



Double Degree

Academic Year 2022/2023

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore and and the University of Wageningen

Faculty of Agriculture - Cremona campus

Master of Science in Agricultural and Food Economics

Program

The Double Degree is an agreement between SMEA (Alta Scuola in Economia Agro-alimentare) and the University of Wageningen (WU) that gives both students enrolled on the Master of Science in Agricultural and Food Economics at UCSC and students enrolled on the biennial Master of Science in Management, Economics and Consumer Studies (MME) at Wageningen University, the chance to attend the second year of their course at the partner university. Thanks to the mutual recognition of ECTS credits and a thesis supervised by professors from both universities, students participating in the Double Degree will receive both degrees.

The Double Degree Programme is called
Sustainable Agri-Food Economics and Business SAFEB

The aim of the Double Degree is to pursue the objectives of the two courses, which are both targeted to prepare professionals for the agricultural and food sector, giving students a stronger international background.

Places available: 3

Entry requirements

For admission to the Double Degree Programme students must meet the following requirements:

- They have completed a BSc programme that includes courses in Business Studies, Consumer Studies or Economics or equivalent and a min. grade of 101/110.
- One (1) year of Master-level courses with an average grade of 27/30.
- Their knowledge and use of English is of a sufficient level for them to follow courses delivered in English: the required level is CEFR B2 supported by a TOEFL overall score of at least 92 (with a minimum sub-score of 23 for speaking) or an IELTS certificate (6.5 with 6.0 or above for speaking). Students joining WU should meet the [standard English level 2 requirements](#) to be admitted to the programme

Selection process

A board appointed by the Faculty will select the students based on merit and the basis of the study curriculum. The list of admitted students will be based on:

- The average mark (weight 45%)
- CFU reached (weight 45%)
- Academic motivation (weight 10%)

The admission to the program will be confirmed only if the students complete the first year of the M.Sc. in Agricultural and Food Economics with an average grade of 27/30.

Study program



Students taking their second year of study at WU may take any of the following two specializations of the MME program, provided that the study coordinator in Wageningen approves the student study programme:

- Business studies
- Economics and Governance

In order to complete their programme, UCSC students have to spend at least 18 months at WU.

Jointly supervised thesis

A jointly supervised thesis of 30 ECTS has to be performed in order to obtain the degrees at both partner Universities.

Students participating in the program write their Final Thesis with a main supervisor from Wageningen University and a supervisor at Cattolica. The research areas have to be agreed with the local study coordinator.

The defence takes place at WU. However, students will have to follow the Cattolica procedure to register for a Cattolica official Graduation day for the official proclamation (i.e. in terms of steps, deadlines and fees). More detailed information about the procedure is available [online](#).

Tuition fees



Double Degree students will have to enrol directly to the Master of Science in Management, Economics and Consumer Studies. Consequently, students will have to pay tuitions at both universities: 1) they will continue to pay tuitions at UCSC and 2) they will be asked to pay the full WUR tuition fee of about 2,200 Euros per year for EU students plus an additional € 210 per month for any additional month after the first year at Wageningen.

The fee will be partially refunded within 2022 with a scholarship of 1,500 Euros. Please note that the Cattolica scholarship will be paid in form of reimbursement, the beneficiaries will receive direct instructions regarding the procedure to follow.

Expenses for insurance, travel, and living costs in the host country will be the responsibility of the participating student.

Students involved in the program will benefit from the standard Erasmus Exchange scholarships for the period they spend abroad.

Students will get information about the procedure to follow in order to apply for the Erasmus+ scholarship.

The following documents could be requested:

- ISEE Universitario
- Receipts of payment (e.g. accommodation, transports, flights, ecc.)
- Online Learning Agreement, duly filled in with courses attended
- Statement Period of Study, duly filled in (instructions will be provided)

Health insurance and Student Safety Package



Selected students will benefit from the health insurance provided by Europe Assistance in collaboration with Cattolica. In addition, the "[Student Safety Package](#)" will be activated, and students will be able to download the "Safety Check Students" app for the geolocation and instant communications in case of emergency. More information about the activation procedure will be provided to the selected students.

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