

Master's programme

Economics of Sustainability

Do you want to use your skills as an economist for societal impact? Are you interested in providing economic solutions that promote transitions to a sustainable future? In the two-year master programme Economics of Sustainability you learn just that. It focuses on the interactions between economic actors and the natural environment. You are trained as a quantitative economist who is able to analyse real-world problems in food systems, natural resources and the living environment, and to come up with economic solutions for a sustainable future.



What makes this master's unique?

- You combine in depth knowledge on economic theories and state of the art quantitative methods to contribute to decision and policy making for a sustainable future
- You learn how to analyse and interpret different types of data to provide evidence on pressing issues such as environmental tipping points and rising inequality
- You are trained to collaborate effectively in an intercultural, multidisciplinary environment



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

Study programme in numbers



START
September



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
25-50 first year students



LANGUAGE
English



STUDY LOAD
22 contact hours,
20 self-study hours/per week



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



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
www.wur.eu/apply

Content of the programme

In the first year of this highly societally relevant programme the following courses, amongst others, are selected for you:

- Advanced Econometrics
- Economic Modeling of Sustainability Challenges
- Philosophy, Ethics, and Economics
- Behavioral Economics and Sustainability
- Economics of EU Policies for Sustainable Transitions
- Economics of the Environment in long run perspective

We also offer the Academic Master Cluster. Teams of 5 to 7 students from different disciplines are assigned to execute a transdisciplinary-oriented academic consultancy project for an external commissioner. Finally, the space for electives can be used for deepening or broadening knowledge on the field of interest of each individual student. Year 2 consists of the master thesis and an internship (either in the Netherlands or abroad).

“Today’s wicked problems reveal that solutions are required from every discipline to achieve sustainability. My interest lies in researching sustainable solutions where market imperfections cause pollution, which fits in this Master’s programme.”
Cas, student



Related programmes

MSc Consumer Studies – MSc Governance of Sustainable Transformations – MSc Supply Chain Analytics – MSc Sustainable Business and Innovation

THE UNIVERSITY IN NUMBERS



6,936

Master’s students



108

Nationalities



66%

Dutch



34%

International



43%

Male



57%

Female

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.

www.wur.eu/whywageningen



Structure of the study programme

1st YEAR (60 ECTS)
• General courses (30 ECTS)
• Academic Master Cluster (12 ECTS)
• Elective courses that fit your personal interest (18 ECTS)

2nd YEAR (60 ECTS)
• Thesis: conduct your own research project (36 credits)
• Internship (24 credits)

Your future career

After graduation you are a quantitative economist who is able to analyse real world problems in food systems, natural resources and the living environment. With a combination of analytical skills and interdisciplinary experience you have excellent career opportunities in commercial or governmental organisations. If you want to focus on research and education you can also pursue an academic career.

“Contemporary economic systems are unsustainable for environmental and social reasons. This programme provides students with the analytical tools, economic theories and broad intellectual perspectives to contribute to a prosperous future.”

Ewout Frankema, teacher Rethinking Economics

More information

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