



## **Student Agreement**

### **Master of Science in European Forestry, MSc EF**

The Consortium of the Master of Science in European Forestry (hereinafter the Consortium), represented by the University of Eastern Finland, the Coordinator,

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First name(s): FIRST  
Family name: LAST  
Studyinfo Learner number / ID: NUMBER  
Nationality: NATION  
Date of birth: DOB  
Email: EMAIL  
Mobile phone number: PHONE

the student, of the other part

HAVE AGREED with the following terms and conditions.

Words beginning with a capital letter shall have the meaning defined either herein or in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide Version 2 (2018): 15/12/2017

The Student accepts the terms of this Agreement by:

- signing and returning the Agreement electronically in UEF//SIGN or as a pdf-copy, when electronic signature is not possible, before he/she can register as being a present Student.
  
- The Coordinating University accepts the terms of this Agreement by signing the Agreement electronically in UEF//SIGN or as a pdf-copy.

#### **1 MSC EF CURRICULA**

- 1.1 The student hereby commits to accept the study place in the Master of Science in European Forestry programme (hereinafter MSc EF). Declining the study place shall cancel this Agreement without a separate notice.
  
- 1.2 The student commits to register as a present student within the given deadline and to pay the Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland's yearly membership fee and the student healthcare fee during the first academic year as required by Finnish law, see more on <https://kamu.uef.fi/en/student-book/student-union-membership-fees/>. This enables the student to have access to student health care and to be eligible for numerous discounts in student restaurants and in travel in Finland.

The student is requested to provide the Coordinating University with the officially certified copies of the degree certificate and transcript of record the student applied with. Note that there are additional country-specific requirements for these documents. Student shall read the guidance from the University website and prepare the

documents as required. The acceptance of the Student is conditional until the Student has provided all required documents. If the Student fails to provide the degree certificate and transcript of record by 9th August 2024, the admission decision is cancelled and the Student shall lose the study place.

- 1.3 The student commits to complete at least 120 ECTS during the two-year programme and to take part in the MSc EF study modules offered by the MSc EF partner universities according to an individual study plan that shall be approved by the MSc EF secretariat on behalf of the Consortium of six universities. The study plan will be constructed in a way that the student can obtain at least 60 ECTS during the first academic year, which is a prerequisite for continuing the studies during the second academic year. The student shall graduate by the end of his/her second academic year.
- 1.4 The MSc EF consists of the following studies:  
**Module 1** – Trends in European Forestry, 5 ECTS; Academic skills in Forest Sciences, 1.5 ECTS; Research Methodology in Forest Sciences, 3.5 ECTS and Global Virtual Seminar 3 ECTS  
**Module 2** – European Forestry Field Course, 8 ECTS and Applied Period in Forest Institutions, 9 ECTS.  
**Elective courses**, 30 ECTS.  
**Module 3** – Specialization within study tracks, 30 ECTS; Master’s Thesis and Online Thesis Seminar, 30 ECTS
- 1.5 The student must regularly attend to the above-mentioned studies, and if required complete assignments and participate in examinations and seminars. The examination procedures and evaluation criteria are described separately in the MSc EF Academic Study Guide. The evaluation of the courses is based on ECTS (A–F).
- 1.6 In case of failing to attend to the studies of the MSc EF
- a. that the student cannot justify with medical certificates, or
  - b. for which permission has not been granted by the MSc EF secretariat (to ensure the permission, the student must ask in advance), or
  - c. failing to earn 60 ECTS during the first academic year, or
  - d. becoming the subject of disciplinary measures leading to exclusion from the MSc EF, or
  - e. becoming the subject of legal prosecutions that prevent student from attending the MSc EF, or
  - f. withdrawing from the MSc EF of his/her free will or by “force majeure”,
- the student must give a written notice to the MSc EF secretariat without a delay. If the written notice is not given in reasonable time the student shall be expelled from the MSc EF without further notice from the Consortium.
- 1.7 In a case of pregnancy, the student is entitled to a maternity leave. The length of the maternity leave, as well as the rearrangements concerning the study curriculum and possible scholarship payment schedule, must always be negotiated in advance with the MSc EF secretariat.
- 1.8 Throughout the studies, it is the responsibility of the student to keep his/her contact information updated in the student register of the University of Eastern Finland.
- 1.9 Student must follow all aspects of academic ethics.
- 1.10 In addition to the above-mentioned explicit stipulations, student is required to follow the general rules of the hosting MSc EF university, which apply to all students and staff therein.

## 2 PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP (TUITION WAIVER)

- 2.1 If the student has been awarded a programme-specific scholarship, it covers 60% of the Consortium fees of the first year and 40% of the Consortium fee of the second year:

FIRST YEAR	student from Partner country	student from Programme country
Consortium fee	8,500 euro	4,250 euro
Tuition waiver	5,100 euro	2,550 euro

## SECOND YEAR

	student from Partner country	student from Programme country
Consortium fee	8,500 euro	4,250 euro
Tuition waiver	3,400 euro	1,700 euro

### 3 CONSORTIUM FEE PAYMENTS

- 3.1 The student understands that the consortium fees are administered and used by the Consortium to provide the student tuition and insurance within the MSc EF. The consortium fee does not cover costs such as course material, student union fees, residential costs, daily living costs, travel costs, additional fees related to the field activities, or participation in the courses that are not included in the study plan.
- 3.2 The consortium fee is 8,500 euro for students coming from Programme countries. The consortium fee is 17,000 euro for students coming from Partner countries.
- 3.3 The consortium fee is payable to the Consortium's bank account in four instalments on semestrial basis for each academic semester in advance by the due dates set by the Consortium.
- 3.4 Paying the consortium fees in due time are prerequisites for participating in the MSc EF. The student agrees to contact the MSc EF secretariat immediately, if he/she encounters any problems in fulfilling the obligations towards the Consortium.
- 3.5 Neglecting the consortium fee payments shall lead to the termination of the student status in the MSc EF.

### 4 INSURANCE

- 4.1 The Consortium pays a sufficient health and medical insurance for the students to carry out studies within the MSc EF. The insurance is provided to all the students enrolled in the MSc EF.
- 4.2 The student is obliged to accept the provided insurance for the full duration of the two-year studies.
- 4.3 The Consortium universities are exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from the activities that are the object of the present agreement.

### 5 DIPLOMA

- 5.1 The Consortium ensures that each student who has been accepted to the MSc EF and who has successfully completed her/his studies under this programme shall be awarded a double diploma. One of the diplomas is always awarded by the University of Eastern Finland whereas the other diploma is awarded by the Partner University that hosts the student during the advanced studies of the second academic year according to its national regulations. Both the diplomas must be master's level degree certificates and officially recognised legal documents in at least one of the Consortium countries. In addition, each student who has been accepted to the MSc EF and who has successfully completed their studies under this programme shall receive a Diploma Supplement.

### 6 SERVICES TO THE STUDENTS

- 6.1 The partners of the Consortium are making all the needed measures in order to register a student according to the study path (planned and approved together with the coordinating and a Partner university) with full local student's rights and services. This is done in due time before the student starts the studies in the Partner university in question and study fees will be charged if applicable.

**7 DISPUTE SETTLEMENTS**

7.1 Any disputes arising under the terms of this agreement are to be solved in a conciliatory manner by the student and the MSc EF secretariat. If no solution is reached, a binding decision shall be made by the Consortium Board to which the Coordinator is the chairperson.

**8 PERMISSIONS**

8.1 The student gives MSc EF partner universities a permission to share information within the Consortium on study records and other information that is relevant for following student's study performance and participation in teaching.

**9 SIGNATURES**

I, the undersigned student, have read and understood the Student agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of the student

\_\_\_\_\_ Prof. Timo Tokola, the Coordinator of the MSc European Forestry