

STUDY PROGRAMS AT THE PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

As organic farming systems cover many different topics from field to fork, each university involved in the program emphasizes different subjects in education and research. By choosing the Double Degree track, students make use of the different foci at the partner universities, increase their choice in elective modules and profit from the exposure to different teaching environments. In addition, they gain a thorough insight in the organic sector of a different European country.

Specializations offered by the partner universities:

AU - Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark

- Organic Livestock Farming
- Organic Production of Fruits and Vegetables in a Temperate Climate

BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

- Soil Fertility, Water Management and Ecology
- Organic Agricultural Production
- Organic Agriculture in Subtropical and Tropical Environments
- Systems, Scenarios, Sociology and Ethics
- Local Knowledge and Ethnobiology

ISARA - Lyon, France

- Agroecology

WULS-SGGW - Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland

- Organic Food Quality and Marketing



AT A GLANCE

Degree	Master of Science (M. Sc.)
Language	English
Credits	120
Duration	4 semesters
University places	30
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An above-average Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences Natural Sciences or a related program• Result of the Organic Agriculture & Food Systems pre-test• Proof of English language skills
Selection procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grades and ranking in previous studies• Letter of recommendation from professors• Stay abroad lasting 3 months or longer• Letter of motivation• Additional points are given for vocational training, an intern examination, or proven two years of professional experience related to the degree program.
Application deadlines	Only possible for the winter semester! German, EU citizens: 1 June Non-EU citizens: 15 March
Application	Online at www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/application

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OPTIMAL PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREERS IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Organic Agriculture and Food Systems

Double or Single Degree
Master of Science



Master of Science

ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Study Program

Consumers are increasingly interested in the quality of food and environmental circumstances of its production. As a result, farmers are becoming more interested in environmentally sound production techniques and animal welfare. As organic farming systems can serve these needs, the demand and the supply of organically produced food is increasing on a world wide scale. Organic Farming is based on a holistic approach and management practices differ from conventional farming. Thus, growing, processing and marketing of organic food requires special skills and knowledge. Furthermore, the growth of the organic sector together with current challenges in agriculture like climate change, resource protection and food security need interdisciplinary approaches and systematic understanding for research and professional practice.

To meet this demand, five leading European universities participate in the Double Degree Master program in different European countries. The universities are:

- AU** Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark
- BOKU** University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- ISARA** Institut supérieur d'agriculture et d'agro-alimentaire Rhone-Alpes, Lyon, France
- UHOH** University of Hohenheim, Germany
- WULS-SGGW** Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland

Study Contents

The four semester packages, 30 ECTS each, are composed of two semesters of basic compulsory modules, a third semester of specialization by elective modules and a fourth semester for the M.Sc. thesis. The study program is offered either as a Single Degree or as Double Degree. Single Degree students compose their personal study profile based on the wide selection of elective modules and stay at the University of Hohenheim for the entire duration of their studies. Double Degree students choose one of the specializations offered at the partner universities and change to that university after their first year of studies. In this case, students will be awarded with a full Master Degree from both universities.

The University of Hohenheim is active in research, well networked, globally oriented and innovative. The range of courses offered, the immediate proximity between agricultural sciences and state institutes, as well as the interdisciplinary centers of science and research on a national and international level are unique.

STRUCTURE AND COURSE SCHEDULE

1st semester (at UHOH)	2nd semester (at UHOH)	3rd semester (at UHOH, BOKU, AU, ISARA or WULS)	4th semester (at UHOH, BOKU, AU, ISARA or WULS)	120 ECTS
Organic Food Systems and Concepts OR Principles of Organic Food Systems (6 credits)	Global Agri-food Systems: Conventional, Organic and Beyond (6 credits)	Elective module (6 credits)	Master Thesis (30 credits)	
Economics and Environmental Policy (6 credits)	Sustainability Marketing & Marketing Consulting (6 credits)	Elective module (6 credits)		
Processing and Quality of Organic Food (6 credits)	Organic Plant Production (6 credits)	Elective module (6 credits)		
Organic Livestock Farming and Products (6 credits)	Elective module (6 credits)	Elective module (6 credits)		
Project in Organic Agriculture and Food Systems (12 credits)		Elective module (6 credits)		

Compulsory module
 Elective module

Fees

Administrative fees are about 200 EUR per semester. Students from non-EU/EEA states have to pay tuition fees of 1.500 EUR per semester. Students from the EU and the European Economic Area (EEA) as well as exchange students are excluded from the tuition fees. Refugees are also not affected.

The cost of living for students in Hohenheim is estimated at a minimum of 950 EUR per month. For details see www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/application-internat-funding.

Career Opportunities

The M.Sc. program offers an insight into all important steps of the food chain, from primary production to quality control. Moreover, students acquire interdisciplinary, solutions-based, analytical skills necessary to meet the demands faced by employees at all levels, in both the public and the private sector.

Depending on their profile, graduates find career opportunities in research, food processing, trade, quality management, NGOs, research and teaching institutions, certification and extension services. The program also qualifies graduates for Ph.D. studies.