MSc in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management

EUROPEAN JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMME

- Master of Science in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management
- 2 years, full time, 120 ECTS credits
- European joint Master's programme
- Budapest, Mytiline, Lund, Manchester, Monterey, Saskatchewan
- Application deadline – See http://mespom.eu
- Programme start – See http://mespom.eu

Programme overview

MESPOM is a joint programme in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management operated by four leading European and two North American Universities. The students study in at least three out of six consortium universities and upon completion are awarded a joint degree. Bringing together the best from the excellent partner institutions and offering on-site insight in multiple cultures with diverse environmental regimes, MESPOM prepares students for identifying and implementing solutions to complex environmental sustainability challenges, especially in an international context. The multi-faceted educational journey also creates a unique platform for the vibrant alumni network that characterises this programme.

Programme modules/courses

The programme consists of four semesters.

During the first year (Semester 1 and 2) of the programme, all the students study at Central European University with contribution from Lund University and University of Manchester. The first semester includes a number of mandatory courses in which students are introduced to environmental sciences, policy and management. The second semester consists of a mix of mandatory and elective courses. The second semester concludes with a mandatory course on Assessment, Modelling and Scenarios for Ecosystems Management taught at University of the Aegean on the island of Lesvos.

Upon completion of the first two semesters, students proceed to Semester 3 during the first half of the second year. For this semester students choose to study between specialised tracks in either preventative environmental strategies taught at the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics (IIIEE) at Lund University or environmental sciences and pollution control at University of Manchester. Students who come to Lund will take four mandatory courses: Environmental Management in Organisations, Integrated Product Policy, Strategic Environmental Development and Applied Research in Preventative Environmental Approaches. Although there are no elective courses in Lund, the nature of several course components allows for a great deal of individual customisation.

Students who complete the courses in the first three semesters will, in Semester 4 (the second half of the second year), undertake their thesis research project. They can choose any of the six MESPOM consortium universities as their host institution and write their thesis under the supervision of a faculty member from the host institution. The research results in a MSc thesis which is jointly examined by the MESPOM consortium universities. During the last one week of the fourth semester, students re-join at the Central European University and present their thesis work to the joint faculty members of the consortium universities as well as their fellow students, followed by the graduation ceremony.

Career prospects

Most of the graduates have found jobs in Europe or in their home countries. Organisations that have employed MESPOM graduates include private companies, academia and think tanks, the United Nations and other international organisations and various NGOs. Several alumni have also enrolled in PhD programmes in, for example, the UK, the USA, the Netherlands, Sweden and at Central European University.

"MESPOM changed how I work and how I approach problems"
Benedict Aboki Omari, Kenya

"I draw on the knowledge gained during MESPOM on a daily basis."
Thomas Pienkowski, USA

"MESPOM was not just a phase in my career, but rather has grown to be a significant part of me."
Masahiro Suzuki, Japan

"Now I feel like there are no limits to where I can go in the future"
Jimena Montané, Mexico

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants to MESPOM must have earned a first (Bachelor's or equivalent) degree (not less than 3 years of full-time studies) from a recognised university or institution of higher education, or provide documentation indicating that they will earn their first degree from such an institution by the time of enrolling in MESPOM. Applicants must also show English proficiency, see http://mespom.eu/eligibility

HOW TO APPLY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Please see http://mespom.eu/admissions for information on the admission process.

TUITION FEES

The tuition fee is 16 000 Euro per year for non-EU/EEA students and 8 000 Euro per year for EU/EEA-students. Financial aid in form of tuition waivers and living stipends is available for outstanding candidates. For details on tuition fees and scholarships, see http://mespom.eu.

About Lund University

Lund University was founded in 1666 and is repeatedly ranked among the world's top 100 universities. The University has 41,000 students and 7,500 staff based in Lund, Helsingborg and Malmö. We are united in our efforts to understand, explain and improve our world and the human condition.

Lund is Sweden's most attractive study destination. The University offers one of the broadest ranges of programmes and courses in Scandinavia, based on cross-disciplinary and cutting-edge research. The compact university campus encourages networking and creates the conditions for scientific breakthroughs and innovations. The University has a clear international profile, with partner universities in over 70 countries.

Funding of more than SEK 5 billion a year goes to research at eight faculties, which gives us one of Sweden's strongest and broadest ranges of research activity. Over 30 of our research fields are world leading, according to independent evaluations.

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