RO-2 (Restricted Optional 2): Choose courses if interested in Data Sciences
- RO-3 (Restricted Optional 3): Choose an internship from the list of RO3 internships;

Compulsory Subjects

There are two compulsory courses you have to take at the beginning of your studies:

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
ZSS06000	General Safety	0	CS	M1	1WD, 4WD
ZSS06200	Fieldwork Safety	0	CS	M1	1WD, 4WD

Both modules are e-learning, please plan them in period 1 if you are starting in September and period 4 if starting in February.

RO-0: You choose these courses in consultation with your study adviser. Your choice is depending on your previous education, starting date and specialisation. You choose a minimum of 0 and a maximum of 2 courses in this category. All courses are offered in period 1 only.

Courses in RO-0 category are:

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
REG31306	Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	6	RO0	M1	1AF
REG31806	Ecological Methods I	6	RO0	M1	1MO
YRM21306	Research Methodology for Human Environment Interactions	6	RO0	M1	1MO

RO-1: This is the Academic Master Cluster and it is mandatory for all students. During these courses you develop professional skills which enable you to participate in the labour market or in research right from the beginning.

- Most students with a Dutch or international academic bachelor choose 3 ECTS Modular Skills Training (MOS, YCM60300) and the Academic Consultancy Training (ACT) of 9 ECTS (YCM60809) from cluster RO1A
- If you have a Dutch HBO (or comparable applied bachelor from Belgium), you can choose 6 ECTS of MOS (YMC 60400, cluster RO1B) and **no** ACT
- Students who are interested in a future career in research, can choose the course Research Master Cluster: proposal writing (YWU60312, cluster RO1C). This course

specifically aims to acquire and improve students professional skills in writing and defending a scientific research proposal.

- If you follow the SDD track, a special track within the specialisation Policy and Society with a selection procedure in September, choose cluster RO1D: International Environmental Policy Consultancy (ENP60312). If you are not doing the SDD track, you cannot choose this option.

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
YMC60300	Modular Skills Training (MOS)	3	RO1A	M1/2	1AF, 2AF, 3AF, 5AF, 6AF
YMC60809	Academic Consultancy Training (ACT)	9	RO1A	M1/2	1WD, 2WD, 3MO+4WD, 5WD, 6WD
YMC60400	Modular Skills Training Extended	6	RO1B	M1/2	1AF, 2AF, 3AF, 5AF, 6AF
YWU60312	Research Master Cluster: Proposal Writing (RMC)	12	RO1C	M1/2	1WD, 2WD, 3WD+4WD, 5WD, 6WD
ENP60312	International Environmental Policy Consultancy	12	RO1D	M1	2WD

RO-2: these data science courses are optional, they are not specifically linked to any of the specialisations, but can be relevant for you future career.

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
INF34306	Data Science Concepts	6	RO2	M1/2	2AF
GRS35306	Data Science for Smart Environments	6	RO2	M1/2	5AF
MAT32806	Statistics for Data Scientists	6	RO2	M1/2	5AF
REG33806	Data Science for Ecology	6	RO2	M1/2	5MO
CPT30503	Data Science Ethics	3	RO2	M1/2	6AF

RO-3: This is your internship of 24 ECTS, usually at the end of your 2nd year. This 16 week internship is a compulsory element of the MFN programme and is carried out at an institute outside Wageningen University, or even abroad. This internship is a unique learning opportunity where you can apply your academic skills in a realistic professional setting. It helps you discover your specific area of interest area and helps you decide the direction of your future career; you grow as you gain relevant work experience. You choose one internship and you will be under supervision of an internship coordinator of one of the four chairgroups: FNP, FEM, PEN or WEC (REG).

Usually (but not necessarily), an internship is scheduled at the end of your studies.

Replacement of the internship by a research practice is subject to approval by the study adviser and examining board.

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
FEM70424	MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management	24	RO3	M2	All
FNP70424	MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy	24	RO3	M2	All
PEN70424	MSc Internship Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation	24	RO3	M2	All
REG70424	MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	24	RO3	M2	All

RO-3A: The internship below can only be chosen if the MSc track entrepreneurship is completed. If this course is chosen and completed and the MSc track entrepreneurship is not completed, this internship becomes invalid as fulfilment for RO-3.

ELS-70424 MSc Internship Education and Learning Sciences 24.00 RO3A All

Design step 4: Choices within a specialisation

All specialisations consists of specialisation-specific courses and a thesis. As in the common part, courses in the specialisations are also divided into Restricted Optional (RO)-clusters. Every specialisation has its own requirements as to how many courses have to be chosen. Some specialisations have a mandatory course as well.

For all specialisations: the thesis of 36 ects is a 24 week during research period. You work under the supervision of a staff member of one of the participating chairgroups in the Forest and Nature Conservation programme. In some cases, you may also work on your thesis at another institute or company. Together with your thesis supervisor, you agree your topic of your research, choosing from a range of subjects offered by one of the chairgroups or an external institute. In some cases you may 'create' a subject related to your own field of interest.

You conclude your thesis research project with a written thesis, which is graded by your supervisor and an independent staff member. You are also required to present your results during a seminar, the colloquium.

Specialisation A: Policy and Society

Schematic overview

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	
	# wks	8	8	4	2	4	8	8	2	
MSc 1	MO	YRM21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	Free choice	FNP31306 Communities Conservation and Development (MO+AF)		FNP31806 Social & Political Theory for FNC Research	FNP32306 Decision-Making in For. & Nat. Management: Theory & Practice	SDC33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	ENP39306 Advanced International Environmental Politics (MO+AF)	
	AF	WEC31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	Free choice	MAT22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)			ENP33306 Environment and Development	GEO36306 Environmental Psychology		
MSc 2		FNP80436 MSc Thesis Forest and Nature Conservation Policy					FNP70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy FEM70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management WEC70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN70424 MSc Internship Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation			
		Choose in consultation with your study adviser Compulsory Course Choose 1 course Choose 1 Course Choose 1 Course 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 SDD-track: ENP60312 in period 2 (Former) HBO-students: Choose four MOS				

Description Specialisation A - Policy and Society

Courses:

- 1 compulsory course (CS) (purple)
- RO-1 (Restricted Optional-1): Choose 1 course (green)
- RO-2 (Restricted Optional-2): Choose 1 course (orange)
- RO-3 (Restricted Optional-3): Choose 1 course (dark blue)

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
FNP31806	Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	6	CS	M1	4WD
FNP31306	Communities, Conservation and Development	6	RO1	M1	3WD
FNP32306	Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory and Practice	6	RO1	M1	5MO
GEO36306	Environmental Psychology	6	RO2	M1	5AF
ENP33306	Environment and Development	6	RO2	M1	5MO
ENP39306	Advanced International Environmental Politics and Diplomacy	6	RO2	M1	6WD
MAT22306	Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics	6	RO3	M1	3WD
SDC33306	Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences	6	RO3	M1	6WD

Thesis: In this specialisation, a thesis is only possible in the Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group (FNP): FNP80436.

Note: There is a [special track Sustainable Development Diplomacy](#), ask your study adviser for information. Selection procedures are in September.

As the table shows, this specialisation has a compulsory course in period 4: [FNP31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research](#), purple in the schematic overview.

ACTION: Always put this course in your draft schedule if you choose Policy & Society. If you start in February: This is not an easy course. You might consider to do it at the beginning of your 2nd year. Discuss this with your study advisor.

Besides the compulsory course there are three restricted optional clusters (RO1, RO2 and RO3), from which you must choose at least one course each.

ACTION: Schedule at least one course from each cluster. You can find examples of schedules in the [Annexes](#).

The Academic Master Cluster from the Common part

After selecting the courses for this specialisation you can decide when to do the Academic Master Cluster

If you are going to do ACT, you should have successfully completed at least 12 but preferably 24 credits of MSc-level courses.

You have a compulsory course in period 4, so if you want to do the ACT in your 1st year, your options within this specialisation are period 5 or 6. Whatever option you choose, it will have consequences for the courses in the restricted options clusters.

For example: if you plan your ACT in period 5, you cannot attend FNP32306 from RO1, so you have to choose FNP-31306 Communities Conservation and Development from RO-1 in period 3.

Or if you plan ACT in period 6, you cannot do SDC33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences from RO-3 and you have to do MAT22306 from RO-3 in period 3.

Some students also choose to do ACT and after their thesis! They start with their thesis in (part-time) p5 or 6 from their 1st yr.

Every choice has its pros and cons, it is up to you to weight them.

If you want to do RMC, start with your thesis in period 5 or 6 (part-time) of your 1s year and schedule RMC either in period 3+4, or in period 5 of your 2nd year.

ACTION: Try to fit in the academic master cluster in your schedule.

Specialisation B: Management

Schematic overview

MSc Forest and Nature Conservation, Specialisation B: Management										
	# wks	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3 MO+AF!	Re-exam	Period 4 MO+AF!	Period 5	Period 6	Re-exam	
		8	8	4	2	4	8	8	2	
MSc 1	MO	WEC31806 Ecological Methods 1 OR YRM21306 Research Methodology For Human Environment Interactions	WEC32806 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	FNP31306 Communities, Conservation and Development (MO+AF)		FNP31806 Social and Political Theory FNC Research PEN30806 Restoration Ecology	FNP32306 Decision-Making in For. & Nat. Management: Theory and Practice	SDC33306 Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences (MO+AF)	WEC30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) PEN30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)	
	AF	WEC31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	FEM30806 Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization	MAT22306 Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics (MO+AF)		FEM32306 Agroforestry ENR31306 Economics & Management Natural Resources	FEM30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management	WEC33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)		
MSc 2		FNP80436 MSc Thesis Forest and Nature Conservation Policy FEM80436 MSc Thesis Forest Ecology and Forest Management WEC80436 MSc Thesis Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN80436 MSc Thesis Plant Ecology & Nature Conservation					FNP70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy FEM70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management WEC70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation PEN70424 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						

Description Specialisation B - Management

Courses:

- RO-1 (Restricted Optional-1): Choose at least 2 courses (green)
- RO-2 (Restricted Optional-2): Choose 1 course (orange)
- RO-3 (Restricted Optional-3): Choose 0-2 courses depending on your thesis in consultation with your study adviser (dark blue)

Coursecode	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
FEM-30806	Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization	6	RO1	M1	2AF
REG-32806	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	6	RO1	M1	2MO
FEM-32306	Agroforestry	6	RO1	M1	4WD
PEN-30806	Restoration Ecology	6	RO1	M1	4WD
FEM-30306	Forest Ecology and Forest Management	6	RO1	M1	5AF
REG-33306	Disease Ecology	6	RO1	M1	6WD
FNP-31306	Communities, Conservation and Development	6	RO2	M1	3WD
ENR-31306	Economics and Management of Natural Resources	6	RO2	M1	4WD
FNP-32306	Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory and Practice	6	RO2	M1	5MO

Table continuation					
MAT-22306	Quantitative Research Methodology and Statistics	6	RO3	M1	3WD, 4WD
FNP-31806	Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research	6	RO3	M1	4WD
PEN-30306	Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology	6	RO3	M1	6WD
REG-30306	Animal Ecology	6	RO3	M1	6WD
SDC-33306	Methodology for Field Research in the Social Sciences	6	RO3	M1	6WD

Thesis:

In this specialisation, a thesis is possible in all four chairgroups:

- [Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group \(FNP\)](#),
- [Forest Ecology and Forest Management Group \(FEM\)](#),
- [Nature Conservation and Plant Ecology Group \(PEN\)](#)
- [Wildlife Ecology Conservation Group \(WEC\)](#), formerly known as the Resource Ecology Group (REG))

This specialisation has no mandatory course, but you must choose several courses from three restricted optional clusters (RO1, RO2 and RO3). Some of these choices depend on your interest and your future plans for the thesis:

- Thesis with WEC: REG30306 Animal Ecology or REG32806 Wildlife Ecology and Conservation is strongly advised.
- Thesis with PEN: PEN30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology or PEN30806 Restoration Ecology is strongly advised.
- Thesis with FEM: FEM30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management, FEM30806 Resource Dynamics and Sustainable Utilization, FEM31806 Models for Ecological Systems or FEM32306 Agroforestry is advised. This depends on the topic.
- Thesis with FNP: FNP31306 Communities, Conservation and Development and/or FNP31806 Social and Political Theory for Forest and Nature Conservation Research and/or FNP32306 Decision-Making in Forest and Nature Management: Theory & Practice is advised. And you need a relevant course in research methodology for social sciences (e.g. MAT22306 or SDC33306)

ACTION: Schedule at least two courses from RO-1, one course from RO-2 and if desired also one or two courses from RO-3. You can find examples of schedules in [the Annexes](#).

The Academic Master Cluster from the Common part

After selecting the courses for this specialisation you can decide when to do the Academic Master Cluster

If you are going to do ACT, you should have successfully completed at least 12 but preferably 24 credits of MSc-level courses. So, if you want to do the ACT in your first year, your options within this specialisation are period 3 and 4 combined, or 5 or 6. Whatever option you choose, it will have consequences for the courses in the restricted options clusters.

Example: If you really want to do FNP31306 Communities, Conservation and Development (from RO-2) in period 3, you cannot schedule ACT and MOS in period 3+4.

If you want to do RMC, start with your thesis (part-time) in period 5 or 6 of your 1st year and schedule RMC either in period 3+4, or in period 5 of your 2nd year.

ACTION: Try to fit in the academic master cluster in your schedule.

Specialisation C: Ecology

Schematic overview

MSc Forest and Nature Conservation, Specialisation C: Ecology										
		Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Re-exam	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Re-exam	
	#wks	8	8	4	2	4	8	8	2	
MSc 1	MO	WEC31806 Ecological Methods 1	Free choice	FEM31806 Models for Ecological Systems		Free choice	Free choice	WEC32306 Ecological Methods II (MO+AF) OR WEC33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)	WEC30306 Animal Ecology (MO+AF) OR PEN30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology (MO+AF)	
	AF	WEC31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation	Free choice		FEM30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management					
MSc 2		FEM80436 MSc Thesis Forest Ecology and Forest Management					FNP70424 MSc Internship Forest and Nature Conservation Policy			
		WEC80436 MSc Thesis Wildlife Ecology and Conservation					FEM70424 MSc Internship Forest Ecology and Forest Management			
		PEN80436 MSc Thesis Plant Ecology & Nature Conservation					WEC70424 MSc Internship Wildlife Ecology and Conservation			
							PEN70424 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 (Former) HBO-students: Choose four MOS					
		Compulsory Course								
		Choose at least 2 courses								
		Free choice								
		Re-exam period								

Specialisation C – Ecology
Courses:

- 1 compulsory course (CS)
- RO-1 (Restricted Optional-1) courses: Choose 2 courses (green)

Course	Course title	EC	Cluster	Phase	Period
FEM31806	Models for Ecological Systems	6	CS	M1	3WD
FEM30306	Forest Ecology and Forest Management	6	RO1	M1	5AF
PEN30306	Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology	6	RO1	M1	6WD
REG30306	Animal Ecology	6	RO1	M1	6WD
REG32306	Ecological Methods II	6	RO1	M1	6WD
REG33306	Disease Ecology	6	RO1	M1	6WD

Thesis:

In this specialisation, a thesis is possible in three chairgroups:

- [Forest Ecology and Forest Management Group \(FEM\)](#),
- [Nature Conservation and Plant Ecology Group \(PEN\)](#)
- [Wildlife Ecology Conservation Group \(WEC, formerly known as the Resource Ecology Group \(REG\)\)](#).

This specialisation has a compulsory course in period 3: FEM31806 Models for Ecological Systems.

ACTION: Put this compulsory course in your draft schedule.

Next to this mandatory course, you must choose two courses from one restricted options cluster (RO1). You can find examples of schedules in [the Annexes](#).

Some of the choices for RO-1 depend on the chairgroup you wish to write your thesis with:

- For a thesis with WEC: REG30306 Animal Ecology is strongly advised (or REG32806 from the Management spec.).
- For a thesis with PEN, PEN30306 Plant, Vegetation and Systems Ecology is strongly advised (or PEN30806 from the Management spec.)
- For a thesis with FEM, FEM30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management is strongly advised (or FEM30806 or FEM32806 from the Management spec.)

ACTION: Schedule at least two courses from RO-1 in your schedule

The Academic Master Cluster from the Common part

After selecting the courses for this specialisation you can decide when to do the Academic Master Cluster

When to do ACT:

You should have successfully completed at least 12 but preferably 24 credits of MSc-level courses.

In this specialisation you have a mandatory course in period 3. So, if you want to do the ACT in your first year, your only option is period 5!

Period 6 is not possible, as you have to attend at least one RO-1 course in period 6.

For example: if you plan your ACT in period 5, you can't take FEM30306 Forest Ecology and Forest Management and this course is advised if you want to write your thesis with the FEM chairgroup.

Students that want to do FEM30306, do ACT in their 2nd year.

Many Ecology students start their thesis at the end of their 1st year and move ACT to their 2nd year.

This enables them to prepare their thesis proposal and do fieldwork in the summer season.

ACTION: Try to fit in the academic master cluster in your schedule.

Specialisation: I don't know yet!

No worries, usually you can still change specialisations after some periods. But at some point you have to make a choice to fulfil all requirements of a specialisation.

Design step 5: A thesis and internship

There are four chairgroups where you can do your thesis:

[Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group; FNP](#)

Involved in specialisation A: Policy and Society and B: Management

The Forest and Nature Conservation Policy Group is a social science group that contributes to scientific and societal debates about forest-nature-people relationships in different localities and scales.

[Forest Ecology and Forest Management Group; FEM](#)

Involved in specialisation B: Management and C: Ecology

This chairgroup aims to understand the structure and functioning of forest ecosystems and their responses to changing environmental, biotic and social conditions, and to apply this knowledge for the development of sustainable forest resource use systems.

[Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation Group; PEN](#)

Involved in specialisation B: Management and C: Ecology

The Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation Group (PEN) studies and teaches the processes and underlying mechanisms that link biodiversity, ecosystem functioning and service delivery and aims to implement these insights in the design of effective biodiversity conservation strategies.

[Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Group \(WEC, course codes start with REG\)](#)

Involved in specialisation B: Management and C: Ecology

The Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Group performs research and education in community ecology of large herbivores, with particular emphasis on the interactions between herbivores and the vegetation. This is carried out at aggregation levels ranging from plant part to ecosystem, in both temperate and tropical regions.

Scheduling your thesis

The ideal moment to do your thesis, is in the first part of your second year, period 1-4. Why is that so ideal? You will then have taken the necessary courses to prepare in your first year and it gives you the opportunity to end the programme by doing an internship. Jobwise, that is the perfect planning.

However, it is not always possible to implement this ideal planning. Sometimes you must start earlier, or later, for all kind of reasons. We already mentioned some examples. Suppose you can't do ACT in your 1st year, or you wish to do the Research Master Cluster (RMC), or you don't know if you wish to do ACT or RMC. Or suppose you must take one or more courses in the second year, but you still wish to (or must) finish your masters in two years.

An option would be to start your thesis at the end of your 1st year and do ACT or RMC or courses after your thesis and just before your internship. Sometimes it is also possible to

combine a course with the start of a thesis. If you do this, please make sure your thesis supervisor knows your planning and agrees with it.

Can you do your thesis during the summer holidays? Yes, you can, again in consultation with your thesis supervisor. Make sure that your thesis supervisor knows your planning, and you know the presence of your thesis supervisor.

However, if you continue or start your thesis during summer, do schedule some time for a holiday. Maybe you want to visit your family back home, or you just want to go out on a camping trip. Whatever you do, holidays offer you the time to relax, rest, step back and take stock of your personal life, your needs, your desires and future projects. It is like detoxing from work. You really need this detox time; it is one of the best ways to ensure a good productivity when you are back at school.

ACTION: Fit the thesis in your schedule and use the examples in the Annexes.

The internship

Most student schedule this at the end of their studies, in period 5 and 6 of the 2nd year. Sometimes you might get a job offer and it is nice to have fulfilled all you other requirements!

Some student use part of their summer holidays to finish their studies, i.e. period 6 and July and August. If you really want to graduate in 2 years (or it is required due to scholarship restrictions), this is possible.

But keep in mind: everybody needs a break!

ACTION: schedule your internship at the end.

During your whole studies: Your study advisor can always assist with a new study planning!

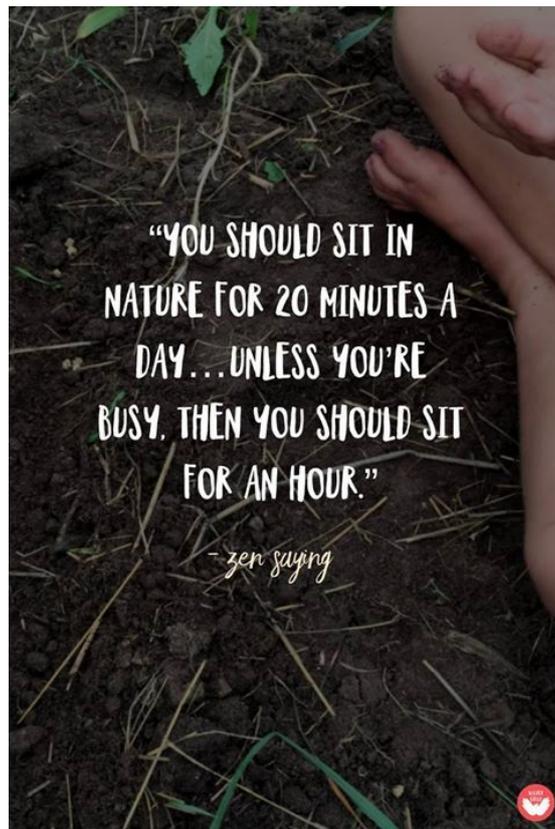
And finally....

Yes, this is the end of the document! Oh no, except for the Annexes.

It's a lot of information. But that is why you have this document, as a back-up. As soon as you are registered as a student you have access to all online tools.

And during your studies you can always ask for support! See [Student Guidance](#)
You can always contact your study advisor. You can book an appointment, online or on campus or have a walk outside!

And as a student of the MSc Forest and Nature Conservation you have to study a lot, also inside, but do not forget your roots: nature!



Of course, any questions you still have, please let us know.

Kind regards and hopefully seeing you soon,

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Useful link for all students:

<https://www.wur.nl/en/Education-Programmes/Current-Students.htm>

And in the future you will get access to the MFN Brightspace with information, announcements, study schedules, explanation about thesis & internship, and presentations about your MSc programme: <https://brightspace.wur.nl/d2l/home/21011>

Annex 1: How to make choices - useful thoughts

What should I do within the common part?

You can see that it is advised to consult your study advisor before you make your final decision in choosing courses from the common part.

ACTION: All students that have not done the BSc Forest and Nature Conservation at WUR need to schedule the RO-0 course REG31306 Trends in Forest and Nature Conservation, in period 1, afternoon. Put this course in your draft schedule

The following topics influence your other choices in the common part:

Background

- Research methodology in period 1, September & October (YRM21306 or REG31306): Depending on your BSc or BA programme you have had one or more courses in research methodology. If you have extensive knowledge of research methodology, please discuss with your study advisor which RO-0 course is still useful from the common part.
- Do you have work experience? If you have more than five years work experience at a sufficient level, or three years of very relevant working experience you could opt for an exemption for your internship. Discuss this during your intake meeting.
- Extensive experience in consultancy, or work(!) experience in teams? You could opt for an exemption for the academic consultancy training (YMC60809), but do not forget that you still must do the course YMC60300; modular skills training.

Future plans

- If you plan to choose the specialisation Policy and Society you are advised to choose YRM21306 in period 1. But, this also depends on your background knowledge in research methodology, as described above.
(If you start in February: This course is NOT advised!)
- If you want to do Ecology, you are advised to choose REG31806 in period 1. But, see also background knowledge in research methodology, as described above.
- If you choose specialisation Management it's a bit more complicated. Because the choice between YRM21306 and REG31806 will depend on the choice for the chairgroup where you are going to do your thesis. And you probably do not know this yet.
 - Do you think you are going to do your thesis at the FNP-chairgroup: select YRM21306.
(If you start in February: This course is NOT advised!)
 - Do you think your future thesis will be at the FEM, PEN or WEC/REG-chairgroup: select REG31806.

This is an important, but sometimes difficult decision. Discuss with your study advisor if needed.

Internship: schedule this after design step 4 or 5

During your 2nd year, usually at the end (but this is not required!) of your MSc programme you plan your internship of 24 ects, i.e. 16 weeks. The advantage of the internship is that scheduling is not bound to the academic year and periods. It is not required to do your internship at the same group as your thesis, so you could do an ecological thesis and a more social sciences-oriented internship.
[Already work experience? Check information at background with work experience.](#)

You do not need to know what you are going to do yet. When designing your programme you only must consider that you need 16 weeks for your internship (or in the blank schedule: 4 blocks).

Academic Master Cluster: schedule this part at the end of design step 4

Scheduling this Master Cluster can be a challenge. Usually you choose your specialisation first and the courses that are compulsory or that you like to do as elective courses. Where there is space left in your schedule you do the Academic Master Cluster. You can also schedule it after your thesis or even at the end of your studies. Just where it fits best!

But (there is always a 'but'), there are some rules for each option:

Option 1: If you choose RO1A: ACT and MOS: To participate in this course it is mandatory that you have "*successfully completed at least 12 but preferably 24 credits of MSc-level courses or a first MSc-thesis*". You cannot schedule this course at the beginning of your MSc.

The course is 9 ects! So you need a full period (1, 2, 3+4, 5 or 6) for this course. You combine the ACT with MOS: 3 ects of skills trainings. For these skills training you choose two modules of 1,5 ects, or one module of 3 ects, depending on the skills you want to learn or improve. Usually you combine ACT and MOS, but it is not required! Some students combine one or two MOS with thesis work, or with another course.

Option 2: If you are a former HBO-students: Choose four MOS, for a total of 6 ects. You can either schedule four modules at the same time or spread them throughout your MSc. And it is required that you include either ELS65500 Argumentation Skills or ELS66600 Academic Argumentation Skills in Writing and Debate. If you are a former HBO student you do 6 ects of MOS and you do 54 ects courses.

Option 3: The Research Master Cluster YWU60312 *can only be scheduled AFTER the MSc thesis*. You try to start a bit earlier with the MSc thesis (at the end of 1st year) to include the research master cluster in the 2nd year.

Option 4: International Environmental Policy Consultancy is only for SDD-students and only scheduled once a year, in period 2 fulltime.

As mentioned, scheduling this part of your programme can be difficult. Try to schedule one of these courses, **after** choosing your specialisation and other desired courses and discuss with your study advisor during the group meeting or individual intake.

Annex 2: Examples for each specialisation

Specialisation Policy and Society examples

Option 1											
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							
Option 2											
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							
Option 3											
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							
Option 2											
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							
Option 3											
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							

Specialisation Management examples

Option 1 Focus on FNP and FEM										
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	
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	
AF	Thesis FNP	Thesis FNP					Internship			
Option 2 Focus on FEM and some WEC/REG										
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	
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	
AF	Thesis continues	Thesis continues					Internship			
Option 3 Focus on WEC/REG and PEN										
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)	
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	
AF	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN	Thesis WEC(REG) or PEN					Internship			

Specialisation Ecology examples

Option 1 with ACT in 1st year										
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-33306 Disease Ecology (MO+AF)	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 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			
Option 2 with ACT in 2nd year										
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			

Annex 4: Draft for a schedule - Start Feb 2022

	MSc-1										
	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO			Christmas holidays		re-exams						
AF											
	MSc-2										
	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO			Christmas holidays		re-exams						
AF											
	MSc-3 (delay/extension)										
	period 1	period 2		period 3		period 4	period 5	period 6		July	August
MO			Christmas holidays		re-exams						
AF											