

Course calendar

This Course Calendar presents an overview of the WASS PhD courses in the Academic Year 2019-2020. The courses are designed to support PhD candidates in obtaining disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. The course offer represents WASS' disciplinary breadth and ranges from a 6 ECTS course 'Advanced Microeconomics' to an interactive tutorial 'Embodiment, Food and Environment'. Courses are not only open to PhD candidates (internal and external), but also to scientific staff and professionals. Course fees and courses schedules can be found on the WASS website.

Registration

For WASS PhD courses, Interdisciplinary Windows, Summer/Winter schools and Masterclasses, registration can be done via the registration page of the WASS website: www.wur.eu/wass.

Please provide your most recent contact details so that in case of any changes you will be notified promptly. After your on-line registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered. At least 2 weeks before the course you will receive a confirmation about the location and the schedule. WASS will also send an invoice to the address indicated on the registration form. Please send an e-mail to the WASS Office in case you have not received the second confirmation two weeks before the course.

For Graduate Programme courses, WASS PhD candidates can enroll via My Portal, after registering as student (ask WASS for the registration form and details, yearly renewal required). Participation in Graduate Programme courses is free of charge for registered PhD candidates. External participants register for Graduate Programme courses via the WASS Office and will be charged a course fee. At Wageningen University the academic year is divided into six periods. Before a period starts you must register for courses you plan to take. If you register for a course, you are automatically registered for the course examination.

Registration for GP courses 2020-2021

Period	Final registration date
1	9 August 2020
2	27 September 2020
3	29 November 2020
4	17 January 2021
5	14 February 2021
6	11 April 2021

More information

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Wageningen School of Social Sciences

"To explore societal processes to improve the quality of life"

Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) promotes research that increases our understanding of societal processes and practices around challenges in the domains of food, agriculture, environment, health and development. It provides an enabling environment for internationally oriented scholars from a diversity of disciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research backgrounds. As a graduate school, it offers in-depth training that provides PhD candidates a sound preparation for a career in academic and applied research, or other leading societal positions.

The WASS PhD Education programme is designed to support PhD candidates in obtaining disciplinary and interdisciplinary knowledge and skills. The objectives of the programme build upon the learning targets of the WASS PhD programme, which - in turn - are based on three competence categories that need to be acquired to meet the general learning targets of the Wageningen University PhD programme. Each year, the programme is evaluated by the WASS Education Committee and renewed via a call for PhD learning activities, that is sent out to all WASS fellows.

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WASS chair groups

Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy
Business Economics
Business Management and Organisation
Consumption and Healthy Lifestyles
Cultural Geography
Development Economics
Education and Learning Sciences
Environmental Economics and Natural Resources
Environmental Policy
Forest and Nature Conservation Policy
Health and Society
Information Technology
Knowledge Technology and Innovation
Land Use Planning
Law and Governance
Marketing and Consumer Behaviour
Operations Research and Logistics
Philosophy
Public Administration & Policy
Rural and Environmental History
Rural Sociology
Sociology of Development and Change
Strategic Communication
Urban Economics
Water Resources Management

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MCB
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PHI
PAP
RHI
RSO
SDC
COM
UEC
WRM

Other chair groups involved in teaching

Biometris
Food Quality Design

MAT
FQD

Legenda

- PhD Courses (max 4 ECTS):** these intensive courses typically run over a relatively short period of time. Teaching methods rely on some degree of independence of the PhD candidate and on core knowledge and skills in the (disciplinary) field.
- Graduate Programme Courses (6 ECTS):** these courses offer advanced knowledge on theory or methodology and are open to WASS PhD candidates and highly motivated MSc students from the WASS Graduate Programme.
- Interdisciplinary Windows (IW; 2 ECTS):** In these tutorials, small groups of PhD candidates and MSc students (from the WASS Graduate programme), guided by senior experts, deepen their knowledge on a (theoretical or methodological) topic within one of the WASS themes.
- Summer/Winter Schools (min. 1.5 ECTS per week):** these are one or two-week intensive programmes with daily meetings. The summer/winter schools usually attract a lot of external participants, and therefore lend themselves perfectly for networking.

WASS course schedule 2020/2021

	Period 1 31 August – 23 October	Period 2 26 October – 18 December	Holidays
	Advanced Microeconomics: UEC-51806		
	Advanced Social Theory: RSO-58306		
Graduate Programme	Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques: CPT-56306		
	Theories for Business Decisions: BEC-55802		
		Embodiment, Food & Environment	
		Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature	
WASS PHD Programme	WASS PhD Introduction		
	Research Methodology: From Topic to Proposal		
	Critical Gender Studies		
		Consumer Behaviour related to Health and sustainability (masterclass series)	

	Period 3 4 January – 12 February	Period 4 15 February – 12 March	Period 5 15 March – 7 May
	Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods: GEO-56806		Advanced Macroeconomics: ENR-51306
Graduate Programme		Institutions and Societal Transformation: CPT-57802	Visual Research Methods: CPT-53302
		WASS Graduate Programme Orientation (3 ECTS)	
		Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences	Philosophy of Social Science
		Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods	Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature
WASS PHD Programme		WASS PHD Introduction	Critical Perspectives on Social Theory
			Psychoanalysis and the Political Ecology of Global Transformations
	Modelling with Maple	Innovative and Sustainable Business Models in Food Value Chains: Theories and Methods	Research Methodology: From Topic to Proposal

	Period 6 10 May – 2 July
	Quantitative Data Analysis: Multivariate Techniques: YRM-50806
	Qualitative Data Analysis: Procedures and Strategies: MAT-50806
Graduate Programme	Modelling and Simulation of Complex Socio-Technical Systems: INF-51806
	Advanced Course on Economic Regulation: AEP-53802
	Water Politics: PAP-54302
	WASS Graduate Programme Orientation (3 ECTS) <i>Continued</i>
	WASS PHD Introduction
WASS PHD Programme	
	Political Ecology
	Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture
	Assessing Economics and Policies using the Real Options Methodology

Graduate Programme Courses (6 ECTS)

Advanced Macroeconomics
ENR-51306
Training in modern advanced macroeconomic theory - economic growth - business cycle fluctuations - design and estimate an empirical macroeconomic model
ENR

Advanced Microeconomics
UEC-51806
Microeconomics - game theory - information economics - biofuels - location - insurance markets
UEC-AEP-ENR

Advanced Qualitative Research Design and Data Collection Methods
GEO-56306
Key qualitative methods - qualitative research concepts and principles - data collection methods and techniques
GEO-SDC-RSO-KTI-MAT

Advanced Social Theory
RSO-58306
Theoretical frame work - social scientific research - influential approaches - issues - social scientific theorizing
RSO-RHI-ENP

Analysing Discourse: Theories, Methods and Techniques
CPT-56306
Theoretical approaches - discourse analysis - empirical discourse analysis - methodological choices - critically reflecting
COM-KTI-PAP-FNP

PhD Courses (max. 4 ECTS)

Academic Publication and Presentation in the Social Sciences
Various stages of paper writing - conference presentations - academic career - social sciences- humanities
SDC-GEO-RSO

Critical Gender Studies
Historical development gender/feminist studies – Life science domains - political ecology - postcolonialism – social justice
CHL-KTI-WRM-SDC-RSO-DEC-PHI-COM

Critical Perspectives on Social Theory
Critical social theory - foundational movements - Marx - Psychoanalysis - Colonialisms - Feminisms - Posthumanism
SDC-GEO-CHL-RSO

Embodiment, Food & Environment
Connection between mind and body - embodiment approaches - analyse real-life experiences
KTI-COM-PHI

Philosophy of Social Science
Traditional philosophy of science - hermeneutic tradition - Value neutrality - rational choice theory
PHI

Psychoanalysis and the Political Ecology of Global Transformations
Political space of struggle – antagonistic positions – shaping political economy – relation political economy/ecology – Iacanian theory
SDC-RSO

Research Methodology: From Topic to Proposal

Methodological pitfalls - research design - formulating research questions - types of data collection
MAT

Modelling and Simulation of Complex Socio-Technical Systems
INF-51806
Agent-based modelling - system dynamics - analytical modelling approaches - create simple models
INF-ORL

Qualitative Data Analysis: Procedures and Strategies
MAT-50806
Atlas.ti - content analysis - metaphor analysis - domain analysis - membership categorization analysis - conversation analysis - semiotics - visual data - discourse analysis
MAT

Quantitative Data Analysis: Multivariate Techniques
YRM-50806
Multivariate data-analysis techniques - principal component analysis - exploratory - confirmatory factor analysis - structural equations modelling - cluster and discriminant analysis - repeated and multivariate analysis of variance
MCB-MAT

Interdisciplinary Windows (2 ECTS)

Institutions and Societal Transformation

CPT-57802
Roles of institutions - complex and persistent societal challenges - institutional theories - position interest in debates
KTI-DEC

Theories for Business Decisions

BEC-55802
Fundamental theories - business decisions - empirical applications - business performance – collaboration - market conditions - innovation
BEC-MCB-BMO

Visual Research Methods

CPT-53302
Contemporary research - visual data collection - visual literacy - visual ethics - recording and analysing films
COM-KTI

Water politics

PAP-54302
Policy and governance theories - water issues - public policy - analyse and assess water policies
PAP-WRM

Systematic Approaches to Reviewing Literature

Systematic reviews - evidence review methods - thematic content analysis
MAT

Transformative and participatory qualitative research approaches and methods

Transformative - participatory - action - creative and arts-based research methods - action-oriented engagement - design - analysis and ethics
GEO, RSO, ELS

WASS PhD Introduction

WASS organisation - PhD process - practicalities - social activities
WASS

Summer & Winter Schools (min. 1,5 ECTS)

Consumer Behaviour related to Health and sustainability

Masterclass series - see our website for the topics (year-round)
MCB, HSO, CHL

Innovative and Sustainable Business Models in Food Value Chains: Theories and Methods

Food value chains - food quality and sustainability - coordination and collaboration - Organizational and institutional environment
BMO-FQD

Introduction in R

Statistical Computing – graphics
Bi-annually, will be scheduled end of 2021
AEP

Modelling with Maple

Applied game theory - computer algebra - mechanism design - potential games - Maple - build models
UEC-ENR

Political Ecology

Power - political economy - post-truth era - political ecologies - social science research
SDC-GEO-FNP-WRM

Risk Analysis and Risk Management in Agriculture

Risk management - agriculture - modelling and applications - risk coping strategies - risk management decision making
BEC