BACKGROUND

The Master of Science in Food Security and Climate Change (MS FSCC) is designed to help develop a critical mass of high-quality, next generation of interdisciplinary professionals able to address the imposing challenges posed by climate change and food security in their country and the Southeast Asian region.

It is envisaged to be a joint degree among the members of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC), namely: Kasetsart University (KU) in Thailand, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) and Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) both in Indonesia. Six (6) other universities in Southeast Asia, and three (3) universities from Europe are partners in this project. The French institute IAVFF-AGRENIUM, and AGRINATURA—a consortium of European universities—are also project partners.

The European Commission’s ERASMUS+ Capacity Building for Higher Education will partially fund the development of the Joint Degree and student mobilities for three years, beginning in November 2016. The ERASMUS project is an initiative of the Southeast Asian University Consortium for Graduate Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (http://uc.searca.org), and is being led by KU and SEARCA.

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OBJECTIVES

• The MS FSCC project aims to build a Joint Master of Science in Food Security and Climate Change to be offered by the five leading Southeast Asian higher education institutions in agriculture and life sciences from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia.

• Ultimately, the Joint Master of Science in Food Security and Climate Change is envisaged to help develop a critical mass of high-quality, next generation of interdisciplinary professionals able to address the imposing challenges posed by climate change and food security in their country and the region.

KEY FEATURES

Inspired by the Erasmus + joint degree model, the MS FSCC project involves a compulsory mobility of students in at least two universities, co-supervision of thesis and conferment of a joint degree. Students also have the opportunity to study in a partner European university for a semester.

The project will fund students’ airfare and cost of stay in their host university during the mobility period. Attendance to two Summer Schools will also be supported by the project.

The project also offers one-semester mobility for graduate students from partner universities, namely: Central Luzon State University in the Philippines, Nilai University in Malaysia, Royal University of Agriculture and University of Battambang both in Cambodia, and Chiang Mai University and Prince of Songkla University both in Thailand.

At least 82 mobilities will be funded for the whole 3-year course of the project.

PARTNERS

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Central Luzon State University  PH
Chiang Mai University  TH
Gadjah Mada University  ID
Georg-August-Universität Göttingenstiftung Öffentlichen Rechts  DE
Institut National des Études Supérieures Agronomiques de Montpellier  FR
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