

MSc European Forestry

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programme



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Are you interested in an international career? Would you like to learn **about forests and forest management in seven European countries** with a cohort of students coming from all over the world?

Master of Science in European Forestry (MSc EF) is a top-class taught **Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme (EMJM)** in the field of sustainable forest management with an emphasis on recent opportunities and challenges in the bioeconomy. It is offered by a Consortium of **seven** leading European universities from **Austria, Finland** (coordinator), **France, Germany, Romania, Spain** and **the Netherlands**. In addition, Associated Partner Universities from **Albania, Brazil, Canada, China, Moldova, Nigeria, South Africa, Ukraine,** and **US** and several **Associated Industrial/Public/NGO**



Partners worldwide contribute to programme delivery. It is **one of the first EMJM programmes that has been accredited** according to the European approach for quality assurance of the joint programmes.

Our aim is to prepare professionals to tackle **the four Grand Challenges in forestry**: 1) Climate change and the increasing frequency and intensity of natural disturbances, 2) Lack of biomass for the bioeconomy industry and mitigating CO₂ emissions, 3) Declining biodiversity and conversion of forest land to other land uses, and 4) Increasing societal demand for non-market ecosystem services. We will provide students with in-depth knowledge of the “modernised” forest management practices.

The curriculum of the programme is specifically designed to take into consideration the needs of potential employers. Therefore, **our graduates are highly valued** by national and international agencies, governmental bodies, NGOs, research institutions and timber, paper and pulp enterprises.

The programme’s **language of instruction is English**, and it offers great opportunities to learn the local languages and cultures. The MSc European Forestry programme has more than **350 alumni from around 70 different nationalities**. All students graduate with the ability to work in multicultural environments and will possess the latest knowledge of forest management and policy-making in Europe.

” *This is the most international environment I’ve ever been in.*

– Esteban Montero from Brazil (MSc EF Course 2019) –

Admission requirements

- A bachelor's degree in forestry or other related field with good grades issued by an internationally recognised university.
- Good command of the English language – please see details at the MSc EF website.

Consortium fees

- There are no Consortium fees for students who are citizens of EU/EEA countries or Switzerland.
- 9 000 EUR/year for students who are citizens of non-EU/EEA countries.

EMJM scholarships and Consortium fee waivers

- EMJM scholarships will be available on a competitive basis for EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA students and will include student participation costs (including the Consortium fees and full insurance coverage), and a monthly subsistence allowance for the entire duration of the study programme (1 400 EUR/month for a max. of 24 months).
- The Consortium fee waivers will be available for a number of non-EU/EEA applicants without EMJM scholarships (max. for 24 months) – please see details at the MSc EF website.

Application

The instructions on how to apply and a link to the on-line application form with detailed information about the required enclosures and submission deadlines are available at the MSc EF website.

Programme structure

YEAR 1 60 ECTS	Obligatory and elective studies	Credits (ECTS)	Location
Aug-Apr	Module 1 Trends in European forestry Academic skills in forest sciences Research methodology in forest sciences Global virtual seminar	5 1.5 3.5 3	Joensuu, Finland
Sep-Apr	Elective courses	30	Joensuu, Finland
May	Module 2 European forestry field course	8	Austria, France, Germany, Romania, Spain and the Netherlands (countries included may vary annually)
June-July	Applied period in forest institutions	9	Preferred Consortium country
YEAR 2 60 ECTS	Obligatory and elective studies, Master thesis	Credits (ECTS)	Location
Autumn & spring semester	Module 3 Obligatory and elective courses Master's thesis and thesis seminar (online) Graduation ceremony and working life event	30 30	MSc EF partner university according to the student's individual study track Location varies annually

Awarded degrees

Upon completion of the programme, each student is awarded a joint or a double degree certificate and a joint diploma supplement from two Consortium universities. The two degree-awarding universities are the University of Eastern Finland, and the university where the student carries out the second year of studies.

University	Degree
University of Eastern Finland (coordinator)	MSc (Agriculture and Forestry) with a major in European Forestry
AgroParisTech, Nancy Campus, France	Master in Agrosociences, Environment, Territories, Landscape, Forest, specialisation "Forests and their environment (FEN)"
BOKU University, Austria	MSc European Forestry
University of Freiburg, Germany	MSc Forest Sciences
University of Lleida, Spain	Master of Science in Forest Disturbances and Nature Restoration
Transilvania University of Braşov, Romania	MSc in European Forestry
Wageningen University, the Netherlands	Master of Science in Forest and Nature Conservation

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WITH THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATED PARTNERS:

Associated Partner HEIs: Agricultural University of Tirana (Albania), Federal University of Paraná (UFPR, Brazil), Lakehead University (Canada), Michigan State University (MSU, the USA), Moldova State University (USM, Moldova), National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine (NUBiP, Ukraine), Northwest A&F University (NWAUFU, China), Stellenbosch University (SU, South Africa), Technical University of Moldova (UTM, Moldova) Ukrainian National Forestry University (UNFU, Ukraine), University of British Columbia (UBC, Canada), University of Ibadan (UI, Nigeria), University of New Brunswick (UNB, Canada) and University of São Paulo (USP, Brazil).
Associated Industrial/Public/NGO Partners: Arbonaut Ltd. (Finland), Austrian Research Center for Forests (BFW, Austria), Centre INRAE Grand-Est-Nancy (INRAE, France), European Landowners' Organization (ELO, Belgium), Forest Ownership Centre of Catalonia (Spain), Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC, Spain), FSC International Center GmbH (FSC GD, Germany), Chinese Academy of Forestry (CAF, China), European Forest Institute (EFI, Finland), Forstamt Johanniskreuz (Germany), Hasslacher Holding GmbH (Austria), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA, Austria), Ocolul Silvic Ingleby (Romania), Office National des Forêts (ONF, France), PEFC (Germany), Ponsse Plc. (Finland), Société Forestière de la CDC (France), Stora Enso Oyj (Finland) and Tornator SRL (Romania).

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