

Master's students

Tuition fee 2nd study

Academic year 2021-2022



If you want to enrol for a master's programme at Wageningen University and this will be your second master's study, this may have consequences for the tuition fee you will have to pay. The tuition fee to be paid at Wageningen University will depend on whether you already hold a Dutch master's degree at the start of your (second) master's study in Wageningen or not.

Start a second master's study while already holding a Dutch master's degree (sequential)

If you already hold a master's degree (after September 1, 1991) from a Dutch Organisation for Higher Education (University or HBO) and you want to enrol in a second master's study in 2021-2022, you will be doing your second master's programme sequential to the first one. In that case, you are not entitled to pay the statutory tuition fee because you do not meet the degree** requirement. If however you fulfil the nationality* requirement, you will pay the institutional tuition fee 2 (ic2) at Wageningen University. An explanation of these requirements can be found below.

Start a second master's study before completion of your first Dutch master's study (simultaneously)

If you have previously been enrolled in a master's programme in the Netherlands but have not (yet) completed that programme, or if you are currently enrolled as a student at a Dutch Institution for Higher Education (University or HBO) in a master's programme which you have not yet completed and you also want to enrol in a master's programme at Wageningen University in 2021-2022, you will follow two master's programmes 'simultaneously'.

If you are 'simultaneously' doing a second master's programme and you fulfil the nationality* requirement, you are entitled to the statutory tuition fee.

If you are registered for your first master's programme as a fulltime student at another Dutch Institution for Higher Education and you pay the **statutory tuition fee**, you may be eligible for exemption of tuition fees at Wageningen University. You will require a 'Proof of Payment Tuition Fees' (Bewijs Betaald Collegegeld = BBC) from the institution where you have paid the tuition fee for your first enrolment.

When you graduate in the first master's programme and end your enrolment for this programme, you may continue your enrolment as a student in the second master's programme paying the statutory tuition fee. Please note that your enrolment at Wageningen University for the second master's programme must be continuous.

In case you are not eligible for the statutory tuition fees, exemption from payment of tuition fees is not possible and you will have to pay the relevant institutional tuition fee for your enrolment at Wageningen University.

¹ EU = European Union

EER or EEA = European Economic Area (=EU member states + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway)

*Nationality Requirement

- a) You are a national of one of the EU countries or Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Suriname, or
- b) You are not a national of one of the above-mentioned countries but you belong to one of the groups as mentioned in article 2.2 of the Study Financing Act 2000 (WSF 2000). To determine if you belong to one of these groups, please check the website of DUO to see whether you are eligible for a study grant or not: <https://duo.nl/particulier/student-finance/eligibility.jsp>. If you are eligible for a study grant, you belong to one of the groups of persons referred to.

Examples of groups mentioned in article 2.2 of the Study Financing Act 2000 (WSF2000)

- a) You hold a Dutch residence permit type 'familielid EU/EER', which means you are a family member of an EU/EEA¹ citizen who resides in the Netherlands.
- b) You hold a Dutch residence permit regular for a limited period (type I) with one of the residence restrictions referred to in Article 3, paragraph 1a of the Decree Study Finance 2000 ("Besluit studiefinanciering 2000").
- c) You hold a Dutch residence permit regular for an unlimited period (type II) or a Dutch residence permit asylum (type III or IV).
- d) You are a national of a non-EU/non-EEA country, but you have a residence permit for "long-term resident-EC" from an EU country and a temporary residence permit for The Netherlands (e.g. for study).
- e) You do not belong to one of the groups mentioned above but you receive study finance from DUO in the academic year 2021-2022.

If you belong to one of the above-mentioned groups, please contact the Student Service Centre (ssc@wur.nl) and attach a copy of both sides of your residence permit and, if applicable, a letter from DUO confirming that you will receive study finance in 2021-2022.

**Degree Requirement

You meet the diploma requirement if you enrol for a master's study and, according to the Dutch basis register for higher education (BRON-HO), you have not obtained a master's degree (or equivalent) after September 1991 in Dutch Higher Education.

Calculation of the institutional tuition fee 2 (ic2) for second master's study

As of 2010, students are no longer entitled to pay the statutory tuition fee when they want to enroll in a second master's degree programme at a Dutch Institute for Higher Education after having finished their first master's study programme. Instead they have to pay an institutional tuition fee. This is stipulated in Article 7.46 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek; WHW).

The amount of the institutional tuition fees is determined by the Executive Board of the Institute and may vary per study programme or student group. The institutional tuition fee may not be lower than the statutory fees. The various parts of the programmes/degrees, normally funded by the government, have been incorporated in the institutional tuition fees for second degrees. The following factors may also play a role in determining the institutional tuition fees:

- Internal factors, such as costs and objectives: for instance, the aim to interest more students in a second degree programme, to charge on the costs of certain facilities that relate to the relevant degree programme, to apply one amount or separate fees for students from within and outside the EU or for students who have already completed a first degree programme at our university, the annual indexation, the amount of the legal tuition fees, and the method of calculating governmental funding;
- External factors: such as a review of the institutional tuition fees in Europe or insight in the specific choices made by prospective students in a specific target group.

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