

Apply for a Master

Application Deadlines

| | February 2017 | September 2017 | February 2018 |
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| Dutch, EU/EFTA students | December 1, 2016 | July 1, 2017* | December 1, 2017 |
| Non-EU/EFTA students | October 1, 2016 | May 1, 2017 | October 1, 2017 |
| Study programme | Bioinformatics | All programmes | Bioinformatics |
| | Biotechnology | | Biotechnology |
| | Biology | | Biology |
| | Environmental Sciences | | Environmental Sciences |
| | Forest & Nature Conservation | | Forest & Nature Conservation |
| | Molecular Life Sciences | | Molecular Life Sciences |
| | Organic Agriculture | | Plant Biotechnology |
| Plant Biotechnology | | Plant Sciences | |
| Plant Sciences | | | |

*Except online Master programmes, these have a staggered admission procedure. The deadline for applications is 1 May.

Application procedure

STEP 1: APPLICATION

> **A completed MSc application form.**
www.wur.eu/applicationform

> **BSc Degree.** A copy of your Bachelor degree (or equivalent as recognized by Nuffic) in Dutch or English (or a certified English translation). Students in the final year of their Bachelor may also apply for admission prior to graduation. The Academic Committee on Admissions can tentatively admit students based on a transcript of their academic record and the expected date of graduation. Students must submit the official degree before September 1st. Students who require an entry visa for the Netherlands must submit proof of graduation before July 1.

> **Transcript of your academic records.** A copy in Dutch or English (or a certified English translation) including a list of marks or grades obtained during your Bachelor and your Grade Point Average (GPA).

> **Sufficient English language proficiency test results.**
> **A statement of motivation.**
> **Curriculum Vitae.**

Only complete applications will be forwarded to the Academic Committee on Admissions. You will receive a registration letter by email containing a username and password with which you can check your application status in our Student Tracking Admissions Registration System (STARS).

STEP 2: RESULT AND CONFIRMATION

Your application for admission will be evaluated by the Academic Committee on Admissions of Wageningen University & Research. The decision will be communicated through an official letter, sent by email. The Committee will also inform candidates if the application is not accepted. The letter of admission is required before you can apply for most fellowships. International students should confirm their participation in the programme. When you have been admitted to the programme log on to STARS and complete the confirmation form.

STEP 3: PAYMENT

Upon receipt of your confirmation form, an invoice will be sent to you or to your sponsor. The invoice includes important information about the payment. The required amount should be paid into our bank account before the deadline as mentioned on the invoice (www.wur.eu/tuitionfee). Do not make any payments before receiving the invoice.

STEP 4: VISA (NON-EU/EFTA NATIONALS ONLY)

Nationals of Australia, Canada, Japan, Monaco, New-Zealand, South Korea, U.S.A or Vatican City need a residence permit to study in the Netherlands.

If you are a national of any other non-EU country you need both a MVV entry visa and a residence permit.

It is not possible to apply for a MVV entry visa and a residence permit yourself. International Office of Wageningen University & Research will start this procedure upon receipt of your payment.

Part of the Dutch immigration policy is that all international students who require a resident permit will be subject to a yearly study progress check. Students must obtain at least 50% of the credits per year (or part of a year). The immigration office will cancel the residence visa of students who do not meet this criteria.

STEP 5: HOUSING AND INSURANCE

Idealis will contact you with about the housing application procedure if you have confirmed your application for your studies in STARS (EU students) or after you have settled your invoice with the university (Non-EU students). Idealis will contact you approximately two to three months before the start date of your programme in Wageningen. After receiving the information about the application procedure you can register with Idealis as a houseseeker and respond to the available housing offers on their website (www.idealis.nl).

On campus

Master Open Days

During the orientation days you will visit the university's campus, meet students and speak with study advisors from each programme. These Open Days will take place on:
> 15 December 2016
> 7 April 2017

Be a student for a day

Would you like to know more about a particular Master programme? Experience the study programme yourself and walk along with a current student of the programme of your interest.

In your country

Contact a representative

Wageningen University & Research has representatives all over the world to answer your questions. They speak your language and know the university and the Netherlands well. Go to www.wur.eu/representatives and contact the representative now.

Education fairs

Representatives of Wageningen University & Research give presentations and attend many education fairs and universities worldwide.

For a complete overview of where you can meet us on campus and in your country, please visit www.wur.eu/meetus.

In Dutch

Would you rather read more about our Master of Science programmes and Wageningen University & Research in Dutch? Please visit www.wur.nl/master.

Online

Online Open Days

Would you like to know more about our Master programmes and get a feeling of what it's like to study in Wageningen? Join the Online Open Day and meet our students, watch our videos and ask all your questions. Visit www.wur.eu/masteronlineopenday for more information. The Online Open Days will take place on:
> 17 November 2016
> 30 March 2016

Skype chat session

During a chat session on Skype you can ask all your personal questions to one of our recruitment officers. Please fill out the form on www.wur.eu/meetus to register for an online meeting.

Student coaches

Student coaches know from personal experience how difficult it can be to choose a Master programme, as they are students themselves. They can help you with all your questions about the possibilities after your Bachelor studies. You can find the student coaches at www.wur.eu/studentcoach.

Worldwide webinars

Online presentations about some of our Master programmes are organised, completely free of charge and accessible from all around the world on mobile devices and computers with internet access. Find out more about our webinars by visiting www.wur.eu/webinars.

Social Media

For more information about studying at Wageningen University & Research, news and student activities, you can follow us on Social Media:
www.facebook.com/wageningenuniversity
www.twitter.com/uniwageningen
www.pinterest.com/uniwageningen
www.instagram.com/uniwageningen
www.youtube.com/wageningenuniversity

Master programmes Wageningen University & Research

www.wur.eu/university | 2017-2018

Rankings

Nr. **1** agricultural university in the world.
National Taiwan University Ranking 2015-2016.

Nr. **4** of the 200 best universities in the world in the field of Agriculture and Forestry.
QS World University Rankings 2015.

Nr. **47** of all universities worldwide.
Ranked 18th for Life Sciences.
Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-2016.

SustainaBul-award for the most sustainable Dutch university for the 3rd year in a row.

The best university in the Netherlands for the 11th year in a row.
The Dutch study choice guide 'Keuzegids Masters'.

19 BSc programmes
31 MSc programmes
2 Online MSc programmes

>15 MOOCs on edX

Life Sciences

Animal Sciences

Develop yourself in a specialisation of your interest, and become a skilled, professional animal scientist with our international oriented programme. With your knowledge and academic skills, you are able to enhance modern, efficient and humane ways to care for and make the best use of the animals who share our lives.
www.wur.eu/mas

Aquaculture and Marine Resource Management

Focus on sustainable management of seas and coasts to preserve marine biodiversity. The programme covers sustainable forms of fish production as well as management and governance of sustainable aquaculture and marine ecosystems.
www.wur.eu/mam

Biobased Sciences

Focus on the transition from a petrochemical to a biobased society. The programme includes multidisciplinary design of production chains including biomass production, bioconversion, biorefinery and social, logistic and economic transition processes. Start programme planned 2018, courses can already be followed earlier.
www.wur.eu/mbs

Bioinformatics

Provides students in the life sciences with bioinformatics and systems biology skills. Specialisations can be done in the areas of Biotechnology, Molecular, Plant, Animal and Food Sciences, Biology and Information Technology.
www.wur.eu/mbf

Biology

Start your tailor-made programme in one of nine biology specialisations ranging from genes to ecosystems. The programme will give you a broad overview of the latest developments in biology.
www.wur.eu/mbi

Biosystems Engineering

Focus on innovative technology for sustainable production, processing and storage of food and agricultural non-food, management of the rural area, renewable resources and agro-industrial production chains. The interaction between technology, plants, animals, the environment and society plays a central role.
www.wur.eu/mab

Biotechnology

Biotechnology is an applied area of science embracing recombinant DNA technology, cellular biology, microbiology, biochemistry, process design, engineering, modelling and control.
www.wur.eu/mbt

Food Quality Management

A programme that deals with food quality assurance and quality management, incorporating both technological as well as managerial aspects of food quality. Specialisations in food safety, food science, logistics or management.
www.wur.eu/mfq

Food Safety

Food Safety with a focus on all aspects of food safety, including microbial, chemical, toxicological, legal and immunological aspects, as well as food safety management. Specialisations in applied food safety, food safety law and supply chain safety.
www.wur.eu/mfs

Food Technology

The programme focuses on aspects of production, composition and design of food products. Specialisations in product design, food innovation and management, food biotechnology, dairy science, ingredient functionality, sustainable food process engineering, gastronomy and sensory science.
www.wur.eu/mft

Molecular Life Sciences

The research-oriented programme focuses on molecules, their properties and their role in life sciences. Specialisations in biological chemistry; physical chemistry; physical biology; and biomedical research.
www.wur.eu/mml

Nutrition and Health

Students can receive academic training on all aspects of the relation between Nutrition and Health, including the biomedical aspects of metabolism, epidemiology, public health nutrition and molecular nutrition, both in western and developing country settings.
www.wur.eu/mnh

Life Sciences

Organic Agriculture

Academic training in the field of organic food production, food consumption and multi-functional land use with a focus on sustainable food systems, food quality, value chains and local food networks.
www.wur.eu/moa

Plant Biotechnology

The programme focuses on the integration of plant sciences, molecular biology, genomics and bio-informatics to develop healthy plants in a safe environment for food, non-food and health applications.
www.wur.eu/mpb

Plant Sciences

Plants form the basis of life. This academic programme covers the technological aspects of crop production, horticulture and plant breeding, and deals with major environmental, quality, health and socio-economic aspects.
www.wur.eu/mps

Water Technology

Climate change will be an increasing stress on water availability and water quality. Innovative and sustainable water technologies with a focus on the use of energy, chemicals, production of greenhouse gases and the reuse of valuable minerals and metals are required to anticipate these climate change impacts.
www.wetsusacademy.nl

Nutritional Epidemiology and Public Health

Using state of the art distance learning systems, you're trained as epidemiologists in observational and intervention nutrition studies, with the aim to generate evidence for preventing disease and promoting health through better nutrition.
www.wur.eu/omnh

Plant Breeding

Plant Breeding involves a variety of aspects, ranging from the molecular level to the population level. The university's Virtual Learning Environment enables to study the genetics of cultivated plants to develop new varieties for food and industrial uses.
www.wur.eu/omps

Environmental Sciences

Climate Studies

Combining knowledge and expertise from Earth-, Life- and Social Sciences, Climate Studies offers its students an understanding of climate change and its implications for economy and society. By offering a wide range of thesis tracks, students can specialise in the field of their interest.
www.wur.eu/mcl

Earth and Environment

In this programme you focus on the quantitative understanding of processes and interactions at the earth surface and in the atmosphere. Students develop scientific skills and knowledge for sustainable use of our planet.
www.wur.eu/mee

Environmental Sciences

The Environmental Sciences Master programme has been designed for students who want to take up the challenge of finding innovative approaches to improve the state of the environment and sustainable solutions to the threats it faces.
www.wur.eu/mes

Forest and Nature Conservation

The Master focuses on conservation, management and policy aspects of forests and nature areas. Explore aspects of biodiversity, climate change, ecology and sustainable forest management.
www.wur.eu/mfn

Geo-Information Science

Academic training with a focus on solving spatial problems in agricultural and environmental sciences by using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Earth observation imagery (remote sensing).
www.wur.eu/mgi

Geographical Information Management and Applications

Blended learning programme in which 4 Dutch universities are involved (WU, UU, TUD & UT), offering a broad focus on the management and application of geoinformation.
www.msc-gima.nl

Environmental Sciences

International Land and Water Management

The programme focuses on the interdisciplinary analysis of land and water management issues at various scales. It seeks to understand and to contribute to more sustainable land and water management interventions.
www.wur.eu/mil

Landscape Architecture and Planning

The programme focuses on the human activities that shape and govern landscapes on various scales. It involves research, planning and design of landscapes to create, maintain, protect and enhance places.
www.wur.eu/mlp

Leisure, Tourism and Environment

The programme is characterised by a worldwide, trans-disciplinary, critical and innovative approach. It focuses e.g. on the relationship between tourism and environment, sustainable development, and social change. The programme has a strong research orientation towards tourism.
www.wur.eu/mle

Metropolitan Analysis Design & Engineerin

The MSc Metropolitan Analysis Design & Engineering focuses on optimising the urban metabolisms, making them sustainable, circular, safe and healthy with regard to water, waste, energy, food, mobility, all in its socio-technical and spatial context.
www.msc-gima.nl

Urban Environmental Management

Students will receive training in state-of-the-art urban environmental research and learn to develop a cross-disciplinary outlook, and analytical problem-solving and practical decision-making skills to meet the challenges of sustainable urbanization.
www.wur.eu/mue

Social Sciences

Applied Communication Sciences

Students learn to analyse and strategically apply communication to deal with current societal issues in life science domains such as nature conservation, nutrition and health, water management, environment and food production.
www.wur.eu/mcs

Development and Rural Innovation

A social science programme for students with a technical or life science background and an interest in international development problems and social dimensions of technical change.
www.wur.eu/mdr

Health and Society (Specialisation)

The programme focuses on the interaction between lifestyle and the social and physical environment, and their influence on individual and population health. Making healthy choices the easy choices.
www.wur.eu/mhs

International Development Studies

This programme for students with a social sciences or economics background deals with worldwide processes of development and change related to livelihoods, agro-food networks and the environment.
www.wur.eu/mid

Management, Economics and Consumer Studies

Focuses on the supply chain and its environment. Within this programme you can choose one specialisation: Business Studies; Consumer Studies; Economics & Governance; Management in Life Sciences
www.wur.eu/mme

Take a free online course to get to know Wageningen

Did you know that Wageningen University & Research offers several free online courses? These Massive Open and Online Courses (MOOCs) are free of charge and anyone can participate. It is a great way to familiarize yourself with some of the teachers and courses of Wageningen University & Research. Here are some examples:

Nutrition: Healthy Food for Better Living

Introduction to nutritional science and demonstrate the necessary tools to better interpret information overload about nutrition, food and health. The courses can also be followed as standalone courses:

- Part 1: Macronutrients and Overnutrition
- Part 2: Micronutrients and Malnutrition
- Part 3: Food Safety



Introduction to Animal Behaviour

Explore the amazing range and complexity of wild animal behaviour. Discover how animals learn, communicate, find food, avoid predators, and interact socially.

Food Security and Sustainability

Growing world population. This series consists of 3 MOOCs that can also be followed as stand-alone courses:

- Systems Thinking and Environmental Sustainability
- Crop Production
- Food Access



Other MOOCs and future MOOCs

- Introduction to animal behaviour
- Biobased Economy