

Specialisation Agroforestry

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, i.e. conventional farming or modern agriculture, in which monocultures with high inputs are the common business, have 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 with fair and sustainable principles. 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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www.vhluniversity.com/apcm



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. Relevant work experience and/or engagement with the professional practice for at least one year is a requirement. You also need to prove English proficiency by providing a certificate issued by selected language institutions (TOEFL 550/IELTS 6.0, or other equivalent certificates).



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Integrating professional experience



Addressing real-life issues



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

FARM LIFE Fellowships

FARM LIFE offers two fellowships for each of our network partners, i.e. Ştefan cel Mare University of Suceava (Romania), University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) and Instituut voor Landbouw-, Visserij- en Voedingsonderzoek (Belgium). The fellowships include the tuition fee for the Master programme.

EU-FARM LIFE

FARM LIFE, a project subsidized by the European Union, is inviting you to participate in the Master Agricultural Production Chain Management - Agroforestry Chain Management specialisation. 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.

I successfully initiated the development of a vegetable value chain in the Philippines with pro-poor entry."

Nelben Raymunda, graduate



Meet us



Open day Velp (Arnhem)

Larensteinselaan 26a, Velp

15th February 2020

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 € 14.100 per year.

Career opportunities

- Chain facilitator
- Chain manager
- Value Chain Specialist
- Value Chain Researcher
- Project coordinator
- Innovation manager
- Transition manager
- Auditor quality assurance
- Policy maker
- Trainer / instructor
- Consultant



You can also talk to us on Skype or meet us at a fair in your home country. Please go to www.vhluniversity.com for more information.



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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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