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M2 Agroécologie, Connaissances, Territoires Et Société

Master's degree

Specialisations Agrosiences, Environment, Territory, Landscape, Forest | Sociology

Enrolment type

Formation initiale

Formation continue

Language(s) of instruction

French

The training focuses on acquiring cross-disciplinary skills to conceptualize and support the ecological transition of agricultural and food systems at the regional level.

The program offers training focused on acquiring cross-disciplinary skills and strong reflective abilities to think about and support the ecological transition of agricultural and food systems at the regional level.

The diversity of student profiles on the program, which includes equal numbers of students from the biological sciences, biotechnology, and the humanities and social sciences, facilitates observation and critical analysis.

The program has a dual purpose: “research” and “professional.”

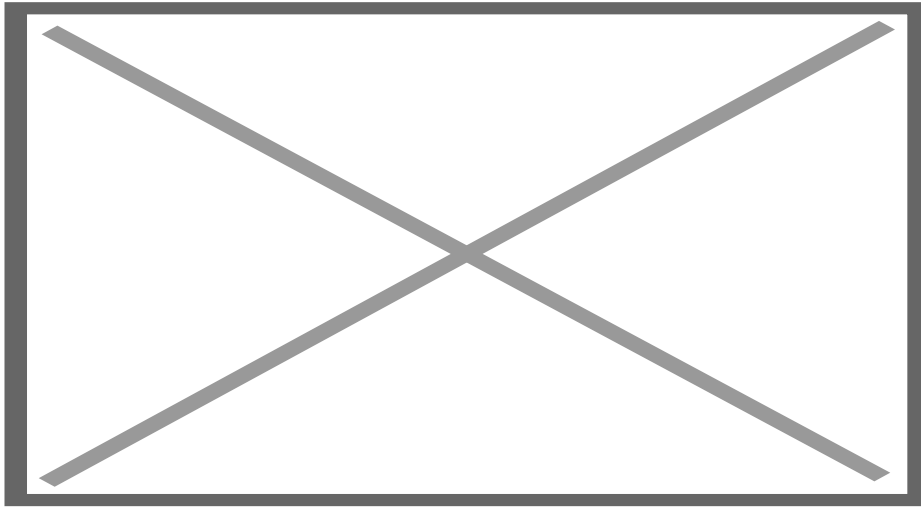
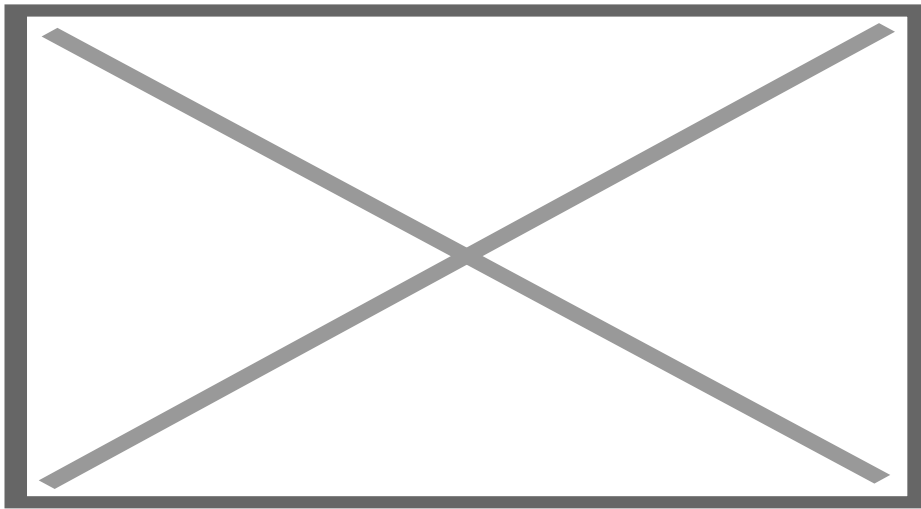
The first semester is devoted to fundamental teaching and methodologies for understanding the field.

The second semester builds on the fundamental concepts and concludes with a practical application through a professional or research internship.

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Présentation

Skills

Students who have completed the training will enrich their initial course of study by acquiring a set of multidisciplinary knowledge in the field of agroecology and food security.

They will also be able to contextualize food models within the knowledge society, available technologies, and various usage scenarios suggested by actors in the field.

They will also have acquired individual and collective working methods through the training's strong emphasis on personal initiative and flipped learning.

In particular, they will acquire the following skills:

- Understanding and analyzing an agroecology model in relation to its ecosystem (territories, actors, environmental, economic, and social constraints, etc.).
- Acquire social science skills to report on situations rooted in a territory.
- Respond to a client's request (analyze, retranslate, study the situation, conduct interviews, analyze them, report the results, and make proposals, etc.).
- Know how to work independently and as part of a team (take initiative, share knowledge, rely on the team, etc.).
- Understand, analyze, and use scientific literature on a particular subject: know how to use databases, know how to compile a corpus of scientific texts, have a critical eye on literature, analyze sources, etc.
- Know how to compile different types of field data (qualitative interviews, ethnography, quantitative data, field notes, etc.), compare and analyze them in order to produce conclusive results.
- Adopt a transdisciplinary perspective on a subject of study (ecology, agronomy, sociology, political science, economics, etc.) without abandoning the disciplinary approach associated with one's original training.

Objectives

This program is structured around an analysis of socio-ecosystems, which are by definition territorial entities, where the dynamics of interactions between physical, biological, technical, economic, social, political, and cultural dimensions are treated without hierarchy. This objective requires positioning oneself at the interfaces between ecology, social sciences, and agricultural sciences.

The course includes a North/South reflection, which is essential in this era of globalization of environmental and food security issues.

Débouchés

Career prospects

After a Master's + PhD: researcher or lecturer

Environment / Biodiversity Officer

Environment / Biodiversity Project Manager

After a Master's degree: Research analyst

Food products application Manager

Project officer environment

Project officer sustainable development

Research officer environment

Research officer in sustainable development

Development Manager

Design engineer in the research / scientific sector

Technical, economic, strategic, and environmental research officer

Project Manager / Researcher in biodiversity and sustainable development

Subject to successfully completing a civil service competitive exam, graduates will be eligible for positions as design engineers or researchers in national research organisations.

Design Engineer

Project Manager

Agricultural services, environment or sustainable development, local authority planning or government services

Agricultural development or nature protection/conservation organisations and associations

Engineering firms specialising in environmental impact assessments

Private-sector companies, including agricultural production

Head of a territorial department

Project and territorial development officer

Management of sustainable development

Project manager in sustainable development and regional/spatial planning

Research professions

Lecturer (after a PhD)

Research Engineer

Consultant

Project follow-up and evaluation manager

Coordination of studies in an agency or research institution

Design engineer

Research officer

Consultant

Further Study Opportunities

Master of Agrosciences, Environment, Territories, Landscape, Forest

Biology-Agrosciences

Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution

Master of Biology-Agrosciences

Master of Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution

PhD in Ecology / Evolution / Ecosystem Functioning

PhD

Interdisciplinary PhD in Sustainability Science (many disciplines possible)

PhD thesis

Students with a 2nd year Master's degree have the possibility to pursue doctoral research.

Master of Sociology

Master's in Political Science

Engineering in agriculture and the natural environment

Research officer

Consultant

Calendar

Start of programme (indicative date)

01/09/2026

End of programme (indicative date)

30/09/2027

Admission

Admission Route

Political Science

Geography and planning

Sociology

Social sciences

Life Sciences

Earth Sciences

Life and Earth Sciences

Capacity

Available Places

Target Audience and Entry Requirements

- Have a Master's degree in social sciences (political science, sociology, economics, geography, etc.) and an interest in food issues and the development of agroecology. Be able to understand technical issues related to agroecology.
- Have a Master's degree in biology, ecology, or agronomy. Be open to social sciences. Be able to read social science literature and acquire a way of thinking that differs from your original training.

Période(s) de candidature

Inception Platform

From 15/05/2026 to 15/06/2026

Supporting documents

Compulsory supporting documents

List of post-secondary school studies mentioning exclusively the year, course, institution, average grade and your grade or distinction.

Motivation letter.

List of other masters requested (excluding Saclay).

All transcripts of the years / semesters validated since the high school diploma at the date of application.

Curriculum Vitae.

Document indicating the list of local M2 choices available here : <https://urlz.fr/i3Lo>.

Additional supporting documents

TOEIC.

Certificate of French (compulsory for non-French speakers).

VAP file (obligatory for all persons requesting a valuation of the assets to enter the diploma).

Recommendation letters.

Supporting documents :

- Residence permit stating the country of residence of the first country
- Or receipt of request stating the country of first asylum
- Or document from the UNHCR granting refugee status
- Or receipt of refugee status request delivered in France
- Or residence permit stating the refugee status delivered in France
- Or document stating subsidiary protection in France or abroad
- Or document stating temporary protection in France or abroad.

Programme

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class
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[Hedgerows, an agroecological object](#)



2 Semester 2 12 6 6

[Charger le détail Agroecology in action](#)



4 Semester 1 24 6

[Charger le détail Ecology and Society](#)



3 Semester 1 18 6

[Charger le détail](#)

[Agrobiodiversité](#)



3 Semestre 1 18 6

[Charger le détail](#)

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[Agroecological techniques, knowledge, and innovations](#)



3 Semester 1 18 6

[Charger le détail](#)

[Socio-histoire de la modernisation agricole et des agricultures alternatives](#)



3 Semestre 1 18 6

[Charger le détail](#)

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class	distance learning
Recherche action sur les systèmes alimentaires	2	Semestre 2	18	6					
Charger le détail									

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Markets, capitalism, and agroecology	3	Semestre 2	24	6					
Charger le détail									
Sociology of sustainable eating	3	Semestre 1	18	6					
Charger le détail									
Changes in agricultural work	3	Semestre 2	18	6					
Charger le détail									

Subjects	ECTS	Semester	Lecture	directed study	practical class	Lecture/directed study	Lecture/practical class	directed study/practical class	distance learning
Qualitative survey techniques and bibliographic research	1	Semestre 1	3	9					
Charger le détail									
Collective fieldwork	8	Semestre 1		21					
Charger le détail									
Interdisciplinary dialogue	2	Semestre 1	6	15					
Charger le détail									

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[Anglais scientifique](#) 1 Semestre 2 17



[Charger le détail](#)

[Soutenance de stage](#) 19 Semestre 2



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Teaching Location(s)

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<http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/formation/master/agrosciences-environnement-territoires-paysage-foret/m2-agroecologie-connaissances-territoires-et-societe>