

Master's programme

Development and Rural Innovation

Societal problems cannot be solved by technology alone. Innovation processes like the transition towards more sustainability and better food security are essentially also social processes. That is why students of the master's Development and Rural Innovation learn to look at the whole picture. This programme offers a variety of problem-oriented courses with an interactive component. You will work in small international groups contributing to mutual learning.



What makes this master's unique?

- For students with a technical, life science or relevant management background and an interest in social sciences and international development
- Focuses on development themes like: climate change, inequality, poverty, sustainable agriculture, migration and food security
- Prepares you to become an professional who can build bridges between various disciplines



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
20-30 students/year



LANGUAGE
English



STUDY LOAD
12-20 contact hours,
20-28 self-study hours



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



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
www.wur.eu/apply

Study tracks

In this master's you will be trained as a professional who understands the social and technological aspects of innovation processes. The programme focuses on the innovations in agriculture, natural resource management and the food industry. Within this programme, you can choose one of the four study tracks: Communication and Innovation Studies, Sociology of development, Technology and Development Studies and Rural Sociology.



“The training and education I received in Wageningen are very useful to my career. The programme gave me a complete package of tools to analyse the current agriculture development trends. Another notable benefit is the extensive network of alumni.”

Alumnus Mochammad Subkhi Hestiawan

Sister programme

MSc Development and Rural Innovation is designed for students with a technical, life sciences or relevant management background. For students with a background in social sciences or economics, we offer MSc International Development Studies.

Other related programmes

MSc Management, Economics and Consumer Studies - MSc International Land and Water Management - MSc Communication, Health and Life Sciences - MSc Environmental Sciences

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 credits)
- Compulsory courses
 - Track courses to prepare you for your Thesis Path
 - Optional courses that fit your interest

- 2nd** YEAR
- Thesis (36 credits)
 - Internship or research practice (24 credits)

Your future career

Development and Rural Innovation graduates are welcomed by a wide variety of organisations and work within a broad range of disciplines. Graduates work, for example, as facilitators at consultancies, specialists at research institutes, conflict mediators at governments, as project leaders in non-governmental organisations and sometimes set up their own companies.

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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