

Master's programme

Forest and Nature Conservation

How can we predict the effect of deforestation, biodiversity loss, ecotourism and timber production? The master's Forest and Nature conservation focuses on policy, sustainable management and conservation of forest and nature to understand these issues.

This programme represents an integrated approach to natural resource management that can be applied at different scales, to diverse ecosystems and in varying political and social contexts.



What makes this master's unique?

- **Insights into all aspects of forest and nature conservation**
- **Integrated approach to natural resource management that can be applied at different scales**
- **Wageningen University & Research is ranked as the #1 university in the field of Agriculture and Forestry by QS World University Rankings**



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

February & September



NUMBER OF STUDENTS
avg. 120 students/year



LANGUAGE

English



STUDY LOAD
42 hours/week



APPLICATION DEADLINE

FEBRUARY
non-EU/non-EFTA students:
15 September
Dutch/EU/EFTA students:
15 November



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

www.wur.eu/apply

SEPTEMBER
non-EU/non-EFTA students:
15 April
Dutch/EU/EFTA students:
15 June

Specialisations

In the first year, all students will start with compulsory courses. After that, you continue with the courses that you choose in your specialisation.

- **Policy and Society:** focuses on understanding how people interact with nature in a broad sense. Themes which are addressed in this specialisation are for example policy concerning nature, human-environment interactions and stakeholder processes concerning nature.
- **Ecology:** understand the ecological processes that form the basis for the structure, composition and functioning of forests and natural areas. Within the specialisation you can focus on a topic of your interest.
- **Management:** conserving nature and ecosystems requires a broad understanding of both the societal and ecological factors influencing nature areas. With this specialisation you gain knowledge on both sides.



“What moves me? The scientific approach of sustainable conservation.”

Marten, student



Related programmes

MSc Animal Sciences - MSc Biology - MSc Development and Rural Innovation - MSc Landscape Architecture and Planning - MSc International Development Studies - MSc Aquaculture and Marine Resource 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

1st

YEAR (60 credits)

- Compulsory courses
- Specialisation courses to prepare you for your major thesis
- Optional courses that fit your interest

2nd

YEAR

- Thesis (36 credits)
- Internship or research practice (24 credits)

Your future career

The MSc programme Forest and Nature Conservation provides excellent preparation for Dutch as well as European and non-European jobs. There are career possibilities in research institutes, government ministries but also the private sector and forestry and nature conservation services. Examples are the European Forest Institute, Birdlife International and WWF.

More information

Visit wur.eu/mfn
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