Specialized Master in Microfinance

Programme mnemonic
MS-FINA

Studies level
Advanced master

Learning language
english

Schedule
out of hours

Studies category / subcategory
Human and social sciences / Economics and business management

Campus
Solbosch

Programme's added value

The microfinance sector is developing at a rapid pace creating a growing demand for experienced professionals within microfinance and credit institutions, banks and development investment funds in Europe and abroad.

The European Microfinance Programme is the first microfinance education program with a European scope and perspective. It offers the combined expertise of academics and experts working in the field.

Professors from three European universities in Belgium (ULB-UMONS) and France (Université Paris Dauphine) provide a solid theoretical foundation. Practitioners from the four non-governmental partner organizations ADA, BRS, CERISE and SOS Faim give insights into the latest techniques used by international microfinance institutions.

The EMP is a particularly international Master. It gathers students from 20 to 30 different countries. Around 50% of them come from Southern countries. The programme provides the students with a broad overview of the field of microfinance followed by a compulsory internship in a microfinance institution in a developing country. EMP graduates are well-trained multidisciplinary professionals, ready to innovatively address the challenges that the sector is facing today.

International/Openness

Universities:
- Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
- Université de Mons, Belgium
- Université Paris-Dauphine, France

Partner NGOs:
- ADA, Luxemburg
- BRS, Belgium
- CERISE, France
SOS Faim, Belgium

Job opportunities

Career prospects for graduates of the European Microfinance Programme:

- NGOs working in Microfinance
- International id organisations
- MFI rating agencies
- Investment funds
- Scientific research

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The European Microfinance Programme lasts one year (60 credits) and is spread over 3 periods:

› 1st period (September-January): Introductory studies
› 2nd period (February-April): Specialisation
› 3rd period (May-August): Internship and Master thesis

Unique year | MS-FINA

Core course

ENVI-Y001 Introduction to rural development | Johan BASTIAENSEN (Coordinator) and Solène MORVANT
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 24h]} \] first term English

GEST-S6001 Management of microfinance institutions | Marc LABIE (Coordinator), CORNELIS HERMES, Jonathan MORDUCH and Samuel Nyarko
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 12h]} \] first term English

GEST-S6002 Finance for microfinance | Annabel VANROOSE (Coordinator) and Laurent WEILL
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 48h, tutorial classes: 12h]} \] first term English

GEST-S6003 Topics in financial management for microfinance institutions | Mathias SCHMIT (Coordinator)
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 36h, seminars: 12h]} \] academic year English

GEST-S6004 Commercialization of Microfinance | Marek HUDON (Coordinator) and Patrick Reichert
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 24h]} \] second term English

GEST-S6005 Assessment of Microfinance | Kurt MOORS (Coordinator) and Cécile LAPENU
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 24h]} \] second term English

GEST-Y002 Digital Finance | Baptiste VENET (Coordinator)
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 24h]} \] second term English

(GeM) Dauphine)

GEST-Y6003 Financial inclusion | Anastasia COZARENCO (Coordinator) and William PARIENTE
\[5 credits \text{ [lecture: 30h]} \] first term English

(Paris-Dauphine)

MEMO-S601 Master thesis | Ariane SZAFARZ (Coordinator)
\[15 credits \text{ [mfe/tfe: 360h]} \] first and second terms English

STAG-S601 Internship | Ariane SZAFARZ (Coordinator)
\[5 credits \text{ [work placement: 216h]} \] second term English