Programme overview

Geo-information science and earth observation for environmental modelling and management is essential for development issues all around the world. Spatial data, such as maps and global databases, as well as satellite imagery play a central role in the search for reliable environmental information for scenario studies and viable policies. Knowledge and skills in this field will therefore continue to be crucial for industry, government and NGOs. The programme runs for 22 months and is taught by world class faculties in five countries: Iceland, the UK, Sweden, Poland and the Netherlands. While spending time in at least two of the five countries and studying in a multicultural environment, students will gain valuable insights into the academic, social and cultural diversity of Northern and Central Europe. On graduation they will receive a multiple MSc degree from the consortium universities. There is a great demand for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental Modelling and Management (GEM) graduates in the international arena. A large number of the GEM graduates are accepted in PhD degree programmes. The programme has been running for 10 years and more than 120 students have graduated.

Programme modules/courses

The programme is divided into one foundation year (60 ECTS) and one year of specialisation (60 ECTS). During the first year, the students have common foundation studies in geo-information and earth observation, statistics, presentation and research skills, and systems analysis related to environmental modelling and management. The second year students can specialise on e.g. EU Policy and Environment, Environmental Modelling of Oceans and Land, Environmental Change at Northern Latitudes, Biodiversity, Carbon Modelling, Food Security, Geoinformatics, Modelling of Greenhouse Gases and Web Solutions for Environmental Modelling.

A course calendar with course structure and modules is available on the website, www.gem-msc.org.

Career prospects

Geo-information technology and, in particular, remote sensing, plays a central role in the search for clear analyses to provide the required information for formulation of viable policies. Skills in this field will therefore continue to be much in demand in industry, government and NGOs.

Entry requirements and how to apply

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a first or upper second class (2.1) BSc honours degree, or equivalent, from a recognised university in a discipline related to the programme, preferably combined with work experience in a relevant field. English proficiency must be shown, see http://www.gem-msc.org/application/admission/.

“Being part of the GEM program was an unforgettable experience and I had the chance to develop myself professionally and personally.”

Joaquin Duque Lazo, from Spain
HOW TO APPLY
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SELECTION CRITERIA/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Selection of students is based not only on their background and work experience, but also motivation and research interest are taken into account. Students are requested to add a motivation letter and provisional research idea to their application.

TUITION FEES
The tuition fee is 9 500 Euro per year for non-EU/EEA students and 3 500 Euro per year for EU/EEA-students. For details on tuition fees and scholarships, please see http://www.gem-msc.org

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