

## Master's programme

# Communication, Health and Life Sciences

This programme trains academics to understand, facilitate and drive societal change in complex settings. You learn to understand the role of communication in addressing complex societal challenges regarding life sciences and health issues from different perspectives. You can think of challenges as the transition to sustainable production and consumption, applying ecological systems approaches to health and well-being, accomplishing equity in health and environmental issues, and re-balancing food- and ecosystems with regards to quality. You learn to translate these issues for diverse audiences and build bridges between different stakeholders.



## What makes this master's unique?

- **The curriculum is strongly interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary, relating and integrating the communication sciences, health and life sciences perspectives.**
- **The curriculum is distinctly research-led, education being based upon research in the programme domain.**
- **You will learn to build bridges between science, experts, professionals and citizens**



### *Want to get to know the university?*

Chat with our students, visit one of the (online) open days or join one of our students for a day. Look for all activities at [www.wur.eu/meetus](http://www.wur.eu/meetus)

## Study programme in numbers



**START**  
September



**NUMBER OF STUDENTS**  
appr. 40 students/year



**LANGUAGE**  
English



**STUDY LOAD**  
42 hours/week



**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
non-EU/non-EFTA students:  
15 April  
Dutch/EU/EFTA students:  
15 June



**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**  
[www.wur.eu/apply](http://www.wur.eu/apply)

## Specialisations

Before you start with the MSc Communication, Health and Life Sciences you can choose one of the following specialisations that meets your personal interests:

- **Communication and Innovation:** about the role of communication and (social) media in urgent and important societal challenges.
- **Health and Society:** about social and behavioural aspects of health and health promotion.



*“My master’s specialisation Communication and Innovation has helped me to see the broader societal context of the issues I deal with at work. At Tauw, an environmental consultancy agency, I get to work on sustainability. Next to content knowledge, I focus on the process-side of projects: how to facilitate processes, are we having the right conversation and are we cooperating in a meaningful way?”*

Alumna Nicole van Stigt



## Studying in Wageningen

Be part of our international community of students who want to change the world. Together we can find solutions for problems like health and food security, water scarcity, climate change and other environmental and global issues. You are ensured personal guidance throughout your student career. Studying in Wageningen guarantees premium quality education and an international quality benchmark on your curriculum vitae.

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## Structure of the study programme

- 1<sup>st</sup>** YEAR (60 credits)
- Compulsory courses
  - Specialisation courses to prepare you for your major thesis
  - Optional (life sciences) courses that fit your interest and educational background

- 2<sup>nd</sup>** YEAR
- Thesis (36 credits)
  - Internship or research practise or (24 credits)

## Your future career

The master Communication, Health and Life Sciences aims to deliver professionals who understand complex processes of communication and change. You are able to apply these insights to enhance societal problem solving and innovation in areas related to life science or health issues. Depending on your specialisation you could work for a government, consultancy agencies, (non-)profit organisations or research institutes.

## Related programmes

MSc International Development Studies - MSc Development and Rural Innovation - MSc Nutrition and Health

### THE UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS



6,936

Master’s students



108

Nationalities



66%

Dutch



34%

International



43%

Male



57%

Female

## More information

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