



MESPOM
Masters in
Environmental
Sciences, Policy
and Management

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2014-2016

The MESPOM Consortium of six universities – Lund University (Sweden), Central European University (Hungary), the University of Manchester (UK), the University of the Aegean (Greece), the Monterey Institute for International Studies (the graduate school of the Middlebury College) (USA), and the University of Saskatchewan (Canada) – is inviting applications for the **Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management (MESPOM)** for studies in 2014-2016.

Overview

MESPOM educates professionals able to implement integrated solutions to environmental challenges especially in an international context. We train the ability to link advanced scientific knowledge to effective policy and management responses. The quality of MESPOM is testified by its selection, in 2005 and in 2009, as an “**Erasmus Mundus**’ Masters’ course by the European Commission.

The MESPOM Consortium combines Nordic, Mediterranean, Western and Central European as well as North American scholarly and professional traditions. The Consortium partners have many decades of combined experience in delivering interdisciplinary environmental Masters courses, complementary core competencies (CEU – in environmental policy; Lund University – in preventive environmental strategies; the University of Manchester – in pollution control; and the University of the Aegean – in ecosystems management) creating a solid platform for a high quality, integrated and globally relevant Masters Course.

Programme structure

The 22 months (120 ECTS credits) programme consists of three taught and one research semesters. The first two semesters are delivered at CEU with contributions from other partners. A module on Ecosystems Management is delivered by the University of the Aegean at their campus on the Island of Lesbos in Greece. During the third semester, students choose whether to specialize in Environmental Sciences and Pollution Control at the University of Manchester, or in Environmental Policy and Management at Lund University. The fourth semester is thesis research projects which can be hosted at any of the six MESPOM Consortium partners.

In addition to their academic work students learn to orient themselves in European and worldwide networks of environmental institutions and elaborate career strategies. Many students combine thesis work with internships in international organizations, governments, NGOs or the private sector.

MESPOM Students

In order to create a multicultural learning environment, MESPOM strives to achieve a balance between various geographic and disciplinary backgrounds of its student body. The 294 MESPOM students admitted in 2005-2013 come from over 70 countries of five continents.

Career opportunities

About 220 MESPOM alumni graduated in 2007-2013 now work on environmental challenges in the UN, government, academia, industry and the non-profit sector worldwide. Many have chosen to return to their home countries whereas others stayed in Europe, particularly for pursuing PhD degrees. The careers of the MESPOM graduates are traced at www.mespom.eu/career/.

Financial aid

The European Commission's Erasmus Mundus scholarships of €46,000 per two years of study are offered to outstanding students from outside Europe, and scholarships of €26,000 are offered to European-based candidates (who pay lower tuition fees). Other forms of financial assistance in the form of tuition fee waivers and private scholarships are also available (further details can be found at www.mespom.eu/finances).

Entry requirements

MESPOM invites applications from candidates from all countries. Successful applicants must have a good first degree (a Bachelor or analogue) in a subject related to environmental sciences, policy and management, such as Earth and natural sciences, chemistry, engineering, management or economics. Candidates with other first degrees are also considered if they show commitment to environmental issues, usually through work experience. All candidates should demonstrate proficiency in English. Admission is based on the academic and intellectual excellence of applicants as well as on their motivation and prior experience.

Admission to MESPOM is highly competitive. A successful applicant has typically graduated with excellent grades from a good university and has some experience of voluntary or professional environmental work. She or he understands global environmental challenges and has a clear commitment to contribute to their resolution.

CEU organizes the application procedure on behalf of the MESPOM Consortium. All candidates applying for financial should submit on-line applications and provide necessary documents by **January 2, 2014** and all other candidate by **May 5, 2014** to be admitted to the study period from September 2014 – June 2016. Applications for financial aid can be submitted on-line at the same time. Additional guidance on application is provided in the *How to Apply* section of the MESPOM Web site (www.mespom.eu).

Contact and additional information

Additional information is available on www.mespom.eu or by writing to the MESPOM Consortium Coordinator (coordinator@mespom.eu). Interested candidates are encouraged to use the Facebook group 'Study at MESPOM' (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/study.at.mespom/>) to find answers to their questions about the programme.