Double Degree Master
Water and Coastal Management

Welcome!

Managing water resources, river catchments, and coastal zones are outstanding challenges of today and tomorrow! Global changes ask for a comprehensive scientific approach, an international multidisciplinary orientation and require a new mind-set towards water and coastal management problems.

In response to these contemporary challenges and to provide an inspiring atmosphere for the extraordinary development of an academic and professional career, we designed our unique Double Degree Master (DDM) program “Water and Coastal Management”, merging the strongest expertise of the two partner-universities, the University of Groningen (the Netherlands) and Carl-von-Ossietzky-University Oldenburg (Germany).

Combined expertise

Taught by outstanding experts, highly conversant with environmental, socio-economic and spatial sciences, our Double Degree Master of Science program ‘Water and Coastal Management’ will prepare you for managing the water and coastal resources of future societies in a sustainable way. The University of Oldenburg gives you the opportunity to learn about the marine environment and to study sustainable and integrated coastal zone management; the University of Groningen offers its outstanding knowledge on spatial planning and institutional design, with a particular focus on water management and environmental and infrastructure planning. The ability to integrate natural, economic and spatial sciences makes the successful student an expert in water and coastal management!

Tuition fees

European students
1. The fees in Groningen:
   • The fee is 1951€ (for year 2015/2016).
   • It is paid once a year.
2. The fees in Oldenburg are different.
   • Semester fee is 328,00 € (for winter term 2014/2015).
   • Total for a year: 2*328,00.
For the most up to date information please see here: http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/wcm/costs/ and http://www.rug.nl/education/international-students/financial-matters/.

Non-European students
1. The fees in Oldenburg are the same for EU and non-EU-Students.
2. NB! Please note that the fees in Groningen are different for international students from outside the EU.
   • The fee is about 11,000€ per year.

More information & Contact

For more information see http://www.rug.nl/masters/ddm-water-and-coastal-management/ or contact: dr. Elen-Maarja Trell, coordinator DDM Water and Coastal Management in Groningen, e.m.trell@rug.nl
Study program

In this master program you will spend the first year at the partner university, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, the lectures during the second year are held at the University of Groningen.

In the first year in Oldenburg your study program starts in October and consists of a mix of compulsory and elective modules. The structure of the study program in Oldenburg is built up of three different categories of topics: Planning, Science and Socio-Economics.

During the second year in Groningen you will attend compulsory courses focusing on planning theory and practice. In addition, you can choose a number of elective courses. You will also be working on your Master thesis throughout semesters 1 and 2. For more information about the academic year in Germany / the Netherlands see our website.

1st year at Oldenburg University

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Water focus

Comparative Research and Planning Practice (5EC), case: water/coastal

Planning focus

EIP Interactive Workshop (5EC)

Planning Theory (5EC)

Master Thesis (10EC): water/coastal focus

Planning Methods and Evaluation OR Elective (5EC)

Transitions in Water Management (5EC)

Reinventing Environmental Planning (5EC)

Dilemmas in Infrastructure Planning (5EC)

Master Thesis (10EC): continuation

Field work Water Quality (5EC)

2nd year at Groningen University

Research

The DDM Water and Coastal Management program is closely connected to the research agenda of the Department of Spatial Planning and Environment, more specifically to the agenda of the research group ‘Coastal Resilience’ (http://www.rug.nl/research/ursi/research-projects/coastal-resilience/).

Career

The double Master of Science degree in Water and Coastal Management opens many doors. You will be prepared to work in public organizations that are directly or indirectly responsible for water management and/or the management of coastal resources, i.e. national, regional and local authorities. Furthermore your educational background will be suitable for finding a job at various governmental and non-governmental agencies that have special responsibilities for the coastal area and/or water management. In addition, consultancy firms with different specializations and/or research institutes will be interested in a student who has completed this ambitious double degree program.

Enrolment

The program starts in October in Oldenburg. Applications should be sent to Oldenburg before 15 July. This master-program is ‘non-consecutive’ meaning you need no special bachelor degree to enroll but you should be able to motivate your choice for the program. In addition, your average grade from the bachelor studies should be no lower than 2.5 (German grading system). For more information see Admission regulations (Zugangsordnung at http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/wcm/enrolment/, German only).

Send your application to enroll in Oldenburg:
1. If you have a German university degree: to the Immatrikulationsamt See: http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/immatrikulationsamt/
2. If you have an international degree: to the International Student Office (ISO) See: http://www.uni-oldenburg.de/en/iso/

All applicants should include the following information:
1. The Bachelor diploma (+ transcript of grades) (certified and translated copies if not in English / Dutch / German)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Motivation letter
4. Letter of recommendation
5. English language certificate
6. If you like you can add other certificates or qualifications