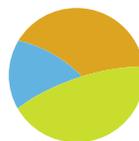


Agricultural Production Chain Management

Master of Science  Velp (Arnhem), Holland



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Agroforestry chains

Agroforestry – growing annual crops with woody species (trees and shrubs) and/or livestock – is an agroecological practice that can contribute to the transformation of conventional agriculture, which has been recognized by the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations and the European Commission. The prevailing agricultural system, in which monocultures with high inputs are the common business, has indeed increased food production between 70 or 90% in the last 50 years. However, the increase in production has come with clear downsides, for example decline in soil productivity, water pollution and depletion, plant pathogens resistant to pesticides, greenhouse gases, massive loss of pollinators. Conventional agriculture needs a transition towards climate adaptive strategies along all the value chain, from farm to fork. In this time of climate change and globalisation, the challenging and dynamic business environment pushes stakeholders to think out-of-the-box and create new business alternatives for which agroforestry can offer profitable and climate resilient value chains.

An Agroforestry Chain Management specialist is prepared to be a transition manager across all levels of the agroforestry value chain. Agroforestry transition managers have the competences, skills and knowledge to understand (inter)national value chain mechanisms and facilitate the process towards People, Planet, Profit sustainability in the value chain following concrete market demands. They are competent in addressing issues with an integrated approach and have exceptional stakeholder management skills. They have thus a strong ability to manage, facilitate and innovate within the agroforestry value chains.

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Degree

Upon graduation you will receive a Master of Science degree. Our master programmes are accredited by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO).



Duration

1 year



Location

Velp (Arnhem), Holland



Language

English



Admission

To qualify for enrolment you should have a Bachelor degree or equivalent qualification in a relevant subject and at least two years of relevant work experience. If you have less than two years of experience you can still apply: the student Service Centre will then assess if you qualify. You also need to prove English proficiency by providing a certificate issued by selected language institutions (TOEFL 80/IELTS 6.0, or other equivalent certificates).



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Focus on sustainable solutions

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Study programme

Module	Topic and activities	Products
1	Value Chain analysis & development	Value Chain analysis report, organisation analysis and reflection paper
2	Value Chain governance	Project proposal, quality manual, auditing skills
3	Applied Research design	Survey, rapid appraisal, thesis research proposal
4	Applied Research project	Thesis report: field research, commissioner-based assignment

EU-FARM LIFE

The Agroforestry Chain Management specialisation is part of FARM LIFE, a project subsidized by the European Union. The ambition of FARM LIFE is to make a tangible contribution to a climate-proof Europe. We take the challenge to facilitate the transition from a landscape with conventional monoculture systems to a resilient landscape with diversified agricultural production systems, such as agroforestry.

FARM LIFE scholarship

This study programme is eligible for the FARM LIFE scholarship. The scholarship covers the entire tuition fee and is targeted at European (EEA) students.

Facts and figures

	Theory	Practice
20 lesson hours per week	30%	70%
20 hours of self-study weekly		
20 weeks Master's thesis	Individual	Teamwork
	70%	30%

These facts and figures give an estimate of the time you spend on your studies.

Tuition fee

The tuition fee for the Farm Life students will be covered completely. For regular students the tuition fee will be € 14,250 per year.

'I have learned various value chain management techniques that will help me as a future professional.'

Su Theint Win, Myanmar, graduate 2018



Career opportunities

- Chain Facilitator
- Chain Manager
- Value Chain Specialist
- Value Chain Researcher
- Project Coordinator
- Innovation Manager
- Transition Manager



Open days



Location Velp (Arnhem)
Larensteinselaan 26a
6882 CT Velp

Sat. 7 November 2020

Sat. 6 February 2021

Sat. 24 April 2021

Sat. 12 June 2021

In addition to our open days, we also organise orientation days, one-on-one conversations with students and lecturers and other events. For current information and registration, please visit www.vhluniversity.com.



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Questions?

Are you a future student and do you want to know more about this programme? Please contact us!

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