

IMRD mobility tracks

Students can obtain the IMRD degree through one of 5 mobility tracks:

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Erasmus Mundus track: open to all students

VLIR-UOS track: open only to VLIR-UOS scholarship holders.

Following one of the IMRD tracks leads to the awarding of a joint degree: International Master of Science in Rural Development.

IMRD+

ATLANTIS track: A double degree programme with the University of Arkansas

EKAFREE track: A double degree programme with Korea University and Seoul National University.

EERUDEV track: A double degree programme with Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL)

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The joint degree: International Master of Science in Rural Development.

A second degree depending on which university you go to:

- Agricultural Economics (University of Arkansas or Seoul National University),
- Economics (Korea University) or
- Rural Development (ESPOL)

Admission requirements:

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IMRD admission is based on meeting the following requirements:

1. A Bachelor's degree of minimum 3 years with good overall scores (at least a second class or equivalent, preferably higher) from a university level or recognized equivalent. Candidates are expected to have basic science training (demonstrable in the transcripts) in the following fields: (1) mathematics and/or statistics, (2) agronomy and/or biology and/or environmental sciences and (3) social sciences and/or rural development. Candidates who cannot present a combined training of these fields will be evaluated on their aptitude, based on experience and knowledge of these fields, as demonstrated by CV or other evidence.
2. Sufficient language knowledge. The applicant must be proficient in the language of the course or training programme, i.e. English. The English language proficiency can be met by providing a certificate (validity of 5 years) of one of the following tests:
 - TOEFL IBT 80
 - TOEFL PBT 550
 - ACADEMIC IELTS 6,5 overall score
 - CEFR B2 Issued by a European university language centre
 - ESOL CAMBRIDGE English CAE (Advanced)
 - Language of instruction is not accepted, except applicants who are nationals from or have obtained a bachelor and/or master degree in a higher education institute with English as mode of instruction in USA, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Republic of Ireland or Canada, and in the latter case a certificate that the mode of instruction was English has to be submitted.

IMRD+

The following admission requirements must be met in addition to the general IMRD requirements mentioned above if a student wishes to follow a respective IMRD+ track.

ATLANTIS

- 1 the applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average (4.00 system) on the last 60 hours of study;
- 2 applicants whose native tongue is not English must also demonstrate proficiency in English by providing documentation of a TOEFL score of 550/79 (paper/internet), or IELTS score of 6.5, or proof of one year of university level study with instruction in English, or successful completion of the intermediate academic English test at the an accredited language center; and,
- 3 pre-requisite courses including six (6) hours of mathematics (college algebra or above); 3 hours of statistics; 3 hours of economic principles; and 6 hours of courses in agricultural economics, rural development, social sciences, or agriculture and agribusiness-related courses.

EKAFREE

1. a minimum of a Bachelor's degree (students lacking sufficient subject related background might be obliged to take a pre-requisite course
2. a satisfactory grade point average;
3. letters of recommendations;
4. study plan (Statement Of Purpose);
5. oral interviews (specific for the Seoul National University);
6. language proficiency has to be proven in the following ways: (1) TOEFL certificate, minimum total score of 86 on an internet based test; or (2) TEPS certificate, minimum score of 601 or New TEPS certificate, minimum score of 327 (specific for the Seoul National University);
7. financial affidavit.

EERUDEV

1. applicants must hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in bioscience engineering, agricultural or environmental sciences, biology, social sciences, geography, forestry or veterinary sciences; (students lacking sufficient subject related background might be obliged to take a pre-requisite course)
2. applicants with other degrees can be admitted by the decision of the MB based on demonstration of: sufficient undergraduate training to conduct graduate work in the chosen field. Candidates are expected to have basic science training (demonstrable in the transcripts) in the following fields: (1) mathematics and/or statistics; (2) agronomy and/or biology and/or environmental sciences; and (3) social sciences and/or rural development and/or economy.
3. Transcripts of records
4. CV that include ID, voting certificate, CONADIS in case of having it and certificates (internships, research, professional)
5. a satisfactory grade point average in the EXAIP exam;
6. letters of recommendations (Academic, Research or Professional);
7. study plan (Statement of Purpose);
8. language proficiency has to be proven in the following ways: (1) TOEFL certificate, minimum total score of 86 on an internet based test; or (2) TEPS certificate, minimum score of 601;
9. Interview with members of the Academic Committee.