

Master of Science Degree (MSc) in EUROPEAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

This distance learning course is suitable for YOU if you are interested in, or already working in rural development for the public or voluntary sectors. If you wish to learn about rural development in Europe, develop your career, or take on a leadership role in managing rural change, this could be the course for you. Often, people come into this type of work from a rich variety of professional backgrounds.



- ***the course will be delivered in the English language, by 'Distance Learning' using a web-based approach***
- ***optional residential briefings and summer school***
- ***three years, part-time study (less for a diploma or certificate)***

Value for European Union member states

This course may have particular value for you if you are already working in rural development in one of the EU member states. The focus is on rural development within the context of European Union agricultural, environmental, regional, and structural policies. As the EU grows rural areas are going through a rapid period of change in response to external forces created by changes in agriculture, a more mobile population, and developments in telecommunications. There is a growing demand for those with a regional perspective and deeper understanding of causes and effects of policy driven change.

This course, which can be taken through part-time or full-time study, will help you develop a wider understanding of the theory and practice of rural change and rural development.

The 'distance learning' approach used for this course means that you can gain a higher qualification in rural development by studying where you are, at home or at work. It means you can relate your learning to your own immediate surroundings or issues of concern.

The course will be managed by the Countryside and Community Research Unit, University of Gloucestershire, UK, in association with the Swedish Agricultural University, the Nicholas Copernicus University (Torun, Poland) and the University of Tuscia (Italy)

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