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## Urban Food Systems

Aeres University of Applied Sciences

Master Postgraduate Almere

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### Course description

Qualification Master of Science

Field of study Agriculture and environment

Course summary In this Master students will learn more about adjusting ecosystems, making food systems healthier and more sustainable. A programme centred around topics such as circular economy, ecology and health.

Course description Students will cover modules on systemic and transition thinking, focused on the food system in an urban context; by using practical issues from urban contexts. Students place their own background knowledge into the broader context of urban food systems. Students are taught theory of systemic thinking and the corresponding transitions in the current food system. This theory is then applied using practical examples in a workgroup setting. Students gain insight into the various dimensions of the urban food system: the green dimension aimed at sustainability (ecology), the dimension of healthy food and consumption behaviour in an urban food system (health), the sociological dimension (society) and the economic dimension (economy). Students learn to measure the impact of existing interventions on the current food system. Fieldwork is included, data are collected to validate the research question. The field work will take place in a country other than their own. Aeres UAS will be working with 4 int. partners. Data gathered will be analysed and theses will be written (focus on the design and validation of a solution that contributes to the transitions of urban food systems).

Study subjects • Module about systemic and transition thinking, focused on the food system in an urban context. • Gain insight in various dimensions of the urban food system • Fieldwork: data collection to validate the research question. • Writing of thesis, focussing on the design and



validation of a solution that contributes to the transitions of urban food systems.	
Course objectives	Design solutions that lead to interventions for the challenges of the current food system in an international urban context. The goal is for students to place their own background knowledge and that of their peers into the broader context of urban food systems.
ECTS credits	60.00
Duration	12 month(s) full-time
Language of instruction	English
Instruction modes	excursion, group assignment, group discussion, individual assignment, lecture, research, self study
Accreditation	-

## About the institution

Department Aeres University of Applied Sciences Almere

Talent for growth. That is what Aeres University of Applied Sciences (Aeres UAS) from the Netherlands stands for. Our university is rooted in the agricultural and educational higher education. We focus on education, research and sharing knowledge. This is how we contribute to the development of innovative professionals. Professionals who are capable of taking responsible decisions in a complex world, with a natural talent for acting sustainable. Aeres University of Applied Sciences offers Bachelor programmes, a Master programme and a number of short courses. We have three faculties in the cities: Dronten, Almere and Wageningen. We share the same vision and mission, but we each have our own profile and identity. Aeres UAS is part of the Aeres group, which also contains TVET colleges in Agriculture and Aeres Training Centre International (ATCI) in Barneveld. The short courses of Aeres UAS are offered in close cooperation with ATCI and result into a certificate or diploma.

## Admission

Admission requirements	1. A bachelor's degree in a food-related topic or other relevant knowledge; A well-described vision of the chosen area of interest in food, combined with a strong motivation for the master's programme; English proficiency (TOEFL 577/ IELTS 6.5)
Language requirements	IELTS overall band 6.0 TOEFL paper based 577
Professional experience required	-
Duration	12 month(s) full-time
Application deadlines	<b>Start date</b> <b>EU/EEA Students</b> <b>Non-EU/EEA students</b> 1 Sep 2020 1 May 2020 22 Mar 2020
Year	<b>EU/EEA Non-EU/EEA Institutional</b>



2019 (FT) € 2100 € 10170 € 10170

In short, the following rules apply:

- Tuition fees
- The "EU/EEA rate" is the regular fee for students from within the EU/EEA.
  - The "non-EU/EEA rate" is the rate for students from outside the EU/EEA.
  - The "institutional rate" is for all students who have already obtained a bachelor's or master's degree and who want to start a second programme leading to a degree at the same level or at a lower level.
  - Note that FT, PT and D stand for "full-time", "part-time" and "dual", respectively.

Make sure you contact your institution to find out what rate applies to you. The rates listed here are estimates.

Scholarships

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