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Department: Agricultural, Food and Forestry Science

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DEGREE COURSE IN AGROENGINEERING AND FORESTRY SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

- AGROENGINEERING SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES (LM-73) -

Characteristics

				
Class of Master's Degree (MSc) on Agricultural sciences (LM-69)	2 YEARS	PALERMO	FREE ACCESS	2260
Class of Master's Degree (MSc) on Environmental and forestry sciences (LM-73)	2 YEARS	PALERMO	FREE ACCESS	2260

Educational objectives

Specific educational objectives:

The Degree course provides advanced training on professional and research issues in the field of Agroengineering Science and technologies, enabling students to face and manage complex problems related to the planning, design, management, conservation and evaluation of agri-forest ecosystems.

These objectives take into account the path included in the European Green Deal and in the UN Sustainable Development Goals of 2015.

The educational programme is based on highly topical professional issues and makes use of the experience gained in the research activity carried out by the professors of the Agricultural, Food and Forestry Sciences Department not only in the Sicilian territory, but also in the national and international context. Therefore, the practical experiences of the continuous and updated research of the teachers are poured into the teachings.

The Degree Course aims at training experts in the agro-engineering management of the rural territory and experts in the forest-wood system. The specific objective of the Degree Course is to develop the skills they need to face and manage complex problems, namely in: i) the precision management of agricultural production systems; ii) the use and management of water resources; iii) the territorial planning and analysis of production processes; iv) the management and conservation of forest ecosystems; v) the organization and enhancement of the forest-wood supply chain and biomass production; vi) the survey, representation and defence of the territory, the management and restoration of hydro-geological instability; vii) the organization and management of agro-forestry companies also in relation to the European Union guidelines for agro-environmental policies.

The inter-class 2nd cycle degree course in "Agroengineering and Forestry Sciences and Technologies" provides in the first year a common curricular path mainly including teachings in the economic-legal, production, forestry and environmental, defense, agricultural engineering fields. In the second year, the path is divided into two profiles, a first (class LM-69) mainly oriented towards the agro-engineering management of the territory and a second one (class LM-73) characterized by aspects linked to the forest-wood system. In particular, graduates acquire, through the Lm-69 path, skills related to the design of agro-engineering works, the planning and management of the agro-forest territory with particular attention to the protection of natural resources, soil protection, to management through modern precision agriculture technologies. The issues related to the management and protection of the forest heritage, the enhancement of wood and non-wood products, the management of agro-forestry companies, the planning and management of the agro-forestry territory with particular attention to the protection of natural resources, the soil defence, are privileged in the LM-73 path.

Educational activities consist of lectures, laboratory and field exercises, specialized seminars, and ongoing tests. To achieve the final qualification, students must have acquired 120 credits (CFU). Each frontal credit corresponds to 8 hours, while each CFU reserved for exercises, laboratory activities corresponds to 10 hours. The educational programme consists of 12 mandatory exams including elective activities, further training activities aimed at acquiring in-depth linguistic knowledge (4 CFU), as well as highly professional skills directly linked to the labour market, carried out in laboratory form (9 CFU). With reference to the latter, it is worth specifying that the course includes activities related to the agricultural sector, to the agricultural industry, to precision agriculture technologies and to the defence from the main plant diseases, and the forestry one, with laboratory activities related to mycology, geomatics and reforestation techniques. The student's training is

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completed by a practical/applicative internship at accredited premises (5 CFU), such as Italian and foreign companies (through the Erasmus + Traineeship program), public and private bodies, professional firms, non-governmental organizations, and finally by the final exam (18 CFU) on specific topics.

On the basis of the choice made, at the end of the Course students can obtain the 2nd cycle Degree in "Agroengineering and Forestry Sciences and Technologies" in class LM-69 or in class LM-73, and after passing the relevant national qualification examination, they can register in section A of the professional register of the Board of Doctors of Agronomy and Forestry.

Professional opportunities

Profile:

Agro-engineer expert

Functions:

Agroengineers are professionals capable of responding to the needs of public bodies and to those of the business world and of freelance profession in terms of planning, management and evaluation actions in agro-forestry systems. They can register in section A of the Professional Register of Agronomists and Forestry Doctors.

Skills:

The specific skills acquired through the degree course and the related functions enable them to carry out their professional activity in the following areas:

- Drafting of improvement and development projects of the rural territory.
- Planning of agricultural zootechnical and environmental systems.
- Consultancy in the field of rural land planning.
- Representation of the territory and of its resources.
- Environmental impact assessment studies in the protected areas of the Natura 2000 network.
- Planning of interventions to control hydrogeological instability and soil degradation.
- Management of precision agriculture technologies that can be implemented in agro-forestry production systems.

Professional opportunities:

- Self-employment and employee activity as officials or managers in national and international public institutions such as: National and Regional Park Bodies, State Forestry Corps, Ministries, Regions, Mountain Communities, Municipalities, FAO, Environment Protection Agencies, United Nations Agencies with expertise in the forestry sector, Companies and Bodies carrying out research and innovation activities in the forestry and environmental sector.

Graduates in Agroengineering and Forestry Sciences and Technologies can participate in competitions for which a degree in classes LM-69 and LM-73 is required.

Graduates in Agroengineering and Forestry Sciences and Technologies who have acquired a sufficient number of credits in the sectors envisaged by current legislation will be able to participate in the admission tests for training courses for teaching in secondary schools. They can also access PhD courses and 2nd cycle University Master Courses.

Profile:

Expert for the management of forest systems

Functions:

Experts for the management of forest systems are professionals working in the management, maintenance and control of forest systems, able to respond to the needs of public bodies as well as to those of the business world and of the freelance profession. They can register in section A of the Professional Register of Agronomists and Forestry Doctors.

Skills:

The specific skills acquired through the Degree course and the related functions enable them to practice the profession in the following areas:

- Planning of forest and environmental systems.
- Drafting of projects for the redevelopment and recovery of degraded forest areas.
- Dendrometric and auxometric analysis.
- Consultancy in the field of rural land planning.
- Consultancy for the technical management of forestry and forest-pastoral companies.
- Environmental impact assessment studies in the protected areas of the Natura 2000 network.
- Drafting of management and settlement plans for forest areas.
- Planning of interventions to control hydrogeological instability and soil degradation.
- Studies for updating the forest information system and forest monitoring.

Professional opportunities:

- Self-employment and employee activity as officials or managers in national and international public institutions such as: National and Regional Park Bodies, State Forestry Corps, Ministries, Regions, Mountain Communities, Municipalities, FAO, Environment Protection Agencies, United Nations Agencies with expertise in the forestry sector, Companies and Bodies carrying out research and innovation activities in the forestry and environmental sector.

2nd cycle Graduates in Agroengineering and Forestry Sciences and Technologies can participate in competitions for the recruitment of officers in the National Forestry Corps.

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Profile:

Soil defence expert

Functions:

Soil defence experts are second level professionals in the design of hydraulic defence and soil conservation interventions at the catchment area scale. They enrol in section A of the Professional Register of Agronomists and Forestry Doctors.

Skills:

- Ability to analyse complex situations of soil degradation and hydrogeological risk and to develop effective and sustainable technical solutions for the hydraulic protection of the agro-forest territory.
- Analysis of complex river basin management and soil defence interventions also through naturalistic engineering techniques.

Professional opportunities:

- Official or manager at national and international public institutions such as: the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, the Regions, the Mountain Communities, the Municipalities, the Park Authorities, the environmental protection agencies, the environmental engineering and design;

- Researcher at companies and organizations dealing with research and innovation in the forestry and environmental sector.

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Profile:

Expert in business management and valuator

Functions:

Business management experts and valuers have skills in the organization and management of agro-forestry-pastoral companies and in the evaluation of forest stands and environmental assets. They are also experts in environmental impact assessment. They may enrol in section A of the Professional Register of Agronomists and Forestry Doctors.

Skills:

Ability to manage and organize resources within the agro-forestry-pastoral company.

Ability to plan the internal organization of the company for the implementation of product and process certifications.

Ability to follow the relations with the market according to a supply chain approach.

Ability to make estimates of land and environmental assets, as well as of the forest supply chain plants and products.

Ability to perform environmental impact analysis (Environmental Impact Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment)

Ability to carry out projects and to propose related actions in the field of rural development policy and in the framework of community policies.

Ability to manage protected areas.

Professional opportunities:

Managerial positions in national and international public bodies, including National and Regional Park Bodies, State Forestry Corps, Ministries, Regions, Mountain Communities, Municipalities, FAO, Environmental Protection Agencies, United Nations Agencies with expertise in the sector forestry, companies and organizations that carry out research and innovation activities in the forestry and environmental sector.

Graduates can carry out the role of organization and administration technicians of production and transformation activities in the forestry sector. Market relations technicians. Forestry and environmental certification technicians.

Consultancy with public and private sector bodies.

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Final examination features

The degree is obtained by passing the final examination. To be admitted to the final examination, students must: - Have passed all the exams and have acquired the CFU related to class-specific, related and integrative activities as well as to elective activities, and to additional educational activities. - Have done an internship at public or private institutions, companies and/or professionals working in the agro-sylvo-pastoral sector and have prepared a specific paper summarizing the activities carried out during the internship period, as required by the educational regulations. -Have carried out an experimental thesis activity, consisting in the execution of an experimental part, in the elaboration and discussion of the results, and in the preparation of an original paper, written under the guidance of a supervisor. The final examination consists of the discussion of the written paper in front of a Board of Professors appointed by the relevant academic bodies. The final examination aims at the assessment the student's ability to prepare a written paper related to his/her academic training, as well as to defend it in front of experts in the sector. The student's career and the quality of the final paper contribute to the evaluation of the final examination, in compliance with the criteria defined in the regulations of the Board of the Degree Course.

Subjects 1 ° year	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
21844 - AGRO-FOREST ROAD PLANNING <i>Laschi(PA)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/05	C

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21736 - ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY <i>Settanni(PO)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/16	B
19146 - DEFENCE AGAINST PLANT DISEASES - LABORATORY <i>Davino(PO)</i>	3	1	G		F
20923 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT <i>Schicchi(PO)</i>	6	2	V	BIO/03	C
Optional subjects	6				B
Optional subjects II	6				B
Optional subjects III	6				C
Optional subjects IV	9				B
Free subjects (suggested)	9				D

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Subjects 2 ° year	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
20928 - CONSERVATION AND GENETIC MANAGEMENT OF ZOOTECHNICAL BIODIVERSITY <i>Sardina(PA)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/17	B
20927 - PRECISION TREE FARMING MANAGEMENT <i>Lo Bianco(PO)</i>	9	1	V	AGR/03	B
19774 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE - B2 <i>Hornsby(PC)</i>	4	1	G		F
21726 - FOOD PPROCESS TECHNOLOGY - LABORATORY <i>Todaro(PA)</i>	3	1	G		F
19646 - LABORATORY OF MECHANISATION FOR PRECISION AGRICULTURE <i>Comparetti(PA)</i>	3	1	G		F
07553 - PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	5	1	G		F
15406 - REMOTE SENSING AND TERRITORIAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS <i>Di Stefano(PO)</i>	6	2	V	AGR/10	B
21735 - WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND SOIL DEFENCE	9	2	V		
- AGRICULTURAL SOIL HYDRAULIC PROTECTION <i>Bagarello(PO)</i>	3	2		AGR/08	B
- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT <i>Alagna(RD)</i>	6	2		AGR/08	B
05917 - FINAL EXAMINATION	18	2	G		E

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OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

Optional subjects	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
19124 - AGRONOMIC IRRIGATION AND PHYTODEPURATION TECHNIQUES <i>Licata(PA)</i>	6	2	V	AGR/02	B
19133 - SPECIAL ALPICULTURE <i>Ruisi(PA)</i>	6	2	V	AGR/02	B

Optional subjects II	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
21742 - AGRICULTURAL ARTHROPOD CONTROL AND FAUNAL INDICATORS <i>Lo Verde(PA)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/11	B

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21843 - FOREST ARTHROPODS CONTROL AND FAUNAL PLANNING <i>Caleca(PA)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/11	B
Optional subjects III	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
21790 - SOIL EVALUATION AND RECOMPOSITION	6	1	V		
- RECOVERY OF DEGRADED AREAS <i>Conte(PO)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/13	C
- SOIL EVALUATION <i>Dazzi(PO)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/14	C
21789 - SOILS AND QUALITY INDICATORS	6	1	V		
- AGRICULTURAL PEDOLOGY <i>Dazzi(PO)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/14	C
- SOIL QUALITY INDICATORS <i>Laudicina(PO)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/13	C
Optional subjects IV	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
21723 - BUSINESS ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT AND FOREST VALUATION	9	1	V		
- ORGANISATION AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT OF AGRO-FOREST BUSINESS <i>Galati(PO)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/01	B
- FOREST VALUATION - WORKSHOP <i>Di Franco(PA)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/01	B
21728 - EU AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND TERRITORIAL EVALUATION	9	1	V		
- LAND VALUATION WORKSHOP <i>Di Franco(PA)</i>	3	1	V	AGR/01	B
- EU AGRICULTURAL POLICY <i>Crescimanno(PO)</i>	6	1	V	AGR/01	B
Free subjects (suggested)	CFU	Sem.	Val.	SSD	TAF
18466 - AGRO-ENERGIES <i>Leto(PO)</i>	3	2	V	AGR/02	D
18752 - APPLIED AGRO-METEOROLOGY <i>Leto(PO)</i>	3	2	V	AGR/02	D
21724 - ENHANCEMENT OF RURAL VILLAGES <i>Tuzzolino(PO)</i>	3	1	V	ICAR/14	D
20922 - GREEN MARKETING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS <i>Galati(PO)</i>	3	2	V	AGR/01	D
21791 - HABITAT DIRECTIVE <i>Gianguzzi(PA)</i>	3	2	V	BIO/03	D
11561 - NATURALISTIC ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES <i>Ferro(PO)</i>	3	2	V	AGR/08	D
21838 - PRECISION AGRICULTURE <i>Comparetti(PA)</i>	3	2	V	AGR/09	D

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