

Master's programme

# Governance of Sustainability Transformations

Do you want to be a future leader and address today's grand sustainability challenges? With the two-year master's programme Governance of Sustainability Transformations you develop interdisciplinary social science skills and learn to use science for impact. You will put your in-depth understanding of transformative governance to work in designs of and negotiations over novel governance arrangements connecting top-down and bottom-up.



## What makes this master's unique?

- **Become an expert in advanced theories on governance and transformative change processes across different governance scales and regional contexts**
- **Learn how to bring transformative change in the face of societal challenges, like digitalisation and growing inequality**
- **Learn hands-on skills to develop solutions and negotiate transformative sustainability processes.**



### *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**  
35-60 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](http://www.wur.eu/apply)

## Content of the programme

An advanced social science programme with the following courses:

- Grand Challenges for the Governance of Sustainability Transformations
- Transformative Sustainability Practices for Systemic Change
- Advanced Comparative Public Governance for Sustainability Transformations
- Transnational Environmental Law and Regulation
- Research and Design for Inclusive Transformative Sustainability Governance

In the Academic Master Cluster you choose one of two options: Either an academic consultancy project in small group for an external commissioner, or you work in a group of 25-30 students on designing, planning and executing a consultancy assignment in a European city. Year 2 consists of the master thesis and an internship (either in the Netherlands or abroad).

“We were taught to address the societal and environmental issues we are facing by developing innovative governance arrangements. My master thesis is all about the synergies between the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. I look forward to work at a government agency or NGO and truly realise sustainable transformations.”  
Inez, student



## Related programmes

MSc Communication and Life Sciences – MSc Consumer Studies  
– MSc Economics of Sustainability – MSc Environmental Sciences  
– MSc International Development Studies – MSc Supply Chain Analytics – MSc Sustainable Business and Innovation – MSc Urban Environmental Management

### 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.

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## Structure of the study programme

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>** YEAR (60 ECTS)  
• Thesis: conduct your own research project (36 ECTS)  
• Internship (24 ECTS)

## Your future career

The master's programme Governance of Sustainability Transformations prepares you for a bright career at governments, NGOs or universities. Mastering negotiation skills, graduates of this programme may enter various functions, including strategic policy maker, international diplomat or consultant.

*“Transformative changes in the way we think, organise, and act are increasingly urgent to deal with grand sustainability challenges in climate, food, energy, and biodiversity systems. How to analyse, design and implement these changes is at the heart of this programme”*

Prof. dr. Simon Bush, teacher Transformative Sustainability Practices for Systemic Change

## More information

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